

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

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:** Mr. Arquiett moved to suspend the Rule of Procedure to allow the attendance of Legislators telephonically, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

**ROLL CALL:** All Legislators were present. Mr. Acres, Ms. Curran, Ms. Haggard, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, and Ms. Terminelli attended telephonically.

Mr. Denesha said a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Mr. Perkins moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Reagen and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Perkins moved to approve the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION HONORING ASHLEY MCKINLEY**

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Interim Public Health Director Jolene Munger and Dr. Andrew Williams

Ms. Curran left the room at 6:42 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** There were no communications.

#### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

William Roome of Madrid; Francine Griffin of Madrid; Mary Skelly of Ogdensburg; Barb McBurnie and Madeline Pennington representing Daughters of the American Revolution; Rachel Raven of Gouverneur; and Tammy Vinch

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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

Finance Committee: 8-23-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 233-2021

**DEDICATION OF A PLAQUE ON THE JONES ROAD BRIDGE  
IN THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee  
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Arquiett, District 13

**WHEREAS**, on January 19, 2020, Dennis I. Binan tragically passed away from an accident in the Town of Hopkinton, and

**WHEREAS**, with a great love for the outdoors, he spent many hours snowmobiling, four-wheeling, boating, and camping, and his passion for hunting led him to become the President of the Flower Hill Hunting Club in Parishville, and

**WHEREAS**, as a token of respect to the work he accomplished and sorrow that he is no longer with us, the Board of Legislators would like to dedicate a plaque to be placed on the Jones Road Bridge in memoriam of a departed friend, Dennis I. Binan,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators dedicates a plaque on the Jones Road Bridge in the Town of Hopkinton.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopted Resolution No. 233-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers.

Mr. Arquiett recognized Mike Bouchard.

Resolution No. 233-2021 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

RESOLUTION NO. 234-2021

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 – 23, 2021  
AS CONSTITUTION WEEK**

By Mr. Acres, District 8

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law, and

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**WHEREAS**, originally adopted by the American Congress of the Confederation on September 17, 1787, this year will mark the two hundred thirty fourth (234<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention, and

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

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

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators proclaims the week of September 17 – 23, 2021, as Constitution Week and encourages St. Lawrence County citizens to reaffirm commitments to the rights and obligations of citizenship of the United States of America.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 234-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

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Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 235-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SUBCONTRACT WITH  
HEALTH RESEARCH INC. (HRI) FOR THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC  
HEALTH CORPS (NYSPHC) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH), through a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sponsored cooperative agreement for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) has awarded funding to local health departments (LHDs) for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the NYSDOH will work with local health departments (LHDs) and community partners to recruit and deploy NYSPHC fellows across the state (excluding New York City), who will commit to a full-time, paid position and at least a one-year term, and

**WHEREAS**, this program will support up to ten (10) fellows annually, of which up to one (1) would be Graduate Fellows, and a local Coordinator to help build public health capacity to support COVID-19 response operations and increase preparedness for future public health emergencies, and provide support for coordination and maintenance of the program, and

**WHEREAS**, Public Health is eligible to receive \$1,532,660 (PPZ44895 57000 PHC) in funding over the next two (2) years (\$766,330 annually), and

**WHEREAS**, Public Health wants the option to subcontract with Health Research Inc. (HRI) to recruit and deploy the fellows for this program and be reimbursed by Public Health,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a subcontract with Health Research Inc. for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 235-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

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Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 236-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH  
HEALTH RESEARCH INC. (HRI) FOR THE NEW YORK STATE  
PUBLIC HEALTH CORPS (NYSPHC) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH), through a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sponsored cooperative agreement for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) has awarded funding to local health departments (LHDs) for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the NYSDOH will work with local health departments (LHDs) and community partners to recruit and deploy NYSPHC fellows across the state (excluding New York City), who will commit to a full-time, paid position and at least a one-year term, and

**WHEREAS**, this Program will support up to ten (10) fellows annually, of which up to one (1) would be Graduate Fellows, and a local Coordinator to help build public health capacity to support COVID-19 response operations and increase preparedness for future public health emergencies, and provide support for coordination and maintenance of the program, and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Department is eligible to receive \$1,532,660 (PPZ44895 57000 PHC) in funding over the next two (2) years (\$766,330 annually),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 236-2021, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

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Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 237-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH  
THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE  
LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program contract for the Public Health Department has been renewed for the time period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026, and

**WHEREAS**, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Grant is \$35,829 (PP034725 56000 LEAD) each year of the contract,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Department of Health for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Grant, and any COLAs to the grant, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 237-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 238-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH  
TWIN TIER PATHOLOGY FOR MORGUE AND LABORATORY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Department is responsible for the Coroners' Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the current contracted Pathologist travels to three (3) individual hospitals within St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, during times the Pathologist is unavailable, there is a need to have an alternate location to send cases, and

**WHEREAS**, Twin Tier Pathology, Broome County, New York, also provides forensic pathology services, and has agreed to receive cases from St. Lawrence County in the absence of

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the current Pathologist and/or when a forensic autopsy is required (PC011854 45100 and PC011854 407MF),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Twin Tier Pathology for morgue and laboratory services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 238-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

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RESOLUTION NO. 239-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH  
MONROE COUNTY FOR MORGUE AND LABORATORY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Department is responsible for the Coroners' Program,  
and

**WHEREAS**, the current contracted Pathologist travels to three (3) individual hospitals  
within St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, during times the Pathologist is unavailable, there is a need to have an  
alternate location to send cases, and Monroe County has agreed to receive cases from  
St. Lawrence County in the absence of the current Pathologist and/or when a forensic autopsy is  
required (PC011854 45100 and PC011854 407MF),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators authorizes the  
Chair to sign a contract with Monroe County for morgue and laboratory services, upon approval  
of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 239-2021, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Fay,  
and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

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RESOLUTION NO. 240-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH HEALTH RESEARCH INC. /NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (HRI.NYSDOH) FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY (ELC) COVID-19 ENHANCED DETECTION AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) will be awarding funding to local health departments (LHDs) for enhanced detection, surveillance and prevention of COVID-19, based on county populations plus a supplemental award based on percent of COVID-19 cases, and

**WHEREAS**, this funding is part by a Center for Disease Control (CDC) sponsored cooperative agreement for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC), CFDS# 93.323, and

