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TO: St. Lawrence County Legislators and Other Interested People
FROM: Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
DATE: May 3, 2024
SUBJECT: **BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Attached is a copy of the agenda for the Board Meeting of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators on **Monday, May 6, 2024**, in the Legislative Board Room.

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Order of Business:

Call to Order
Roll Call
Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes
Presentation of a Resolution
Communications
Citizen Participation
Presentation of Resolutions
County Administrator's Report
Old/New Business
Committee Reports
Executive Session
Appointments
Chair's Appointments
Adjournment

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RESOLUTION NO.

RECOGNIZING HAMMOND CENTRAL SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM FOR EXCELLENCE AND OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CAPTURING THE 2024 NYSPHSAA GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

By Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, the Hammond Central School Girls' Basketball Team captured the NYSPHSAA Championship Title by defeating Northville in a hard fought 54-34 victory, winning their second straight NY State Class D title, and

WHEREAS, the Hammond Red Devils won back-to-back NYSPHSAA Girls' Class D Championships titles in 2023 and 2024, and the fourth straight girls championship in school history, and

WHEREAS, showing no weakness on the court, and the Red Devils had a stellar season playing each game with athleticism, intensity, and the mindset of a championship caliber team finishing their season with a record of 24-3, and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Head Coach Alyssa Crosby with Assistant Coaches John Arquiatt and Katina Dillon, these scholar athletes were able to accomplish this incredible feat, and

WHEREAS, the performance of this team is a testimonial to the dedication, devotion and commitment to a team sport with a desire to succeed, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is extremely proud of the achievement of the team as student athletes for devoting the time and energy and putting forth an unselfish team effort thereby bringing honor and credit to their School, Town, and County, and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Board of Legislators recognizes the exceptional accomplishments of the Hammond Red Devil Girls' Basketball Team and their coaches on the impressive and successful championship season,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the Hammond Central School Girls' Basketball Team for Excellence and Outstanding Achievement in Capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Championship.

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Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORT (OASAS) TO EXPAND ACCESS TO THE MOBILE TREATMENT CLINIC

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services received funding from the NYS OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds, and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2023, the Community Services Board approved the use of OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds to new and existing pass-through agencies for harm reduction, treatment, housing, prevention, and transportation, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has recognized the need for increased access of individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to recovery services in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used for the operating expenses for the mobile treatment clinic to increase access to treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Settlement State funding provided will follow the calendar year and can be rolled over to subsequent years and reconciled on an annual basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services for funding received from Opioid Settlement Funds from New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) to expand access to the Mobile Treatment Clinic, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142501	11000	MO	A MOB Unit Direct Service Worker	\$39,783
A1142508	81000	MO	Retirement	4,515
A1142508	83000	MO	Social Security	2,887
A1142508	84000	MO	Workers Compensation	997
A1142508	84500	MO	Group Life Insurance	73
A1142508	86000	MO	Hospital & Medical Insurance	11,916
A1142508	86508	MO	Dental Insurance	512
A1142508	89000	MO	Vision Insurance	159
A1142594	41901	MO	Central Printing	100
A1142504	41902	MO	Commercial Printing	100
A1142504	42000	MO	Office Supply & Expenses	307
A1142504	42402	MO	Postage	100

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A1142504 43007 MO	Other Fees & Services	3,051
A1142504 44000 MO	I/D Automotive Expenses	3,500
A1142504 44100 MO	I/D Fuel Charges	11,000
A1142504 45100 MO	Medical Supplies & Expenses	<u>1,000</u>
		\$80,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1Z34865 56000 MO	A SA Opioid Settlement Funds	\$80,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be reconciled in order to be rolled over to future budget years until the funding is fully expended.

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Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ACCEPT THE STOP-DWI PROGRAM AID TO LOCALITIES DISTRIBUTION FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK GOVERNOR’S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Special Traffic Options Program, also known as STOP-DWI, was created in effort to empower counties to coordinate local efforts to reduce alcohol and other illicit substance-related traffic injuries and fatalities within the context of a comprehensive and financially self-sustaining statewide alcohol and highway safety program, as outlined by §VTL 1197, and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2023, Resolution No. 304-2023, authorized the STOP-DWI Program to accept \$16,500 from the Governors’ Traffic Safety Committee with a contract period of August 18, 2023 to December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, of this funding, \$576 was utilized in the 2023 Budget, and

WHEREAS, this funding is for equipment, educational materials, services, or training costs which are one hundred percent (100%) related to the reduction of impaired driving in St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services to accept the STOP-DWI Program Aid to Localities Distribution from the State of New York Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A7Z33895 56000	A GTSC Grant Revenue	\$15,924
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A7Z33154 43007	A GTSC Other Fees & Services	\$15,924
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Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM
TO INCLUDE THE CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY GRANT FUNDING
2023-2024 FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee has determined that the St. Lawrence County Traffic Safety Grant will be funded at \$87,876 with an additional Child Passenger Safety Grant for training and fitting stations in the amount of \$12,300 for a total budget of \$100,176, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 341-2023 authorized the Chair to sign contracts with New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee to accept the 2023-2024 Traffic Safety Program and Child Passenger Safety Grants for Community Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Traffic Safety Program to include the Child Passenger Safety Grant Funding 2023-2024 for Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A7233154 430SV	A RTSP Fitting Station-MSS	\$12,300
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A7233895 56000	A SA Regional Traffic Safety Program	\$12,300
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Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**MODIFYING THE 2024 COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET FOR AN
OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT CLINIC MODEL GRANT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has been awarded the OASAS Outreach and Engagement Clinic Model Grant funded through the New York State Opioid Settlement Funds, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has recognized the need for increased access for individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to recovery services in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 276-2023, adopted September 11, 2023, authorized the Chair to sign a contract with the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) for an Outreach and Engagement Clinic Model Grant, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 305-2023, adopted October 2, 2023, accepted the funds and authorized the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for Community Services for this one-time only funding of \$445,104, not including \$44,509 for indirect costs to be utilized during the 24-month award period, beginning October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the funding is to be used to support outreach and engagement through care management services designed to reach underserved populations who have Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) across New York State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services for an Outreach and Engagement Clinic Model Grant, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1Z42501 11000 CM	A CM Direct Service Workers	\$123,000
A1Z42501 12000 CM	A CM Supervisory/Admin	3,000
A1Z42508 81000 CM	Retirement	13,702
A1Z42508 83000 CM	Social Security	8,488
A1Z42508 84000 CM	Workers' Compensation	3,062
A1Z42508 84500 CM	Group Life Insurance	222
A1Z42508 86000 CM	Hospital & Medical Insurance	35,880
A1Z42508 86500 CM	Dental Insurance	1,440
A1Z42508 89000 CM	Vision Insurance	480
A1Z42504 407HS CM	A CM Human Services Building Rent	4,242
A1Z42504 408HS CMA	CM Human Services Building Maintenance	4,150
A1Z42504 41401 CM	A CM Liability & Other Insurance	1,832

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A1Z42504 42000 CM	A CM Office Supplies & Expenses	300
A1Z42504 42004 CM	A CM Other Ext Data Process	816
A1Z42504 42101 CM	A CM I/D Copying Equipment	208
A1Z42504 42302 CM	A CM Other Phone Services	768
A1Z42504 44000 CM	A CM I/D Automotive Expenses	9,000
A1Z42504 44100 CM	A CM I/D Fuel Charges	10,000
A1Z42504 41102 CM	A CM Educational Workshops	3,000
A1Z42504 44500 CM	A CM Other Travel Reimbursement	2,000
A1Z42504 423CN CM	A CM Client Service Dollars	<u>24,781</u>
		\$250,371