**WHEREAS**, the original two-year contract period was July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 as per Resolution No. 257-2020, and this contract has been extended to March 31, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of these funds will continue to be used for new personnel to enhance efforts for case and contact investigations, vaccination planning and POD related activities, expanded testing and surveillance, and vaccination activities across communities, schools, childcare programs and other vulnerable populations (congregate living settings, homeless shelters, etc., and

**WHEREAS**, upon the signing of this agreement, the Public Health Department will receive funding in the amount of \$392,994, and

**WHEREAS**, additionally a placeholder of \$1,000,000 will be added to the contract extension in case emergency funds are need to be allocated and disbursed quickly, which would allow for expedited procurement procedures,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID-19 Enhanced Detection, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the Public Health Department, as follows:



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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

PPZ44895 57000 CVD	P ELC CVD Federal Aid	\$392,994
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

PPZ40101 18000 CVD	P ELC CVD Overtime	\$168,778
PPZ40101 19000 CVD	P ELC CVD Temp & Part Time	123,775
PPZ40104 43007 CVD	P ELC CVD Other Fees & Services	30,434
PPZ40104 44300 CVD	P ELC CVD Mileage	700
PPZ40108 81000 CVD	P ELC CVD Retirement	39,056
PPZ40108 83000 CVD	P ELC CVD Social Security	22,381
PPZ40108 84000 CVD	P ELC CVD Workmens Comp	<u>7,870</u>
		\$392,994

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

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 240-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

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RESOLUTION NO. 241-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH HEALTH RESEARCH INC. /NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (HRI/NYSDOH) FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY (ELC) REOPENING SCHOOLS FUNDING AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, Health Research Inc. /New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) has awarded funding to local health departments (LHDs), and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Department was awarded \$3,407,799 (PPZ44895 57000 SCH) with objectives and goals to focus primarily on providing needed resources to implement COVID-19 screening testing programs in public and private schools aligned with the CDC recommendations for K-12 to support and maintain in-person learning, and

**WHEREAS**, this funding may also be used for coordination, management, technical assistance, monitoring, and data collection and reporting activities to support K-12 screening testing programs, and

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**WHEREAS**, fifteen percent of the funding (\$511,170) will remain in the Public Health Budget for administration costs, and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement is for a term of July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with Health Research Inc. /New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Reopening Schools Funding, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Public Health, as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

PPZ44895 57000 SCH	P ELC SCH Federal Aid	\$2,896,629
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

PPZ40501 11000 SCH	P ELC SCH Direct Service Worker	\$51,427
PPZ40501 13000 SCH	P ELC SCH Technical	5,731
PPZ40504 43007 SCH	P ELC SCH Other Fees and Services	2,811,940
PPZ40508 81000 SCH	P ELC SCH Retirement	7,631
PPZ40508 83000 SCH	P ELC SCH Social Security	3,962
PPZ40508 84000 SCH	P ELC SCH Workers Compensation	1,538
PPZ40508 84500 SCH	P ELC SCH Group Life Insurance	86
PPZ40508 86000 SCH	P ELC SCH Hospital & Medical Insurance	13,490
PPZ40508 86500 SCH	P ELC SCH Dental Insurance	589
PPZ40508 89000 SCH	P ELC SCH Vision Insurance	235
		<u>\$2,896,629</u>

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

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 241-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

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Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 242-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND CONSULTANTS FOR OPIOID EPIDEMIC GRANT FUNDING AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Department is responsible for the Opioid Epidemic Grant Funding (9/1/2021-8/31/2022) which is part of the Emergency Preparedness Program, and

**WHEREAS**, Public Health has been approved to received \$72,000 in funding from the New York State Department of Health to address the opioid epidemic in the community, and

**WHEREAS**, the grant will be used for educational materials and to provide multiple substance use, stigma, and mental health education sessions, and

**WHEREAS**, training will be provided to superintendents/administrative staff at local public schools for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Buprenorphine waiver trainings will be provided to medical providers, and collaboration with NYSDOH to provide clinical implementation trainings to providers who have already received MAT trainings,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with contractors, subcontractors and consultants for Opioid Epidemic Grant Funding, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the Public Health Department as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

PPZ44895 57000 OP	P Opioid Federal Aid	\$72,000
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

PPZ40101 11000 OP	OP Direct Services Workers	\$16,373
PPZ40104 41102 OP	OP Educational Workshops	1,300
PPZ40104 41901 OP	OP Central Printing	250
PPZ40104 41902 OP	OP Commercial Printing	2,000
PPZ40104 42000 OP	OP Supplies and Expenses	100
PPZ40104 42402 OP	OP I/D Postage	1,600
PPZ40104 43005 OP	OP Advertising Fees & Expense	17,250
PPZ40104 43007 OP	O OP Other Fees and Services	20,239

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PPZ40104 44500 OP	OP Other Travel Reimbursement	5,000
PPZ40108 81000 OP	OP Retirement	2,186
PPZ40108 83000 OP	OP Social Security	1,135
PPZ40108 84000 OP	OP Workers Compensation	441
PPZ40108 84500 OP	OP Group Life Insurance	25
PPZ40108 86000 OP	OP Hospital & Medical Insurance	3,864
PPZ40108 86500 OP	OP Dental Insurance	169
PPZ40108 89000 OP	OP Vision Insurance	68
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		\$72,000

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

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 242-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

Mr. Arquiett left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 243-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) AND THE SAFE HARBOUR GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, updated information regarding funding allocations for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and the Safe Harbour Grant are available and it is necessary to modify the 2021 Budget for Social Services, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 218-2021 authorized a contract with Maximizing Independent Living Choices (MILC) to support the ERAP Program provided by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) in the sum of \$240,000 for the purpose of providing outreach to eligible households and assist them in applying for rental/utility arrears and payments and the County will receive reimbursement for funds utilized, and

**WHEREAS**, on July 7, 2021, the Department of Social Services collaborated to enhance and expedite the ERAP within the County providing \$100,000 to MILC and \$120,000 of the total allocation to St. Lawrence County, leaving a balance of \$20,000 to be utilized by either organization in the future, and

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**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the Safe Harbour Grant allocation was \$43,350, and of that allotted \$43,350, the breakdown included: \$25,000 to a Youth Advocate Program (YAP) School Based Program and \$18,350 was allotted to additional other fees and services, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, St. Lawrence County was approved by Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for Safe Harbour Grant Funds of \$40,000, available for use from January 30, 2021 for the twelve (12) month program period and with the reduction of \$3,350, an amendment is required to reflect the decrease in the other fees and services,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and the Safe Harbour Grant for the Department of Social Services as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

DAG60104 43007 ERAP	D ERAP Other Fees and Services	\$120,000
DAG73104 41102 SAFE	D SAFE Educational Workshops	6,600
DAG73104 44500 SAFE	D SAFE Other Travel Reimbursement	<u>1,500</u>
		\$128,100

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

DAG73104 46500 SAFE	D SAFE Other Payments	\$ 11,450
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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

DAG46105 57000 ERAP	D ERAP Federal Aid	\$120,000
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**DECREASE REVENUE:**

DAG38205 56000 SAFE	D SA SAFE Revenue	\$3,350
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 243-2021, seconded by Mr. Perkins.