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1Z44865 56000 CM	A SA OSF Grant	\$250,371
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Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING FROM OASAS SAPT BLOCK GRANT COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received funding modifications from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the SAPT Block Grant Program annually provides funds to states and territories to help plan, implement, and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance abuse and promote public health, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 64-2023 authorized a contract for funding from OASAS SAPT Block Grant to be used for developing a new Opioid Treatment Programs that is to be integrated with existing 822 outpatient services in order to provide person-centered comprehensive treatment and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) services, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has recognized the need for increased access of individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to recovery services in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the original one-time only funding of \$98,742, including \$7,754 for reimbursement of indirect costs, is for the infrastructure and integration of the Canton Addiction Services and OTP clinics to utilize during the award period of January 9, 2023 to March 14, 2023, with a proposed no-cost extension of one year extending the award to March 14, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services for funding from the OASAS SAPT Block Grant Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1Z42502 25000 SA	A Tech Equipment	\$10,792
A1Z42504 42000 SA	A SAPT Office Supplies and Expenses	4,738
A1Z42504 43007 SA	A Other Fees and Services	8,801
A1Z42504 45100 SA	A SAPT Medical Supplies and Expenses	2,639
A1Z42504 423SS SA	A SAPT Security System	<u>9,743</u>
		\$36,713

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1Z44865 57000 SA	A SAPT Block Grant Supp 1013	\$36,713
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Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**PROCLAIMING MAY AS LYME AND TICK-BORNE DISEASE
AWARENESS MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Lyme and other Tick-Borne Disease, transmitted through the bite of an infected tick, are endemic throughout St. Lawrence County and are a nationally recognized health concern, and

WHEREAS, the risk of contracting Lyme and other Tick-Borne Disease can be year-round; the warm weather increases outdoor activities and St. Lawrence County residents and visitors work and also enjoy recreation activities in our woods, fields, and open areas that may be inhabited or infested by ticks carried by wildlife, birds, and domestic animals, increasing the risk of infection, and

WHEREAS, Lyme and other Tick-Borne Disease infected more than 700 people of all ages in St. Lawrence County during 2023, and

WHEREAS, Lyme and other Tick-Borne Disease, when not properly diagnosed or treated, may affect many body systems making proper diagnosis more difficult, and thereby making the need for public information regarding prevention, treatment, and control a priority, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department and other community partners are taking a lead role by educating the community to safeguard this and future generations against Lyme and other Tick-Borne Disease, and

WHEREAS, recognizing the danger and effects of these diseases, St. Lawrence County support efforts designed to raise awareness about the prevention and control of Lyme and other Tick-Borne Disease,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims the month of May as Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents are encouraged to learn how to prevent tick bites and understand when to seek treatment.

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RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
NORTHERN AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER FOR DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS TRAINING**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Domestic violence impacts twelve (12) million people every year, and

WHEREAS, at times field work may include Public Health Staff entering the homes of residents to work with clients in a clinical setting, and staff may encounter those experiencing domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, the Northern Area Health Education Center (NAHEC) provides training on domestic violence awareness called “In Her Shoes” training, which is an experiential learning activity, and is based on the experiences of real survivors, and

WHEREAS, in this training, participants engage in a simulation in which they walk in the shoes of the various characters experiencing abusive and controlling relationships, and discussion helps participants answer lingering questions, gives the facilitator the opportunity to dispel persistent myths and misunderstandings, and helps participants identify ways to make change individually and locally, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the NAHEC training is \$750, calculated at a rate of \$25 each for thirty (30) participants,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Northern Area Health Education Center for Domestic Violence Awareness Training, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH MVP HEALTH CARE, INC./MVP SELECT CARE, INC./MVP AFFILIATES FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLINIC BILLING

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department bills for a variety of clinic services through clearinghouse Office Ally, and

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

WHEREAS, if such contracts are not in place, very little, if any, revenue will be gained from individuals with MPV Insurance for billable services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with MVP Health Care, Inc./MVP Select Care, Inc./MVP Affiliates for the purpose of clinic billing, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**PROCLAIMING MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH:
2024 THEME IS POWERED BY CONNECTION**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County includes a rapidly growing number of older Americans who contribute their time, wisdom, and experience to our community, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 theme for Older American Month is “Powered by Connection,” which recognizes the profound impact that meaningful relationships and social connections have on our health and well-being, and

WHEREAS, since 1965, the Older Americans Act has provided services that help older adults remain healthy and independent by complementing existing medical and health care systems, helping prevent hospital readmissions, and supporting some of most basic functions, such as bathing or preparing meals, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County recognizes the need to create a community that offers services and supports older adults who may need to make choices about how they age, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County can work to build an even better community for our older residents by:

- Share facts about the mental, physical, and emotional health benefits of social connection and how it contributes to overall well-being, and
- Promote resources that help older adults engage, like community events, social clubs, and volunteer opportunities, and
- Connect older adults with local services, such as transportation, that can help them overcome obstacles to achieving or maintaining meaningful relationships, and
- Encourage partners to host a connection-centric event or program focused on older adult mentors to youth, peer-to-peer support, or similar efforts, and
- Challenge professional and personal networks to prioritize meaningful social connections and share the benefits,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims May 2024 to be Older Americans Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents are encouraged to explore the vital role that connectedness plays in supporting independence, and aging in place by combatting isolation and loneliness.

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Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING SUMMER YOUTH INTERNS FOR THE YOUTH BUREAU

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau wants to hire eight (8) youth interns for five weeks from July 8 – August 8, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the interns will be placed within various County departments such as the Youth Bureau, County Clerk's Office, Public Health, Office for the Aging, and the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, interns will learn valuable on-the-job training, and the rewards of public service, and

WHEREAS, interns will be responsible for various job duties, such as developing newsletters, public service, social media content, scanning and filing documents, answering phone calls, and attending summer community events, and

WHEREAS, these positions are seasonal and one-hundred percent (100%) reimbursable using funds from the Office of Children and Family Services Account (Y2038205 5600C), and

WHEREAS, interns work twenty hours per week, and are paid \$16 per hour from Youth Advocacy and Training (Y2073104 46000),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes summer Youth Interns for the Youth Bureau.

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Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**ADOPTION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY 2024 COORDINATED
TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County regularly receives and administers Federal and State funds to provide public transportation services, and

WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving these funds, the New York State Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration require rural transit providers to prepare a five-year Coordinated Transportation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a Coordinated Transportation Plan is to assess the transportation needs for persons who are seniors, earn limited incomes, or have a disability; identify transportation gaps and duplication of services; and to prioritize goals and actions to address these gaps and duplicate services, and

WHEREAS, the Public Transit Task Force for St. Lawrence County oversaw the creation of the Plan and provided input as it was prepared by the County Mobility Manager and the County Planning Office, and

WHEREAS, hard copies of the draft Plan were distributed and posted on the St. Lawrence County Public Transit Website for public review, and

WHEREAS, a legally noticed public hearing was held on March 21st to receive public comment on the draft Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has duly considered the assessment, goals, and actions in the draft Plan, and comments from the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby adopts the St. Lawrence County 2024 Coordinated Transportation Plan,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as the Plan is implemented, it should be reviewed and modified as needed to account for the changing conditions of riders who rely on the public transportation services in St. Lawrence County, and the Board of Legislators will be updated annually on the changes.