Ms. Terminelli asked how many application were received in St. Lawrence County for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). She hopes passing this resolution would expedite the process as said she has had several phone calls from people who have applied and have not received funding. Heather Rand of the Department of Social Services said she will get the number of people who have applied and qualify and share those numbers with the Board. She will request additional information from the State. Mr. Reagen said a resolution should be prepared for the next meeting to expedite the disbursement of funding from the State for this program.

Resolution No. 243-2021 was adopted by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Curran).

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Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 244-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH TENELEVEN  
FOR REVENUE CYCLE MANAGEMENT AND MODIFY THE 2021 BUDGET  
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, Community Services would like to contract with TenEleven for Revenue Cycle Management, and

**WHEREAS**, the contract will provide for the implementation of billing software which would be covered by the SOR Grant (A1Z44865) in the amount of \$5,015, and training and development of billing procedures to ensure the ongoing efficient and compliant processes of the department with six (6) months of claim submissions by Revenue Cycle Management which would be covered by DSRIP Funds,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with TenEleven for revenue cycle management, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A3143204 47801 DSRP A DSRP OTH External Data Processing	\$21,000
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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

A3134905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	\$21,000
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 244-2021, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Curran).

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Services Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 245-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN TWO CONTRACTS WITH NEW YORK STATE ACCEPTING THE 2021-2022 NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM AND CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, 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 \$79,474, with an additional Child Passenger Safety Grant for training and fitting stations in the amount of \$10,035 for a total budget of \$89,509, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Budget will be prepared with the understanding that the Traffic Safety Grant expenditures will be funded at \$89,509, and

**WHEREAS**, funding from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee was requested and approved for the time period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 (A7233895 56000),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorize the Chair to sign two contracts, and any other necessary documents, with New York State accepting the 2021-2022 New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Program and Child Passenger Safety Grants for Community Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 245-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Curran).

Operations Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 246-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (ATI) SERVICE PLAN CONTRACT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board approved an extension of the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Plan Contract No. CL17-1038-D05/C523950 for St. Lawrence County for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and

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**WHEREAS**, these pre-trial services were funded in the prior year 2020-2021 contract term in the amount of \$28,421, and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the ATI Program for 2021 is \$96,547, of which \$28,421 is ATI grant funded (Q1033105 56000 ATI), leaving a County cost of \$68,126,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Services Plan Contract, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 246-2021, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Curran).

Operations Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 247-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FACILITIES USE PERMIT  
WITH THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE  
OF TECHNOLOGY AT CANTON, NEW YORK**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department has from time to time used the State University of New York College of Technology at Canton, and

**WHEREAS**, the State University of New York College of Technology at Canton has requested the County sign a facilities use permit in conjunction with that use, and

**WHEREAS**, due to space constraints it is necessary that St. Lawrence County authorizes this permit (CP014304 40700),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the annual facilities use permit with the State University of New York College of Technology at Canton, New York, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 247-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Curran).



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Operations Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 248-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET IN THE PLANNING OFFICE  
FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County applied for capital funds from the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) for public transit under the Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) Program, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County was awarded \$147,175 to purchase bus equipment, shop equipment, and to install a bus shelter in front of the Harold B. Smith Building where the Department of Social Services is located, and

**WHEREAS**, this award requires a budget modification,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Planning Office for public transit, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

N2B56302 25000	N Technical Equipment	\$147,175
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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

N2B35945 56002	N SA Capital Funds for Bus	\$147,175
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

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Ms. Curran returned to the room at 7:48 p.m.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 248-2021, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

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Operations Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 249-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR THE  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE CYBERSECURITY REMEDIATION GRANT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Elections has been awarded a Cybersecurity Remediation Grant Program for expenses related to Cybersecurity, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 231-2020 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with New York State for the NYS Cybersecurity Remediation Grant Program for the Board of Elections, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Elections had additional expenses related to Cybersecurity,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislature authorizes the St. Lawrence County Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

E1Z30895 56000	E State Aid	\$87,725
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

E1Z14504 42000	E Supplies	\$7,080
E1Z14504 42004	E Software Purchases	2,097
E1Z14504 43007	E Service Hours	<u>78,548</u>
		\$87,725

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 249-2021, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

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Operations Committee: 8-9-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 250-2021

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 4, 2021, AS NATIONAL WILDLIFE DAY  
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, National Wildlife Day was founded in 2005 by animal behaviorist and philanthropist Colleen Paige to bring awareness of endangered animals nationally as well as globally that need to be preserved and rescued from their demise each year, and

**WHEREAS**, it is a time to acknowledge zoos and outstanding animal sanctuaries for everything they do to help preserve animals and educate the public about conservation, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators encourages its citizens to consider preservation and conservation efforts that work to improve the natural world, and to show appreciation for the efforts and hard work of conservation groups,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators proclaims September 4, 2021, as National Wildlife Day in St. Lawrence County.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 250-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 8-23-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 251-2021

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2021 AS NATIONAL ARTS  
IN EDUCATION WEEK IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee  
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10

**WHEREAS**, arts education is comprising a rich array of core academic subjects including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design, and visual arts, and is an essential element to a balanced education essential for all students, and

**WHEREAS**, arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express ideas, and cross-cultural understanding which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom, and

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**WHEREAS**, the nonprofit arts sector contributes to the economy and plays an important role in the economic health of communities, and

**WHEREAS**, where schools and communities are delivering high quality learning opportunities in and about arts for children, extraordinary results occur, and

**WHEREAS**, studies have shown that schools with large populations of students in poverty can be transformed into vibrant hubs of learning through arts education, and

**WHEREAS**, art is integral to the lives of many St. Lawrence County citizens and can improve the vitality of our communities,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators proclaims September 12-18, 2021 as National Arts in Education Week in St. Lawrence County,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all citizens are encouraged to cultivate art appreciation, inspire creative expression, and take the time to recognize the importance of arts in education.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 251-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 8-23-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 252-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE SOLID WASTE  
DEPARTMENT FOR OVERTIME EXPENSES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 the Solid Waste Department will exceed its budget for overtime expenses due to staff shortages throughout the year, and