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Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS FOR THE CORRECTIONAL DIVISION

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is recommending an adjustment to the uniform budget to bring all Sheriff’s Office staff into a similar uniform style, and acquire vests to assist officers as a safety precaution, and

WHEREAS, appropriations budgeted to assist supporting the nursing staff are no longer needed for the original purpose and the Sheriff is requesting to transfer these funds to provide for the uniforms,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes that the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for the Purchase of the Uniforms for the Sheriff’s Office as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4031501 1900M	Temporary Per Diem Medical	\$28,800
S4031501 1900N	S JAIL Temp Per Diem Nurse	<u>11,200</u>
		\$40,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

S4031504 45300	S JAIL Uniforms & Clothing	\$40,000
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Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

ACCEPTING A FY23 OPERATION STONEGARDEN PROGRAM (OPSG) GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded a FY23 Operation Stonegarden Grant, in the amount of \$300,000, to key law enforcement agencies in St. Lawrence County, with a contract period of period of September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the mission of Operation Stonegarden is to utilize State, County, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies to enhance border security within the County, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office will receive \$57,918.52 and will act a pass-through agency for four local entities: City of Ogdensburg Police Department (\$78,574.25), Village of Canton (\$14,640.38), and Village of Massena (\$33,737.67), and Village of Potsdam (\$25,191.52), and

WHEREAS, the remaining funding of \$89,937.66 is allocated to two (2) State level law enforcement agencies (NYS Police and NYS DEC) who will do their own reporting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting the FY23 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security, upon the 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:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 18000 SG3	S CRIM Overtime	\$19,770
S1Z31102 25000 SG3	S CRIM Technical Equipment	30,323
S1Z31104 43007 SG3	S CRIM Other Fees and Services	152,144
S1Z31104 44000 SG3	S CRIM I/D Automotive Expenses	3,618
S1Z31108 81000 SG3	S CRIM Retirement	2,202
S1Z31108 83000 SG3	S CRIM Social Security	1,512
S1Z31108 84000 SG3	S CRIM Worker's Compensation	<u>494</u>
		\$210,063

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z43895 57000	SG S SG Federal Aid	\$210,063
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the Grant is fully expended.

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Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE
TO REJECT SENATE BILL S.8461, KNOWN AS
“THE SPORTING RANGE GOOD NEIGHBOR ACT”**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, on January 31st, 2024, Senator Pete Harckham (40th Senate District serving Rockland County, Putnam County, and Westchester County) introduced Senate Bill S.8461, “The Sporting Range Good Neighbor Act”, and

WHEREAS, S.8461 amends the environmental conservation law to require minimum boundary distances for outdoor skeet field shooting ranges, or alternatively, to construct backstops with minimum specifications that prevent lead migration outside the designated skeet field tract, and

WHEREAS, additionally, S.8461 seeks to prohibit any portion of a skeet field tract to include a wetland or open water source, and

WHEREAS, S.8461 would also require skeet field tracts at shooting ranges to be at least 600 by 300 yards, and

WHEREAS, S.8461, while formed in the guise of an environmentally friendly bill, appears to be designed to restrict skeet development and participation, limiting the exercise of protected Second Amendment activity, and

WHEREAS, as of 2022, almost half of the school districts in St. Lawrence County had an active skeet and trap shooting club, and

WHEREAS, shooting ranges already have to meet restrictive guidelines to operate safely, currently costing as much as \$100,000 or more, and

WHEREAS, there are significant legal and constitutional questions regarding the legality of this measure that have not been adequately addressed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the New York State Legislature reject Senate Bill S.8461, “The Sporting Range Good Neighbor Act”, and

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

Note: Changes made during committee are reflected in bold.

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Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, "A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE IMPOSING THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF TAX LAW §186-g"

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, since 1991, counties in the State of New York were permitted to assess a surcharge on landlines and post-paid cellphones, if they sought permission to exercise home rule authority through the New York State legislature, to assist in funding E911 systems operating within the counties, and

WHEREAS, the New York State legislature authorized these counties to collect the surcharge under the provisions of Article 6 of the County Law, as long as the county seeking to do so applied for and was granted permission by the State legislature and the Governor, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County remains one of approximately eight counties out of the 62 in New York that has never sought permission to impose this surcharge, and

WHEREAS, on April 17th, 2017, as a part of the adoption of the 2017-2018 State budget, the legislature and the Governor repealed the authority granted to certain localities under Article 6 of the County Law to impose a wireless communications surcharge and, instead, created Tax Law § 186-g, authorizing New York City and all counties outside of New York City to impose a new State-administered wireless surcharge on both post-paid cellphones and pre-paid cellphones, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Law authorizes the imposition of the surcharge on customers of every "wireless communications service" within the county, and

WHEREAS, the State has permitted the creation of this surcharge to provide a source of revenue to support the development and maintenance of Emergency 911 call systems operating within a county, and

WHEREAS, all revenue generated from the imposition of this surcharge is for payment of system costs, eligible wireless 911 service costs, or other costs associated with the administration, design, installation, construction, operation, or maintenance of public safety communications networks or a system to provide enhanced wireless 911 service serving such the county, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes the importance of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of St. Lawrence County and further recognizes that when the lives or property of citizens of the St. Lawrence County are in imminent danger a timely and appropriate assistance must be rendered, and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators finds that the enhanced emergency telephone service known as E911 provides substantial benefits beyond the basic 911 system through the provision of selective routing and automatic number and location identification, and that these enhancements significantly reduce the response time of emergency services, and

WHEREAS, the surcharge shall be used to pay the costs associated with obtaining and maintaining the telecommunication equipment and telephone services needed to provide the E911 service within St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that adoption of a local law be preceded by a public hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law C (No.) for the Year 2024, will be held at 5:50 p.m. on June 3, 2024, in the Legislative Board Room, subject to approval of the Rules of Procedure for 2024.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, “A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE IMPOSING THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF TAX LAW §186-g”

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

Section 1. Imposition of wireless communications surcharges.

(a) Pursuant to the authority of Tax Law § 186-g, there are hereby imposed and there shall be paid surcharges within the territorial limits of the County of St. Lawrence on: (i) wireless communications service provided to a wireless communications customer with a place of primary use within such county, at the rate of thirty cents per month on each wireless communications device in service during any part of the month; and (ii) the retail sale of prepaid wireless communications service sold within such county, at the rate of thirty cents per retail sale, whether or not any tangible personal property is sold therewith.

(b) Wireless communications service suppliers shall begin to add such surcharge to the billings of its customers and prepaid wireless communications sellers shall begin to collect such surcharge from its customers commencing December 1, 2024.

(c) Each wireless communications service supplier and prepaid wireless communications seller is entitled to retain, as an administrative fee, an amount equal to three percent of its collections of the surcharges imposed by this Local Law, provided that the supplier or seller files any required return and remits the surcharges due to the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance on or before the due date for that return and that payment.

Section 2. Administration of surcharges.

The surcharges imposed by this Local Law shall be administered and collected by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance as provided in paragraph (8) of Tax Law § 186-g,

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and in a like manner as the taxes imposed by Articles Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine of the Tax Law.

Section 3. Applicability of State law to surcharges imposed by this Local Law.

All the provisions of Tax Law § 186-g shall apply to the surcharges imposed by this Local Law with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been set forth in full in this Local Law, except to the extent that any of those provisions is either inconsistent with or not relevant to the surcharges imposed by this Local Law.

Section 4.

Net collections received by St. Lawrence County from the surcharges imposed by this Local Law shall be expended only upon authorization of the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence and only for payment of system costs, eligible wireless 911 service costs, or other costs associated with the administration, design, installation, construction, operation, or maintenance of public safety communications networks or a system to provide enhanced wireless 911 service serving such county, as provided in paragraph (9) of Tax Law § 186-g, including, but not limited to, hardware, software, consultants, financing and other acquisition costs.

The County shall separately account for and keep adequate books and records of the amount and object or purpose of all expenditures of all such monies. If, at the end of any fiscal year, the total amount of all such monies exceeds the amount necessary for payment of the above mentioned costs in such fiscal year, such excess shall be reserved and carried over for the payment of those costs in the following fiscal year.