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Team continued the practice in the 2021 Budget of setting aside twenty-five percent (25%) of overtime requests prompting a dialogue with the Board of Legislators when the funds are to support operational needs, and

**WHEREAS**, there is \$27,943 in targeted contingency in the Enterprise Fund and an additional \$22,057 is necessary to meet service needs at the transfer stations around the County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Solid Waste Department has appropriations within its 2021 budget to offset this overage,

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Solid Waste Department for overtime expenses, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

WO081601 18000	W OPR Overtime	\$50,000
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**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

WA017104 49700	W Admin Contingency Account	\$50,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 252-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 8-23-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 253-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS  
FOR OVERTIME EXPENSES AND MACHINERY RENTAL**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Highways budgets appropriation and revenue accounts to reflect current and projected operations, and

**WHEREAS**, overtime and machinery rental expenses for CHIPS Paving and Bridge Projects are projected to exceed the 2021 budget with the increase in projects as a result of additional CHIPS funding in 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department would like to amend the budget to reflect actual operational expenses for 2021,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways for overtime expenses and machinery rental, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HM351101 18000	H MR Overtime	\$24,208
HM551124 40600 B1	H B1 Machinery Rental	115,788
HM151124 40600 H1	H H1 Machinery Rental	<u>173,340</u>
		\$313,336

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**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HM351101 13000	H MR Technical	\$24,208
HC051424 40600	H CSR Machinery Rental	200,000
HS051444 40600	H Snow Machinery Rental	<u>89,128</u>
		\$313,336

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 253-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

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RESOLUTION NO. 254-2021

**APPROVING FEDERAL AID LOCAL PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY INCIDENTALS AND ACQUISITION FOR COUNTY ROUTE 35 (SLAB CITY) OVER TROUT BROOK BRIDGE PROJECT, PIN 775394, BIN 3341700**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore

**WHEREAS**, a project for Right-of-Way (ROW) Incidentals and Acquisition for County Route 35 (Slab City) over Trout Brook, PIN 775394, BIN 3341700 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of eighty-percent (80%) Federal funds, fifteen-percent (15%) State "Marchiselli" funds, and five-percent (5%) local match, and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators approved Federal aid local project supplemental agreement #1 for Right-Of-Way Incidentals and Acquisition for County Route 35 (Slab City) over Trout Brook Bridge Project, PIN 775394, BIN 3341700, and

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chair is authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for available Federal Aid and/or State “Marchiselli” Aid on behalf of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality’s first instance funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid eligible projects costs and all project costs with appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

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

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 254-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

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RESOLUTION NO. 255-2021

**AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHNSON & JOHNSON  
AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO AN ACTION RELATING  
TO THE OPIOID CRISIS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County has the second-highest opioid related-inpatient hospital admissions rate in the State in the past four years, and drug-related hospital stays have risen more than sixty percent (60%) according to the New York State Department of Health, and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Department of Health figures indicate at least thirty-one (31) people have died from opiate or heroin overdoses in St. Lawrence County between 2010 and 2014, and the number appears to be rising, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, St. Lawrence County, through its law firm Simmons, Hanly, Conroy, P.C. joined a class action lawsuit with numerous other municipal entities against

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Pharmaceutical companies, drug manufacturers and distributors, which included Purdue Pharma, and

**WHEREAS**, Purdue Pharma, Abbott Laboratories, Johnson & Johnson (also known as “J & J” or “Janssen”), as well as others, were alleged to have created damages as a result of the usage and prescription of OxyContin to the general public, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County has reached terms of an agreement with Purdue Pharma and has adopted Resolution No. 192-2021, which approved the proposed bankruptcy restructuring plan and authorized a vote in favor of the proposed settlement, and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Action alleges several causes of action against defendants Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (“J & J”) based on claims that J & J contributed to the opioid epidemic by falsely promoting prescription opioids it manufactured and sold and by falsely promoting the increased use of opioids directly and generally through various “front groups” and failing to implement measures to prevent diversion of prescription opioids in connection with distribution of its products, all of which contributed to a public health crisis around the United States, and in specific, in St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, J & J has offered to settle the claims with the County of St. Lawrence by paying a sum of between approximately \$717,788.65 and \$307,565.44 over ten (10) years to be used for restitution and abatement and agreeing to not manufacture, sell or promote opioids, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the County of St. Lawrence to resolve this matter with respect to J & J without further litigation and enter into the proposed Agreement as it shall settle all allegations against J & J and avoid protracted litigation,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes a settlement agreement between Johnson & Johnson and St. Lawrence County with respect to an action relating to the opioid crisis, retroactive to September 9, 2021, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the execution and delivery on behalf of and in the name of the County of St. Lawrence by the Chair of the proposed Agreement is authorized, and the Chair is authorized to execute the proposed Agreement in a form substantially similar thereto and execute such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement with J & J, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 255-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Acres), and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

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RESOLUTION NO. 256-2021

**ADOPTING THE LEGAL ARGUMENTS OF THE AMICUS BRIEF SUBMITTED BY THE STATE OF ARIZONA ON BEHALF OF TWENTY-FIVE SIMILARLY SITUATED STATES IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW YORK STATE RIFLE AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION, INC. ET. AL V. KEVIN P. BRUEN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE POLICE, ET AL. CURRENTLY PENDING BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee  
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3;  
Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Denesha, District 6;  
Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Ms. Curran, District 15

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York currently prohibits law-abiding citizens from a carrying a handgun outside the home without a license, and it denies licenses to every citizen who fails to convince the state that he or she has “proper cause” to carry a firearm, pursuant to Penal Law § 400.00, and

**WHEREAS**, it is apparent by the language of the statute regarding the pistol licensing officer that the operative provision of “proper cause” allows a licensing officer to subjectively determine whether a person has the ability to carry a weapon, without regard to right and arguably in violation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators supported the efforts of the State of Louisiana and 17 other states who filed amicus seeking to challenge provisions of the pistol licensing statutes in New York State through the legal action of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. City of New York, State of New York et. al. (hereinafter referred to as ‘NYSRPA I’), and

**WHEREAS**, during the pendency of NYSRPA I, New York State modified the law to permit homeowners who had a premises license to carry to and from their second homes, rendering the legal action moot but leaving the ultimate issue as to the constitutionality of the New York State pistol licensing statutes unresolved, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators directed the St. Lawrence County Attorney to remain apprised of any further opportunities to challenge the pistol licensing scheme, whether through legislative change or litigation, that were to arise following the conclusion of NYSRPA I, and

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to that direction, the St. Lawrence County Attorney, as a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar, has reviewed the briefs filed in the matter of New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. Kevin P. Bruen, In his Official Capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police et. al (hereinafter referred to as ‘NYSRPA II’). currently pending before the United States Supreme Court on grant of petition of certiorari, and

**WHEREAS**, the principle issue before the United State Supreme Court on NYSRPA II is whether the pistol licensing process in the State of New York, by requiring a citizen to demonstrate ‘proper cause’, violates the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

**WHEREAS**, the review of the petitions of the respective parties, as well as the amicus briefs, filed by the respective amicus curiae, and

**WHEREAS**, among the amicus briefs reviewed was a brief filed by the States of Arizona, Missouri, Alabama, Alaska, Florida, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming (hereinafter referred to as the ‘States’), as Amici Curiae, supporting the petition of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, and

**WHEREAS**, the amicus brief filed by the various States through the State of Arizona, has asserted several legal arguments, among them: (1) That Empirical Research and the experience of the majority of the states of the United States of America demonstrates that New York State’s restrictive licensing process fails constitutional scrutiny; (2) Shall-issue pistol licensing regimes do not increase crime but do increase victim safety; and (3) That the New York State “proper cause” requirement in Penal Law § 400.00 violates basic protections afforded to the citizens through the Constitutional protections afforded under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Right to Bear Arms, and

**WHEREAS**, the arguments posited by the State of Arizona (on behalf of the various States) are arguments that the Board of Legislators and many of their constituents of St. Lawrence County share, and

**WHEREAS**, based upon its interpretation of New York State law, the Courts of the State of New York have determined that Penal Law § 400.00 et al. is the “exclusive statutory mechanism for the licensing of firearms in New York State”, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Penal Law § 400.00(2), “A license for a pistol or revolver, other than an assault weapon or a disguised gun, shall be issued to (a) have and possess in his dwelling by a householder; (b) have and possess in his place of business by a merchant or storekeeper; (c) have and carry concealed while so employed by a messenger employed by a banking institution or express company; (d) have and carry concealed by a justice of the supreme court in the first or second judicial departments, or by a judge of the New York city civil court or the New York city criminal court; (e) have and carry concealed while so employed by a regular employee of an institution of the state, or of any county, city, town or village, under control of a commissioner of correction of the city or any warden, superintendent or head keeper of any state

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prison, penitentiary, workhouse, county jail or other institution for the detention of persons convicted or accused of crime or held as witnesses in criminal cases, provided that application is made therefor by such commissioner, warden, superintendent or head keeper; (f) have and carry concealed, without regard to employment or place of possession, by any person when proper cause exists for the issuance thereof...”, and

**WHEREAS**, in New York State, a license to carry a firearm must be issued by the local licensing authority which is defined under Penal Law §265.00 (10), “Licensing officer” means in the city of New York the police commissioner of that city; in the county of Nassau the commissioner of police of that county; in the county of Suffolk the sheriff of that county except in the towns of Babylon, Brookhaven, Huntington, Islip and Smithtown, the commissioner of police of that county; for the purposes of section 400.01 of this chapter the superintendent of state police; and elsewhere in the state a judge or justice of a court of record having his office in the county of issuance, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators has long been concerned with the manner in which Pistol Licensing occurs in St. Lawrence County, specifically with respect to the arbitrary and capricious manner in which licenses are issued from County to County within the State of New York, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, the Supreme Court of the United States issued the landmark ruling in District of Columbia v. Heller, which announced the Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and

**WHEREAS**, the Heller Court held that the individual right to bear arms, as codified in the Constitution, was a pre-existent right, not dependent on the permission of the government, as that right, through codification, “shall not be infringed,” and

**WHEREAS**, despite the clear language of Heller and contemporaneous decision in McDonald v. City of Chicago, Illinois, States such as New York have continued to require its citizens to apply for permission to possess a pistol, rather than start from the operative clause presumption, that the right is fundamental and individual, and may not be restricted in that fashion, and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York pistol licensing process, as contained in Penal Law §400.00, and as applied by the Licensing Officers listed in Penal Law § 265.00, violates the plain language of Heller and of McDonald, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators, since 2015, has passed a local law and several resolutions seeking to challenge the placement of restrictions by local licensing authorities on the issuance of pistol licenses for pistol license applicants, recognizing the constitutional supremacy of the Heller decision over the legal restrictions imposed by the local licensing authority and licensing scheme established by the State of New York, and

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**WHEREAS**, in light of the Supreme Court of the United States' decision to grant certiorari to the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. Kevin P. Bruen, in his Official Capacity as the Superintendent of New York State Police et al. case, the Board of Legislators believes there may be an opportunity to join the action in support of the amicus for the purposes of asserting the rights of the citizen's the Board represents, and

**WHEREAS**, the privileges and immunities of the citizens of the United States of America and of the State of New York are to be ardently protected and secured by the respective governmental bodies of all such bodies, and

**WHEREAS**, the due process of law must be provided to each and every such citizen especially to matters of constitutional and ancient rights and liberties, and

**WHEREAS**, the ancient right and liberty to keep and bear arms is such a right and liberty, as being specifically recognized and duly adopted by the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States deserving to be so fully secured and protected, and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of the United States has undertaken to review the lawfulness and validity of the New York State Pistol Licensing process and it being the determination of this representative body being a legislature of the People of St. Lawrence County, State of New York the same being created under the Constitution of the State of New York as ratified by the People of the State of New York that the pistol licensing requirement of a demonstration of 'proper cause' constituting an unlawful and invalid infringement upon the ancient and constitutional right and liberty of the citizens of the United States to keep and bear arms as announced in the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators adopts the legal arguments of the amicus brief submitted by the State of Arizona on behalf of twenty-five similarly situated states in the matter of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. Kevin P. Bruen, in his official capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police, et. al. currently pending before the United States Supreme Court, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State of Arizona Solicitor General for review and support of the Amicus Curiae Brief filed by the State of Arizona on behalf of the various States, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the St. Lawrence County Attorney shall render aid, where possible and practicable, to the various States listed as Amici Curiae in the pending United States Supreme Court case of the New York Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. Kevin P. Bruen, in his Official Capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police, et al.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 256-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Haggard and Burke), and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