Section 5. Effective date.

This Local Law shall take effect December 1, 2024.

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Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR TO COMPLETE ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE RECONCILIATIONS THAT ARE YEARS OVERDUE AND PROVIDE A FULL ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS OWED TO COUNTIES AND NEW YORK CITY AND A SCHEDULE FOR RELEASE OF THESE FEDERAL FUNDS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the funding to support the Medicaid program is provided by a combination of federal, state and local resources, and

WHEREAS, the state requires the counties and New York City to contribute \$7.6 billion annually to pay for the federal and state defined and controlled program, and

WHEREAS, additionally, counties and New York City also voluntarily contribute about \$1 billion annually to draw down available federal funds to support publicly owned or supported nursing homes, clinics, and hospitals, and

WHEREAS, the local share the state requires counties and New York City to pay is the highest of any state in the country, and

WHEREAS, this large local funding share for Medicaid and other state programs is a major contributor to New York's high local tax burden compared to other states, and

WHEREAS, under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the COVID era the federal government provided an enhanced Medicaid matching share (eFMAP), which has saved New York state billions of dollars, and

WHEREAS, the state has utilized a methodology that provides 80 percent of these estimated federal savings to counties in the year the costs accrue followed by a reconciliation in the following year of the remaining 20 percent of savings, and

WHEREAS, for the first three years after enactment of the Affordable Care Act the state followed through on a relatively timely basis with the initial pass through of savings based on 80 percent of the estimated value of these federal savings to counties and New York City and the reconciling the remaining 20 percent, and

WHEREAS, the last completed reconciliation and transfer of federal savings owed to counties was for state fiscal year 2015-16 with the reconciliation being implemented in December of 2020, and

WHEREAS, as of February 1, 2024, counties and New York City are waiting on seven years of unfinished reconciliations, and

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WHEREAS, the only accounting counties have received from the state of the unreconciled eFMAP funds have come via FOIL requests for SFY 2017-2020, and

WHEREAS, as of February 8, 2022, 34 counties have received responses from DOH to their FOIL inquiries and that these calculations show that up to \$232 million is owed to these counties from Affordable Care Act eFMAP reconciliations, and

WHEREAS, the state utilized the same 80 percent pass through methodology for the distribution of federal COVID eFMAP savings provided from 2020-2024, but no reconciliations have been completed for these years, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties has submitted FOIL requests on behalf of all counties for federal COVID eFMAP savings distributed to counties, and

WHEREAS, the federal COVID eFMAP savings are mandated to be shared with counties under federal law, and

WHEREAS, the state identified at the beginning of the COVID crisis that the local share of these federal savings would be about 17.8 percent, but publicly available data indicates only about 12.7 percent has been shared with counties and this has required NYSAC to FOIL the New York State Department of Health because hundreds of millions of dollars in federal savings have yet to be distributed, and

WHEREAS, because the state is withholding these federal funds it requires counties and New York City to reserve funds locally to make up for the loss, meaning local taxes have been kept higher than they need to be over multiple years, or local services are scaled back or eliminated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls on the Governor to complete enhanced federal medical assistance percentage reconciliations that are years overdue and provide a full accounting of funds owed to Counties and New York City and a schedule for release of these federal funds,

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

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Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**SUPPORTING AN EXTENSION ON THE ALLOWING SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS
TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE EARLY INTERVENTION**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the SFY 2025 Executive Budget recommendation discontinues the authorization allowing school psychologists to provide services in the Early Intervention Program (EIP), and

WHEREAS, federal level changes making Early Intervention (EI) services provided by school psychologists no longer eligible for Medicaid reimbursement have resulted in New York State moving away from utilizing these providers in the EI Program, and

WHEREAS, to this point extensions have been granted to continue to allow the provision of EI services by school psychologists in recognition of ongoing provider capacity shortages in the EIP, and

WHEREAS, the SFY 2025 Executive Budget proposal continues to provide an extension on the use of school psychologists in the 4410 Pre-School Special Education Program (Pre-K SEP), and

WHEREAS, school psychologists may provide multi-disciplinary evaluations and services to children transitioning from the EIP to Pre-K SEP, and

WHEREAS, as of August 2023, counties reported that there were 7,360 children across New York State waiting for EI services, and

WHEREAS, this represents a 28% increase in children waiting for services since 2022 and an over 500% increase in children waiting for services since 2020, and

WHEREAS, this number includes approximately 1,000 children waiting for evaluations, and behavioral and developmental services that could be provided by school psychologists, and

WHEREAS, the overall provider capacity challenges in the EIP and lack of capacity specific to mental health services have resulted in children waiting months to receive critical services, and

WHEREAS, restricting any provider capacity in the EIP impedes the need to expand the currently limited provider pool,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports an extension on the allowing school psychologist to provide services in the Early Intervention, and

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

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Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**CALLING ON THE STATE TO INCREASE THE SALARY CAP FOR RETIRED
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES SEEKING COUNTY EMPLOYMENT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, under current state law a retired public employee may only earn up to \$35,000 annually if retained/rehired to a state or local government position without this salary impacting their retirement benefits, and

WHEREAS, any retired public employee salary amount over \$35,000 will result in a decrease in pension payments for the employee, and

WHEREAS, the \$35,000 cap was set in 2019, with the intent of minimizing misuse in hiring practices, while at the same time providing enough incentive for employees with broad experience and institutional knowledge to be retained in a government service capacity, and

WHEREAS, this cap has been adjusted just once since 2007 at a rate of \$5,000 and this increase has eroded in value due to inflation over this time, and

WHEREAS, the ability to hire enough qualified public employees on the State and county level to perform our residents' needed services has reached crisis level, and

WHEREAS, this hiring crisis during COVID resulted in an Executive Order action allowing for the removal of the \$35,000 cap to help ease this issue, unfortunately, this was a limited allowance and the Executive Order expired in 2023, and

WHEREAS, New York counties have unique challenges when hiring for certain skilled or knowledge-based positions due to each county having different populations, economics, and demographics including but not limited to retired corrections deputy sheriffs, school resource officers, public health nurses, registered nurses, caseworkers, mental health professionals, and other critical positions, and

WHEREAS, county governments are being asked to provide more services with less funding, a goal that becomes more difficult when those who best understand local government service needs are retiring and their continued connection to public service in a limited fashion is being deterred by state policies, and

WHEREAS, in 2023 a bill was introduced (S.3144D, Mannion) that recognizes adjusting this cap to \$50,000 will provide the State and the local governments more hiring options when they seek to fill a position that requires unique skill sets, government experience, and, in some cases, reduces health insurance costs as the person is already retired,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls on the State to increase the salary cap for retired public employees seeking county employment, and

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

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Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**CALLING ON THE STATE TO FULLY REIMBURSE COUNTIES FOR
DISTRICT ATTORNEY SALARY INCREASES THAT ARE SET AND
CONTROLLED BY THE STATE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2023, the New York State Commission on Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Compensation voted to recommend a 10 percent increase in state judge salaries in 2024, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that on April 1, 2024 the State Legislature will approved the Commission's recommendation and place State Court Judges' salaries at \$232,600 up from \$210,900, and

WHEREAS, New York State Judiciary Law Section 183-a links judicial salaries to county District Attorney (DA) salaries, requiring them to be equal to or higher than the State Judges within their county, and

WHEREAS, historically when the state increased State Judge salaries in the 1980s and 1990s, the State fully funded all DA salary increases imposed on the counties, recognizing without this funding the increase would be an unfunded mandate, and

WHEREAS, the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY), recognizing the automatic nature of these increases and its effect on local county budgets, and further to support the counties' position, requested in correspondence with state officials that the state fund this salary increase, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has stated they understand the importance of not shifting more state generated costs to the local tax base, mindful of the impact locally with the state-imposed property tax cap, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has recognized lowering property taxes is the main priority to ensure a healthy Upstate New York economy, and

WHEREAS, for smaller counties, the D.A. salary increase can represent nearly one third of their total allowable property tax growth for all government operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls on the State to fully reimburse counties for district attorney salary increases that are set and controlled by the State, and

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

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RESOLUTION NO.

**URGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO RESTORE
ESSENTIAL FUNDING FOR RABIES IN THE FY 2024-25 STATE BUDGET**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul completely eliminates the \$1.45 million appropriation for rabies prevention in her FY 2024-25 Executive Budget proposal, and

WHEREAS, local health departments (LHDs) are the only health entities in New York State that are statutorily required to provide core public health services in communities across New York State, including the suppression of human rabies, and

WHEREAS, unless treated soon after exposure, rabies is a fatal disease, and

WHEREAS, New York State statute recognizes the severity of this disease and therefore maintains strong statutory requirements for counties to reduce the risk of contracting rabies and assure treatment for anyone who is exposed to the disease, including an obligation for counties to cover the costs of human post-exposure treatment for individuals who lack the ability to pay for treatment and to offer free quarterly rabies vaccination clinics for cats, dogs, and domestic ferrets, and

WHEREAS, other statutory requirements for counties include prompt investigation of reports of exposure; arrangements for disposition of animals involved, including confinement and observation; quarantines; vaccination boosters; euthanasia; testing and collection; preparation; and submission of animal specimens to the state rabies lab for diagnosis, and

WHEREAS, most of the state pre-exposure prophylaxis funding for rabies prevention and control via oral rabies vaccine (ORV) animal baiting was originally eliminated in 2009, despite the necessity of this preemptive measure to control the spread of rabid animals, and

WHEREAS, since then, a small portion of the original \$1.45 million appropriation that NYSDOH spent annually on animal control outside New York City, including ORV baiting, was allocated via contracts to the 57 counties outside New York City, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the last full year for which data is available, LHDs collected and submitted 5,223 animal specimens for rabies testing, and

WHEREAS, NYSAC and NYSACHO strongly oppose the elimination of this funding, as it supports these statutorily required, life-saving public health protections and eliminating this funding results in a direct cost shift to local taxpayers and runs the risk of undermining the life-saving goals that New York's strong rabies statutes provide, and

WHEREAS, because rabies falls under the provisions of Article 6, the services supported are eligible public health expenses, and, therefore, the projected potential savings to

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the State would not be fully realized because they will be offset by increased and unbudgeted claims to state aid,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators urges the Governor and State Legislature to restore essential funding for rabies in the FY 2024-25 State Budget, and

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

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RESOLUTION NO.

**SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S.2695-B AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.7086-A
TO ENSURE SHERIFFS AND UNDERSHERIFFS CONTINUE TO HAVE
POLICE OFFICER POWERS**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Sheriffs are elected law enforcement officials established by the New York State Constitution, and

WHEREAS, historically, those individuals inhabiting the office of both Sheriff and Undersheriff were imbued with the legal authority of police officers solely by virtue of holding those positions, and

WHEREAS, the statutory exemption granting Sheriffs and Undersheriffs police officer powers as a component of holding the office, absent any other prerequisite training, was ostensibly repealed as a component of the Professional Policing Act, and

WHEREAS, such statutory change has narrowed the field of qualified candidates for Sheriff, since individuals who are already police officers can credibly claim that their civilian opponent, if elected, will not be a police officer, thereby diminishing the pool of aspiring public servants who could bring diversity and new perspectives to the Office of Sheriff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports Senate Bill S.2695-B and Assembly Bill A.7086-A to ensure sheriffs and undersheriffs continue to have police officer powers, and

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

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Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

ENCOURAGING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR COUNTY JAILS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, local correctional facilities are now obligated by Mental Hygiene Law Section 19.18-c to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services to incarcerated individuals who have been diagnosed with a substance use disorder, and

WHEREAS, the provision of MAT must also be accompanied by tangential therapeutic services ranging from counseling, to peer support, to discharge planning, and

WHEREAS, in many circumstances obtaining the specific medications necessary to be compliant with the law, particularly methadone, is a costly and time intensive endeavor, and

WHEREAS, the annual appropriation provided in the State's Aid To Localities Budget has remained static at the insufficient amount of \$8.865 million, to support the efforts of 56 county jails,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to increase the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Budget allocations for county jails, and

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

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Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW D
(NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2024, “AMENDING LOCAL LAW 1 FOR THE YEAR 2018,
“A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING AND REGULATING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE
OPERATION ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS””**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County (hereafter, “County”) has developed and established a County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that authorizing the development of a County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System will capitalize on the open space and forestry assets of the region to provide quality outdoor recreation activities for visitors and residents, stimulating and supporting local business and regional economic development, and conserving the natural resources for future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that the preparation of a Multi-Use Recreational Trail Plan is necessary and appropriate to set forth the management goals and objectives as well as operational guidelines for the proposed County-Wide trail system, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 262-2010, dated July 26, 2010, and pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Title 6, Part 617.2 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”) implementing Article 8 (collectively referred to hereinafter as “SEQRA”), the County initiated the environmental review of the proposed development of a County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational trail System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that the development of a County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System constituted a “resource management plan” as that term is defined by Part 6 NYCRR § 617.4(b)(1) of the implementing regulations, declared the Multi-Use Recreational Trail System to be a Type I action pursuant to SEQRA, and declared itself lead agency for SEQRA review, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that pursuant to Part 6 NYCRR § 617.6(a)(4), preparation of a draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“GEIS”) would better serve the Board in assessing potential environmental impacts, and directed that a draft GEIS be prepared and filed in lieu of submittal of an Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”),

WHEREAS, to address all the potential environmental impacts associated with those aspects of the proposed Multi-Use Recreational Trail System that could be identified, as well as to provide a framework for assessing such impacts for potential future additions to the Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, the County prepared a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“DGEIS”) pursuant to SEQRA, and

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WHEREAS, Resolution No. 149-2011, adopted May 2, 2011, by the Board of Legislators determined that the DGEIS was complete and as a result, the DGEIS was deemed adequate for the purpose of commencing public review of the document, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators caused a Notice of Completion to be filed and published in the Environmental News Bulletin in accordance with SEQRA requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has caused a Final GEIS (“FGEIS”) to be prepared which contains responses to the comments received from the public, both written and oral, as well as responses to the comments received from involved agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators, by Resolution No. 271-2012, adopted on November 5, 2012, declared its intent to accept the Final GEIS for the County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

WHEREAS, it has always been anticipated that additional trail segments would be added on an incremental basis in the future to the County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

WHEREAS, the County has also anticipated creating an alternate trail system through the FGEIS in order to prepare for and control any breakage or discontinued use of portions of the main trail once completed, and

WHEREAS, the alternate trail system will cross the entire County and connect the trail systems of Franklin County and Lewis County to the St. Lawrence County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System just as the main trail will, and

WHEREAS, the alternate trail system will permit the County to continue to work on the permanent Multi-Use Recreational Trail while allowing trail users to enjoy the resources and trail system of St. Lawrence County, with the intention of the county being to shut down the alternate trail once completion of the main trail occurs, and

WHEREAS, the FGEIS has established an Environmental Checklist for new trail segments (FGEIS Appendix A) to be used to assess the environmental impacts associated with potential future trail segments which, when completed, fulfills the SEQRA process by linking the proposed segment to the FGEIS, and

WHEREAS, the FGEIS Appendix A has been updated to include the alternate trail system route, and