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RESOLUTION NO. 257-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH USHERWOOD OFFICE TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE A MULTI-FUNCTION DEVICE (MFD) LEASE AND PRINT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County entered into a contract with Usherwood Office Technology five (5) years ago to provide MFD units (print, scan, copy, fax) for all County departments with related services, and

**WHEREAS**, Usherwood Office Technology has provided excellent service and extra value for the county in the implementation and support of these units, including helping to eliminate fax machines in all areas where these units are deployed in keeping with the “long-term value” clause in the 2016 MFD resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, keeping Usherwood Office Technology as the vendor affords St. Lawrence County a unique opportunity in that not all units will need to be replaced yet will be fully covered, driving down costs for a yearly savings of approximately \$25,738 while adding a net of plus three (3) units to the 62 unit inventory,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Usherwood Office Technology to provide a Multi-Function Device (MFD) and Print Management Program for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the term of the contract will begin the date of installation, and run for forty-eight (48) months, for a base cost of \$6,220 per month (CD016804 42102 MSPC), and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if machines fail during the term, they will be replaced at no additional cost.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 257-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

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Finance Committee: 8-23-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 258-2021

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C  
(NO. \_\_) FOR THE YEAR 2021, “SETTING THE SALARY FOR  
THE COUNTY ATTORNEY”**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee  
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4

**WHEREAS**, proposed Local Law C (No. \_\_) for the Year 2021 will “Set the Salary for the County Attorney,” and

**WHEREAS**, the County Attorney has been tasked with taking on additional responsibilities for the Legal Unit of the Department of Social Services and not been absolved of any other duties, and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in salary is appropriate to recognize the additional work involved and should be retroactive to May 3, 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, should there be a reduction in responsibility in the future, the salary would be reviewed again for an appropriate compensation level and recommendation, and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that a public hearing on proposed Local Law C (No. \_\_) for the Year 2021 will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C (NO. \_\_) FOR THE YEAR 2021,  
“SETTING THE SALARY FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY”**

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

Section 1. For the Year 2021, the salary for the following title shall be increased to the amount listed below and the increase will be retroactive to May 3, 2021.

County Attorney \$158,000

Section 2. Should there be a reduction in duties such that the responsibility for the Legal Unit in the Department of Social Services is relocated, a review of the compensation will occur and the salary will be returned to the prior level.

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Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 258-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Burke and Haggard), and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 8-23-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 259-2021 (TABLED)

**SUPPORTING MILFOIL REDUCTION EFFORTS ON SYLVIA LAKE IN  
THE TOWN OF FOWLER AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET  
FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee  
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4

**WHEREAS**, invasive species are non-native plants and animals from other parts of the world that can threaten native wildlife and ecosystems causing ecological havoc in some of our most sensitive habitats by pushing many of the native plants and animals to the brink of extinction, and

**WHEREAS**, the negative consequences of invasive species are far-reaching, costing the United States billions of dollars in damages every year, and once invasive species become established and spread, it can be extraordinarily difficult and costly to control or eradicate them, and

**WHEREAS**, the best approach for dealing with invasive species is to create effective mechanisms to prevent their introduction in the first place, create monitoring systems for detecting new infestations, and move rapidly to eradicate newly detected invaders, and

**WHEREAS**, Eurasian water-milfoil has been identified in Sylvia Lake, in the Town of Fowler, and is quickly becoming a problem as it spreads rapidly forming mats of vegetation on the water surface, and these mats interfere with recreational activities such as boating, tourism, fishing, waterfowl hunting, and outdoor recreation, and

**WHEREAS**, Sylvia Lake has 3.9 miles of shoreline and is fed largely by spring waters, and is as deep as 142 feet in the northern lobe and near 70 feet in the southern portion, but parts of the Lake such as the South Short, Inlet Bay and some other areas are much more shallow with muddy floor sediment that provides ideal conditions for thick growth of milfoil, and

**WHEREAS**, the Sylvia Lake Association has tried hard over the years to slow the spread of milfoil on the Lake by utilizing manpower and ingenious post-conventional methodologies, and although a Milfoil Task Force has been formed they feel they are losing the battle in their efforts to smother the invasive weeds, especially near the South East inlet to the Lake, and

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**WHEREAS**, the Task Force has had discussions with Eco professionals from Cornell, St. Lawrence, and the NYS DEC with a goal of aquatic invasive management, and a Milfoil Management Fund has been created accepting donations to try to raise the substantial amount of funding needed to manage the invasive species, and

**WHEREAS**, Eurasian water-milfoil can negatively affect the water bodies it invades in several ways due to its tendency to branch profusely and form a dense canopy over the surface of the water shading out native vegetation, along with the creating a good habitat for mosquitoes, and

**WHEREAS**, the plant is not a valuable food source for waterfowl unlike some of the native submersed aquatic plants and the plant biomass can become so dense that predator fish will lose their foraging space and will be less effective at controlling prey species resulting in an imbalance fish community,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators supports milfoil reduction efforts on Sylvia Lake in the Town of Fowler, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for St. Lawrence County, as follows:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$15,000
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

B1080904 46500	B Environmental Control	\$15,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 259-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot.

Mr. Forsythe moved to table this resolution to the December Finance Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a roll call vote with ten (10) yes votes, four (4) no votes (Denisha, Reagen, Lightfoot, and Sheridan), and one (1) absent (Arquiett).



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Finance Committee: 8-23-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 260-2021

**AUTHORIZING A MORATORIUM ON AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR INVASIVE SPECIES IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY UNTIL A STUDY IS COMPLETED AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE RECEIVED TO MAKE WELL-PLANNED AND INFORMED DECISIONS ON CONTROLLING INVASIVE SPECIES IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee  
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, District 6 and Ms. Haggard, District 10

**WHEREAS**, invasive species are non-native plants and animals from other parts of the world that can threaten native wildlife and ecosystems causing ecological havoc in some of our most sensitive habitats by pushing many of the native plants and animals to the brink of extinction, and

**WHEREAS**, the negative consequences of invasive species are far-reaching, costing the United States billions of dollars in damages every year, and once invasive species become established and spread, it can be extraordinarily difficult and costly to control or eradicate them, and