WHEREAS, a trail segment referred to as the Alternate St. Lawrence County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail extending from the open trail on Tooley Pond Road in Russell to the existing trail in Pitcairn, passing through the Town of Edwards has been determined to be added to the County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System and for which the aforementioned Environmental Checklist has been completed, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that adoption of a local law be preceded by a public hearing,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law D (No.__) for the year 2024, will be held at 5:40 p.m. on June 3, 2024, in the Legislative Board Room, subject to approval of the Rules of Procedure for 2024.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW D (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2024, AMENDING LOCAL LAW 1 FOR THE YEAR 2018, “A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING AND REGULATING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE OPERATION ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS”

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

Section 1. The County of St. Lawrence hereby amends Local Law 1 for the Year 2018, a local law permitting and regulating all-terrain vehicle operation on certain County roads, specifically, **Section 4.** To add five (5) additional roads to read as follows:

Section 4. **Designated Roads & Bridges**

- ee) County Route 27 from Tooley Pond to County Route 17; 0.49 miles
- ff) County Route 17 from County Route 27 to McCarthy Road; 0.8 miles
- gg) County Route 17 from Silver Hill Road to Dana Hill Road; 1.34 miles
- hh) County Route 17 from Dana Hill Road to County Route 24 Trail Head; 2 miles
- ii) County Route 24 from Given Road to ~~Town~~ **Hamlet** of Edwards line; 2 miles
- jj) County Bridge McCarthy Road; BIN 3221730

Section 2. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State and satisfactory completion of Appendix A for the County Corridor SEQR.

*Note: Changes made during Committee are reflected in ~~strikeout~~ and **bold**.*

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Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, D.P.C, TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO PREPARE APPENDIX A FOR THE NEW TRAIL SEGMENT IN THE TOWN OF EDWARDS AS INCLUDED IN THE FINAL GENERIC IMPACT STUDY (FGIS) FOR THE MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL TRAIL

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2017, the Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 193-2017, amending a Local Law permitting and regulating all-terrain vehicle operation on certain County roads, and

WHEREAS, this Local Law took effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State and satisfactory completion of Appendix A as included in the Final Generic Impact Study (FGIS) for the Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, a new trail segment in the Town of Edwards area will be added to the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. has agreed to provide environmental services needed to prepare the Appendix A-Environmental Checklist for the new trail segment for a fee not to exceed \$10,000 (BF079894 43007 TRAIL),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C., to provide environmental services to prepare Appendix A for the new trail segment in the Town of Edwards as included in the FGIS for the Multi-Use Recreational Trail, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE FOR THE MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL TRAIL**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2024 County Administrator's Budget includes appropriations for the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Board approved Resolution No. 137-2023, authorizing Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C., to prepare an Appendix A for the segment from Morgan Road to Picketville Road, and

WHEREAS, the project for Morgan Road to Picketville Road will not be completed in 2024, so the request is made to adjust the Budget for 2024,

WHEREAS, as requested by the County Trail Coordinator, more supplies are needed for property maintenance on the trails, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to make the following modifications to the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for the Multi-Use Recreational Trail, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BF079894 40800 TRAIL	B Trail Property Maintenance	\$10,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BF079894 43007 TRAIL	B Trail Other Fees & Services	\$10,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Budget for the Trail will be monitored closely.

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RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH
NATIONAL GRID FOR RELOCATION OF UTILITIES REGARDING THE
BROWN'S FALLS ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways will be replacing Brown's Falls Road Bridge, BIN 3340920, in the Town of Fine, in 2024, and

WHEREAS, National Grid (Niagara Mohawk) presently owns and operates utilities that are in conflict with the construction of Brown's Falls Road Bridge project, and

WHEREAS, National Grid has estimated the cost to relocate the utilities at approximately \$140,000 (HM551104 465CO B27),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with National Grid for the relocation of utilities regarding the Brown's Falls Road Bridge Project, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**AMENDING THE OFFICIAL COUNTY HIGHWAY MAP TO REFLECT
A TRANSFER OF PROPERTY BETWEEN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
AND THE TOWN OF FOWLER**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to Highway Law §102, the County Highway Superintendent shall “have supervision of all roads and bridges comprising the county highway system, together with any other roads, bridges, including bridges over canals and railroad bridges and state and interstate highways for which responsibility is imposed upon the county under any lawful agreement made by the county or under any other provision of law”, and

WHEREAS, an official order by New York State, Order No. 1446, dated December 2, 1982, affirms County ownership of the .13 miles of the Balmat-Fowler Road between Little York Road and State Route 812 being established as a County Road, and

WHEREAS, an official order by New York State, Order No. 2305, dated September 20, 1993, affirms County ownership of the .18 miles of the Balmat-Fowler Road between Pumphouse Road and State Highway 812 is a County Road, and

WHEREAS, in January 2024, the Town Highway Superintendent for the Town of Fowler proposed a swap of segments of roadway to accurately reflect usage of the roadways within the Town road system and the County road system, and

WHEREAS, the proposal consists of reciprocated transfers whereby the County would convey ownership of Balmat-Fowler Road, State Highway 58 to Little York Road, approximately .13 miles in length and Balmat-Fowler Road, from Pumphouse Road to State Highway 812, approximately .18 miles in length to the Town of Fowler, and

WHEREAS, the proposal envisions an exchange whereby the Town of Fowler would convey ownership of Emeryville Road, from County Route 22 to Emeryville Road Bridge (B.I.N. 2259360), approximately .13 miles in length to St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has reviewed the proposed segments for transfer and has concluded that such parcels do not serve a County purpose in the current road inventory and the additional parcels are consistent with County usage and need, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Highway Law § 115, “The county superintendent of highways of each county shall prepare a map showing a proposed county road system for such county to be constructed with moneys from the county road fund, such system not to include a state highway, except that a designated state highway not under state maintenance may be included in such system and be improved by a county....[t]hereafter, except as otherwise provided by section one hundred fourteen of this chapter, no road shall be constructed, reconstructed or maintained with any such county road fund moneys except the road set forth on such map,....(and) [a]mendments

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to such map may from time to time be made by such county superintendent and if approved by such board of supervisors....,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes amending the Official County Map to reflect a transfer of property between St. Lawrence County and the Town of Fowler, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the transfer of Balmat-Fowler Road, State Highway 58 to Little York Road, approximately .13 miles in length and Balmat-Fowler Road, from Pumphouse Road to State Highway 812, approximately .18 miles in length, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of St. Lawrence accepts the section of Emeryville Road, from County Route 22 to Emeryville Road Bridge (BIN 2259360), approximately .13 miles in length, from the Town of Fowler, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption, St. Lawrence County accepts maintenance, repair, and legal responsibilities of said roadway, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this amendment is contingent upon receipt of a certified resolution from the Town of Fowler affirming said transfers of roadways.

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RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SLATE HILL
CONSTRUCTORS FOR REPLACEMENT OF TOWN LINE ROAD BRIDGE
OVER LISBON CREEK, BIN 3366670, TOWN OF OSWEGATCHIE**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects in its 2024 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for the replacement of Town Line Road Bridge over Lisbon Creek, BIN 3366670, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators does hereby approve the following contract to:

Contractor:	Slate Hill Constructors
Contract Title:	Town Line Road Bridge over Lisbon Creek, BIN 3366670, Town of Oswegatchie
Contract Amount:	Not to Exceed \$712,000 HM551124 465CO B6

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Slate Hill Constructors for replacement of Town Line Road Bridge over Lisbon Creek, BIN 3366670, Town of Oswegatchie, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE WITH WASTE STREAM, INC.,
DBA CASELLA WASTE SERVICES, FOR THE LEASE OF EQUIPMENT
FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Waste Stream Management Inc., dba Casella Waste Services, wants to lease equipment to the Solid Waste Department for the purpose of transporting recyclables from Parishville to ~~Harrisville~~ **Liverpool**, and

WHEREAS, the County Transfer Stations, in their current configurations, are not equipped to manage an approximate one-hundred percent (100%) increase in volume, and

WHEREAS, the cost is one-dollar (\$1) per year to lease three (3) trailers (WH081604 42100 RECY), and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the lease, the Solid Waste Department is responsible for any repairs to the leased equipment, and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract will be for three (3) years from May 1, 2024 to May 1, 2027,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the lease with Waste Stream Inc., dba Casella Waste Services, for the lease of equipment for the Solid Waste Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Note: Changes made during Committee are reflected in strikeout and bold.

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Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY (DANC)
FOR COLLECTION DISPOSED PAINT**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) has partnered with PaintCare for the collection and disposal of paint, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 118-2024, was adopted April 1, 2024, authorizing the Chair to sign an agreement with PaintCare New York LLC for paint disposal, and

WHEREAS, DANC will be providing staff, at no cost to the County, to collect the discarded paint from the Highway Facility located at 44 Park Street, in the Village of Canton,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for collection disposed paint, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF A PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM ASSOCIATED WITH THE ALLEN'S FALLS ROAD BRIDGE IN THE TOWN OF PARISHVILLE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2024, there was a motor vehicle accident on the Allen's Falls Road Bridge in the town of Parishville resulting in a significant amount of damage to the guard rail, and the County is the legal owner of this bridge, and

WHEREAS, the vehicle, operated by Paul Merrill, was insured for purposes of property damage claims, by Progressive Insurance, and

WHEREAS, a claim was submitted to Progressive Insurance in the amount of \$9,583.58, representing the parts, equipment, and labor necessary for the repairs, and

WHEREAS, on or about March 21, 2024, Progressive Insurance offered the County \$8,689.45 to settle this claim, and

WHEREAS, the settlement proposal represents a twenty percent (20%) reduction of the material costs listed to account for depreciation; however, it would result in finality and avoid the costs of litigation on the matter,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes settlement of a property damage claim associated with the Allen's Falls Road Bridge in the Town of Parishville, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 in a form approved by the County Attorney, is hereby directed to settle this claim on behalf of the County of St. Lawrence.

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Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
CLARKSON UNIVERSITY REGARDING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, a primary Economic Development Initiative for St Lawrence County is the development of a multi-use trail that seeks to increase tourism and increase business traffic for businesses in the County, and

WHEREAS, the St Lawrence County Legislature supports this initiative and have worked collaboratively toward the timely completion of the trail, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that authorizing the development of a County-wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System would capitalize on the open space and forestry assets of the region to provide quality outdoor recreation activities for visitors and residents, stimulating and supporting local business and regional economic development, and conserving the natural resources for future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that the preparation of a Multi-Use Recreational Trail Plan was necessary and appropriate to set forth the management goals and objectives as well as operational guidelines for the proposed county-wide trail system, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 262-2010, dated July 26, 2010, and pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Title 6, Part 617.2 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”) implementing Article 8 (collectively referred to hereinafter as “SEQRA”), the County initiated the environmental review of the proposed development of a County-wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

WHEREAS, to address all the potential environmental impacts associated with those aspects of the proposed Multi-Use Recreational Trail System that could be identified, as well as to provide a framework for assessing such impacts for potential future additions to the Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, the County prepared a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“DGEIS”) pursuant to SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 271-2012, was adopted on November 5, 2012, with intent to accept the Final GEIS for the County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Board of Legislators passed a new local law designed to re-establish the St. Lawrence County Multi-Trail System and create a permitting process for all-terrain vehicle enthusiasts who use the trail system, and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has received anecdotal evidence of increased usage and growing popularity of the trail system, but is seeking empirical data to assess the viability and strength of the trail system, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County enjoys the luxury of having four (4) academic institutions that lead in their respective fields and who have knowledge with which to help the County with its various endeavors, and

WHEREAS, among the four universities is Clarkson University, a proven academic leader in technological education, research, innovation and sustainable economic development impacting more than 7,800 students annually through nationally recognized undergraduate and graduate STEM degrees in engineering, business, science and health professions; executive education, industry-relevant credentials and K-12 STEM programs, and

WHEREAS, Clarkson is uniquely suited to assist the County with pre-professional engineering services with respect to the Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, preliminary engagement to assess interest has occurred between Clarkson University and County Administration, and

WHEREAS, the County is interested in exploring entering into a contract with Clarkson to obtain pre-professional services that will assist the County in assessing the strength and viability of the County trail system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the chair to sign a contract with Clarkson University regarding the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System for pre-professional engineering services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JEDA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UNDER THE BLIGHTED PROPERTY PROGRAM FOR THE DEMOLITION AND ABATEMENT OF TWO CONDEMNED STRUCTURES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, each year the County forecloses on, and sells at auction, properties that are acquired by the County for the failure of a taxpayer to make payment upon their taxes, and

WHEREAS, periodically there are properties that are not turned over to a new owner through the auction process due to perceived deficiencies in the structures on the property, or the property itself, and

WHEREAS, properties that have been foreclosed upon that do not sell at the auction become a liability to the County and result in costs to maintain and continue to make local jurisdictions whole with respect to taxes assessed, 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 are entrusted with protecting the interests of the County with respect to tax delinquent parcels,

WHEREAS, as a part of the annual review of parcels performed by the St. Lawrence County Tax Foreclosure Team, it has been determined that there are a number of active and abandoned parcels that are encumbered by the presence of structural deterioration sufficient to constitute a threat to human health, safety, and community welfare, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Board of Legislators authorized the creation of the “Blighted Property Program”, designed to tackle blighted residential structures and augment the approach of the County to environmental clean-ups the County was already engaged in, and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer, County Attorney and the Tax Foreclosure Team have selected two (2) properties for demolition in the 2024 cycle and have solicited bids, and

WHEREAS, the Team recommends the demolition and removal of two (2) condemned structures known as 56,58 Sycamore & 98 Woodlawn, Town of Massena with Tax Map No. 405801 9.051-3-25 and 20 Larnard Street, Town of Potsdam with Tax Map No. 407403 64.050-3-7 as well as the awarding a contract for demolition and abatement services to JEDA Environmental Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the chair to sign a contract with JEDA Environmental Services under the Blighted Property Program for the demolition and abatement of two condemned structures, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO.

**RECOGNIZING THE GOOD WORK BEING DONE BY THE
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES AT THE
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

WHEREAS, on May 5, 1984, President Ronald Reagan did proclaim that the first full week of May each year would be observed as National Correctional Officers Week, in recognition of the important role these officers play in our criminal justice system, and

WHEREAS, in the year 2021 Correctional Officers and other Correctional Employees continue to play that important role, but in an ever more stressful environment due to the too frequently shown lack of respect for authority, and especially for those engaged in criminal justice professions, which is sweeping our nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, even as President Reagan observed in his 1984 Proclamation, the position of Correctional Officer, once considered merely that of a “guard”, has become increasingly more complex and demanding, involving simultaneously custodial, supervisory, and counselling roles, and that complexity continues to grow, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to acknowledge the difficult job these officers and employees perform while locked inside a facility for a large part of their day, where they must securely, safely and humanely keep those committed to the jail, respecting the rights and dignity of all the inmates, including those who have been found guilty and those only awaiting adjudication, and

WHEREAS, the important and difficult role of Correctional Officers and Correctional Employees is not always recognized or appreciated by the general public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the good work being done by the Correctional Officers and Correctional Employees at the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators acknowledges the conscientious, difficult, and dedicated service our Correctional Officers and Correctional Employees perform for the People of St. Lawrence County, and does further extend to those good public servants our gratitude for jobs well done.