**WHEREAS**, the best approach for dealing with invasive species is to create effective mechanisms to prevent their introduction in the first place, create monitoring systems for detecting new infestations, and move rapidly to eradicate newly detected invaders, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County is the largest county in New York State, geographically, with 2,822 square miles of land and 75 miles borders the St. Lawrence River, which is just one of more than 200 rivers, ponds, and lakes within the County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators recognizes there may be invasive species in many of the County waterways, along with other invasive species infestations on land, and wants to better understand how to help alleviate or manage invasive species and the impact they have on the ecosystem of the County, and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to gather information the Board is requesting the Planning Office and Environmental Management Council (EMC) to do a study to collect, utilize, and share information with the Board of Legislators on infestations, control methods, monitoring, and research,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators authorizes a moratorium on authorizing funding for invasive species in St. Lawrence County until a study is completed and recommendations are received to make well-planned and informed decisions on controlling invasive species in St. Lawrence County, and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Environmental Management Council and the St. Lawrence County Planning Board.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 260-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

No action was taken on the following resolution:

Services Committee: 5-17-2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 154-2021 (TABLED)**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LOT 21 FOR SPACE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, LOCATED AT 206 FORD STREET AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 213-2008 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with David and Lynn Blevins for the lease of property at 206 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, and

**WHEREAS**, the space is currently occupied by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Probation, and Community Services' Addiction Services Clinic, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for additional office space for the Department of Social Services and an opportunity to potentially create efficiencies through a pilot program of placement of staff in the community, and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the agreement will be for three (3) years, from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, for approximately 1,926 square feet, and

**WHEREAS**, the rental rate will be \$12.00 per square foot in the first year of the lease, and the annual amount will increase approximately \$161 each year for the three (3) year term of the lease,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease agreement with Lot 21 for space for the Department of Social Services in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, located at 206 Ford Street, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Social Services, as follows:

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the initial rental rate will be \$12.00 per square foot in the first year of the three year term, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024,

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

DAS60104 40700	D SG Building and Property Rent	\$11,566
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**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

T1013254 40700	T TRES Ogd/Mass Rent Shortfall	\$9,150
DMM61004 46500	D Medicaid to State	<u>2,416</u>
		\$11,566

Mr. Denesha moved to remove the following resolution from the Table, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Perkins), and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 5-24-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 261-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LOT 21 FOR SPACE IN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, LOCATED AT 206 FORD STREET**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 213-2008 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with David and Lynn Blevins for the lease of property at 206 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, and

**WHEREAS**, the space is currently occupied by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Probation, and Community Services' Addiction Services Clinic, and

**WHEREAS**, there will be a reduction in footprint from the previous lease from 8,523 square foot to 6,471 square foot due to the relocation of the Single Point of Access (SPOA) Program and the Health Home Care Management Service Dollars Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of a new agreement will be three (3) years and run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 for approximately 6,471 square feet, and

**WHEREAS**, the rental rate per square foot will be \$12.12 per square foot (K1414104 40700, Q1031404 40700, A1342504 40700) in the first year of the lease and will increase \$0.12 per annum each year for the three (3) year term of the lease,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease agreement with Lot 21 for space in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, located at 206 Ford Street, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** at an initial rental rate of \$12.12, for a term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to amend the resolution to change the terms of the agreement from five years to three years, change to date of contract to July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 in the fourth whereas; to change to square footage rate from \$12 to \$12.12 and \$500 per annum for five years to \$0.12 per annum for three years in the fifth whereas; and change the be it further resolved rental rate from \$12 to \$12.12 for a term through June 30, 2024, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Resolution No. 261-2021 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

**RESOLUTION NO. 262-2021**

**AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES**

By Mr. Burke, District 12 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

**WHEREAS**, Resolution Nos. 281-2008 and 198-2011 implemented a non-essential hiring freeze and created a thirty day delay of filling positions and implemented emergency measures that provided an exception for positions completely funded by an outside source to be filled, respectively in response to the fiscal challenges faced by the County, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 222-2015 that affirmed the 2008 hiring freeze and extended the standard delay for filling vacancies to 60 days, and Resolution No. 226-2015 reinstated the Vacancy Review Committee to be inclusive of Legislators and staff to return recommendations for filling vacancies going forward, and

**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,

**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
Public Health	Public Health Specialist*	504300007	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Caseworker	815200023	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Systems	Computer Technician	202700003	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Community Services/Mental Health	Program Director	512700003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Board of Legislators	B&G Supervisor*	303200001	PT	Provisional	Immediate
Public Health	Deputy Director of Public Health	505600002	FT	Permanent	Immediate

\*new position

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

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Mr. Burke moved to adopt Resolution No. 262-2021, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

RESOLUTION NO. 263-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY  
KNOWN AS “THE GARDNER SITE” LOCATED AT  
4241 STATE HIGHWAY 3, FINE, NEW YORK, TO THE TOWN OF FINE**

By Mr. Acres, District 8

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County has developed a strategic plan to target potentially environmentally contaminated properties and properties posing potential liability throughout the County to assist in making these once economically productive properties beneficial to their communities again, and

**WHEREAS**, the County of St. Lawrence (“County”) commenced an action against the property located in the Town of Fine due to tax delinquency by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 1, 2019, for unpaid ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the following properties located in St. Lawrence County (hereinafter referred to as the “Sites”):

“The Gardner Site”

- Owner: Gordon Gardner and Lynn Gardner
- Address: 4241 State Highway 3, Town of Fine
- Tax ID # 224.000-1-6.11
- Delinquent Taxes and Penalties Owed (less interest) - \$28,544.51

**WHEREAS**, the County obtained a judgment of foreclosure on the Site on July 29, 2021 for delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and fees totaling \$37,503.31, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Fine has approached the County with an interest in obtaining the Site due to provide legal access to the Town of Fine water tower and in hopes of use as a joint telecommunications tower for the value of the base taxes, penalties, and fees, less any interest,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to convey real property known as “The Gardner Site” located at 4241 State Highway 3, Fine, New York, to the Town of Fine, for the amount of the base level of taxes, penalties, and fees due and owing in the amount of \$28,544.51 and to execute any other agreements necessary to effectuate the terms of the agreement, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 263-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiatt).