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RESOLUTION NO.

**DECLARING MAY 15, 2024, TO BE PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3 **and Ms. Curran, District 15**

WHEREAS, by Presidential Executive Order and Resolution of the Congress, May 15 of each year is recognized as Peace Officer's Memorial Day, honoring all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, and

WHEREAS, the week in which Peace Officer Memorial Day falls is celebrated as National Police Week, recognizing the important role that all law enforcement officers play in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all citizens, and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers perform an essential public service under difficult circumstances, especially today, in view of the unrest of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of law enforcement officers are selfless public servants who accept as part of their profession being exposed to great danger in order to protect the life and property others, with, too often, tragic results, as we have already witnessed this year, and

WHEREAS, these dedicated officers deserve to be honored for their willingness to perform that essential public service on behalf of all our citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to acknowledge the difficult job ask our Deputy Sheriffs and other police officers to perform, and to thank them for their willingness to do it, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wants to recognize and honor all those law enforcement officers who, over the years, have lost their lives in the line of duty,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators declares May 15, 2024, to be Peace Officer Memorial Day in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators acknowledges and honors the service of the St. Lawrence County Deputy Sheriffs, and all other police officers who have served, and who are serving in the County.

Note: Changes made during Committee are reflected in bold.

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RESOLUTION NO.

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO THE NYS CONNECTALL COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM AND COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators is committed to the expansion of and accessibility of broadband services throughout the County, and has demonstrated this commitment by allocating ARPA funds for infrastructure buildout that will make broadband service available to approximately one-half or 601 households in the County identified as having no access to service, and have partnered with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) to advance several other buildouts that have or will provide service to another 230 households, and

WHEREAS, New York State ConnectALL has issued a Request for Application (RFA) for the County Partnerships Program for buildouts in areas for which counties have initiated their own procurement process prior to the issuance of the RFA, and for which these counties are prepared to enter into enforceable commitments with service providers, pending sufficient funding, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County issued RFP 2023-04, Expanding Access to Broadband in St. Lawrence County, in January 2023, soliciting bids on 21 geographic “lots”, and

WHEREAS, funding has yet not been secured for approximately 48 households or “passings” from those lots, and

WHEREAS, building-out the area that encompasses these 48 households is anticipated to cost approximately \$600,000, and the ConnectALL Office requires twenty-five percent (25%) match of project costs to come from the applicant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports an application to the New York State ConnectALL County Partnerships Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators commits up to \$150,000 in local funds as the required matching funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign any documentation necessary for the application, administration, reporting and close-out of this project, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Hull, District 8; and Mr. Webster, District 11

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 twelve (12) positions in five (5) departments, and of those reviewed three (3) positions were new positions, and three (3) positions will be abolished,

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
Office for the Aging	Account Clerk	100100044	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Foster Care	Caseworker	815000032	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Caseworker	815200020	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Carpenter	309500002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Deputy Superintendent of Highways	318600002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000032	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator*	310000036	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff's Office/Criminal	Principal Fiscal Officer	101000004	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Sheriff's Office/Corrections	Correction Officer	603000055	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff's Office/Criminal	Detective Sergeant*	606000007	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Administrator	Deputy Clerk*	024000003	FT	Provisional	Immediate
County Administrator/B&G	Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds	305000001	FT	Provisional	Immediate

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 312300001, Bridge Construction Mechanic, be abolished in the Highway Department; Position No. 605000009, Deputy Sheriff, be abolished in the Sheriff's Office; and Position No. 023600001, Secretary to the Board of Legislators, be abolished in the County Administrator's Office, and

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.

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RESOLUTION NO.

REAPPOINTMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC ELECTION COMMISSIONER

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, the term for the Democratic Commissioner of Elections expires on December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Committee of St. Lawrence County held a meeting on February 25, 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the election law and rules of the County Committee and by unanimous vote recommended Jennie H. Bacon as suitable and qualified for re-appointment to the office of Commissioner of Elections,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Jennie H. Bacon, at a salary commensurate with Management Band 4, Step 6, as the Democratic Commissioner of Elections for a four (4) year term to begin on January 1, 2025.

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RESOLUTION NO.

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO REVIEW THE ARMING OF PROBATION OFFICERS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

Sponsored by Mr. Webster, District 13; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, in 2023, members of the Board of Legislators raised concerns around the safety of Probation Officers while in the field, and

WHEREAS, currently, staff in the Probation Department are offered defensive tactics training, trained in the use of and are provided pepper spray, and last year were provided ballistic vests to improve their safety while in the field, and

WHEREAS, given the changing population that are assigned to Probation, it has become a matter of significant importance to address the safety of Probation Officers, and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2023, Legislator Glenn Webster was appointed to Chair and Legislators Lightfoot and Curran were also appointed as Committee Members to join members of staff and the community to convene and review the concerns; through a variety of means including; the utilization of a survey tool for staff to provide input with a sixty-two (62%) percent participation rate, consider the liability challenges presented by introducing weapons, consult with other counties on both sides of the issue and gather data to share with staff, and

WHEREAS, the Committee convened seven (7) times to consider the issue and considered all information gathered along with input from a county that has implemented arming of their officers, held facilitated discussions with staff to provide a platform to address concerns and ensure access to information was provided, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed case law and provided guidance on the liability associated with arming of officers, and

WHEREAS, the importance of providing a means for staff to be adequately prepared to defend themselves when completing the tasks associated with their role with the County is being addressed by the recommendation to arm probation officers, and

WHEREAS, along with the challenge of making a determination to arm or not to arm officers, the Committee made a determination to require defensive tactics and firearms training as mandatory training regimen for officers, and

WHEREAS, the Committee is prepared to make a recommendation to arm Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County, providing the option to existing officers and requiring all new officers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators accepts the recommendations of the Committee tasked to review the arming of Probation Officers to arm Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County, providing the option to existing officers and requiring all new officers, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Committee and staff will convene to research and approve policies and procedures, logistics, operations, and appropriations as well as any other areas in the concept and work with the Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that resolutions will be prepared for consideration by the Board of Legislators to address the appropriations necessary to begin the Program.

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RESOLUTION NO.

SUPPORTING A REQUEST BY THE TOWN OF DEKALB FOR ENACTMENT OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S8791 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A9514, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF DEKALB, IN THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE, TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF U.S. ROUTE 11

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 100-2021, adopted on April 5, 2021, requested the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) perform a traffic study and investigation on a portion of U.S. Route 11 in the Town of Dekalb, and supported a the reduction of the maximum speed limit on certain public roadways, and

WHEREAS, the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District and athletic fields are located along Route 11 in the Town of DeKalb, which is a heavily traveled highway, and

WHEREAS, the athletic fields are located adjacent to the highway, and students and spectators have continuous and frequent interactions with traffic when parking to attend functions at the District, and

WHEREAS, many students walk or ride bikes to attend school functions, and

WHEREAS, there is a constant flow of traffic in and out of the school parking lots, and there is a four-way intersection of U.S. Route 11 and the East DeKalb Road at the north corner of the district property that is also next to the primary district parking lot, and

WHEREAS, this issue highlights a matter of safety for students, staff, parents, and community members,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports a request by the Town of Dekalb for enactment of New York State Senate Bill S8791 and Assembly Bill A9514, authorizing the Town of DeKalb, in the County of St. Lawrence, to reduce the maximum speed limit on a portion of U.S. Route 11, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports the reduction of the current speed limit of 55 mph to 45 mph on U.S. Route 11 for the maximum allowable distance in each direction from the District property lines and that such reduction be completed in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies of the State of New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Mark Walczyk, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Hermon-DeKalb Central School Board of Education, Town of Hermon, and Town of Dekalb.