RESOLUTION NO. 264-2021

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WITH THE 2021 THEME BEING “RECOVERY IS FOR EVERYONE: EVERY PERSON, EVERY FAMILY, EVERY COMMUNITY”**

By Ms. Curran, District 15

**WHEREAS**, Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life, and

**WHEREAS**, Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery, and these observances reinforces the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover, and

**WHEREAS**, there are millions of Americans whose lives have been transformed through recovery, and Recovery Month provides a chance for everyone to celebrate these accomplishments while helping to increase awareness and foster a greater understanding about mental and substance use disorders, and

**WHEREAS**, each year, a new focus and theme is selected to spread the message, and the 2021 Recovery Month observance will work to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 National Recovery Theme, “*Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community,*” reminds people in recovery and those who support them that no one is alone in the journey through recovery,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators proclaims September as National Recovery Month in St. Lawrence County with the 2021 Theme being “Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community.”

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 264-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiatt).

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RESOLUTION NO. 265-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH  
VITALWARE, LLC, FOR WEB-BASED PRODUCTS, SOFTWARE, AND TOOLS  
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, District 15

**WHEREAS**, Vitalware, LLC, provides web-based products, software and tools for the medical industry, including business intelligence and analytics, and

**WHEREAS**, Vitalware, LLC, provides a searchable database of clinical documentation which helps physicians, coders and documentation specialists bridge the gap between clinical documentation and ICD-9 or ICD-10 coding, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services would like Vitalware, LLC, to provide these services and will use SOR Grant funding for a one-time set up fee of \$2,500, and four (4) months subscription (A1Z42504 42004) in the amount of \$3,152,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Vitalware, LLC, for web-based products, software and tools for Community Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 265-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

RESOLUTION NO. 266-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH  
EPOCH HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC, FOR REVIEW OF  
BILLING PRACTICES IN COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, District 15

**WHEREAS**, billing efficiencies in Community Services have been a concern of both the Board of Legislators and State regulating agencies, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services is already improving its billing practices and implementing a new Electronic Health Record, and

**WHEREAS**, Epoch Health Solutions, LLC, can help to identify and resolve billing issues by assessing and improving billing operations, coding, documentation, and compliance, and provide associated training, and

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**WHEREAS**, the County has worked successfully with Epoch Health Solutions, LLC, in the past with other compliancy projects, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department will be paying for this service in the amount of \$8,000 with the use of SOR Grant funding (A1Z42504 43007),

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Epoch Health Solutions, LLC, for review of billing practices in Community Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 266-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

RESOLUTION NO. 267-2021

**AFFIRMING THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Acres, District 8;  
Ms. Terminelli, District 14; and Ms. Curran, District 15

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2021, Resolution No. 67-2021 appointed Jolene Munger to the position of Interim Director of Public Health, and

**WHEREAS**, the Search Committee completed a search with the assistance of a recruiter, and recommended that the current Interim Director should remain in the role,

**WHEREAS**, the interim appointment will provide an opportunity for a permanent appointment to be considered by the Board of Legislators and the Board of Health, upon approval of the New York State Department of Health,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators affirms Jolene Munger to the position of Interim Director of Public Health at a salary of \$101,616 to commence immediately, until a permanent appointment of Director of Public Health for St. Lawrence County, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the interim appointment for Jolene Munger will increase the salary to Band VII, Step 2, and authorize payout of current compensatory time.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 267-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Forsythe, and Ms. Haggard.



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Mr. Acres asked to be added as a co-sponsor to the resolution.

Resolution No. 267-2021 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Ms. Doyle said there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases, and she would like to review options for employees whose jobs include going into people's home and interacting with the public to wear masks as an alternative to a full mask mandate. There are ongoing conversations with school districts regarding k-12 testing mandates.

Last week she and Chair Sheridan met with the SUNY Canton Chancellor on a panel to discuss how SUNYs are redefining themselves.

Negotiations for Council 82 Supervisors are scheduled this week.

The County has its reporting in for the American Rescue Plan.

Operations and Services Committees are scheduled for next Monday, and Finance will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. DANC will be providing a broadband survey at the Finance Committee Meeting.

NYSAC is working on cyber security challenge, and Ms. Doyle was asked to join an advisory team.

Ms. Doyle said there has been an additional \$250 million appropriated for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and have included landlords so that they are now able to apply. There are 450 applications complete in St. Lawrence County for rental arrears, 364 applications for the prospective rental, and 103 utility arrears applications completed.

St. Lawrence County was awarded for the highest earner award for the procurement card and received \$111,000 in rebates this year. Since this initiative began, St. Lawrence County has consistently been the highest earner. Ms. Doyle gave great thanks to Stephanie Kerr in the Purchasing Department for her efforts.

Ms. Doyle said she and County Treasurer, Renee Cole, graduated from the County Government Institute tonight.

Ms. Terminelli asked how the unions and staff feel about the mask mandate. Ms. Doyle said she will gather the information from staff and unions.

Ms. Haggard said employers with more than 100 employees are now able to mandate vaccines or testing, and she asked if the County fell into this group. Count Attorney Button said President Biden issued an Executive Order on protecting workers health and safety under the Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). He believes this does not include government

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agencies at this time.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Perkins said he has concerns of the Parishville EMS responding to calls all over the County because some towns are unable to get nearby departments to respond. This leaves the Parishville area not covered when an emergency arises. Part of the issue may be the lack of volunteers and the stringent training. He has spoken with Emergency Services Director Matt Denner and will follow up with him on solutions.

Ms. Haggard said she understands by being an elected official she is open to having comments made about herself, but the way public participation is being conducted causes her concern. She believes in freedom of speech and believes anyone who wishes to come before the Board should have a right to do so, but comments made about private citizens seems wrong.

Mr. Smithers said at the Town of Gouverneur meeting Community Center has had to expand the meals on wheels and has requested help with funding.

Mr. Burke said he would like an update on the status of the opioid treatment program clinic. He said he believes the provider is in breach of the contract as the clinic is not up and running.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Mr. Smithers said the Gouverneur Fair Board has reported the County fair was very successful this year.

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Executive Session at 9:45 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Open Session at 10:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Mr. Acres moved to appoint the following individual to the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board (Term to Expire: 9/13/2024), seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett):

Christine Sampson Downs, 35 Smokey Ridge Road, Plattsburgh 12901

Mr. Smithers made a motion to allow employees placed in quarantine by Public Health to work remotely subject to a thirty (30) day review, seconded by Mr. Reagen and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

**CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS:**

Chair Sheridan made the following appointments:

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A. Search Committee for Commissioner of Social Services – Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Burke, Ms. Terminelli, and Mr. Sheridan (ex officio).

B. Redistricting Committee – Mr. Perkins, Mr. Fay, Mr. Acres, Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Sheridan (ex officio)

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Sheridan adjourned the September Full Board Meeting at 10:23 p.m., as there was no further business.