

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

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES: Mr. Forsythe 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. Arquiatt, Ms. Curran, Ms. Fiacco, and Ms. Terminelli attended remotely.

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

LONGEVITY CEREMONY: The following individuals were recognized for their years of services:

Thirty Year Employees: Emergency Services – *Tammy LaBrake*; Highway – *Scott Murdie*; Office of the Aging – *Sherry McGill*; Public Health – *Tari Burnett*; Real Property – *James Race*; Sheriff – *Michael MacCue*; Social Services – *Susanna Law, Ruthann Narrow, and Randy Stoffel*

Thirty-Five Year Employee: Probation – *Renee Miller*

Forty Year Employee: Sheriff – *Joyce Wood*

Legislator Acres, District 8, and Legislator Arquiatt, District 13, each received ten years of services certificates and pins.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Denesha moved to approve the October 4th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Jolene Munger and Dr. Williams

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

1. A card was received from the family of former Legislator Fred Morrill thanking the Board of Legislators and Department Heads for the sympathy card, flowers, and donation to the Northern NY Jr. Bassmasters.
2. A card was received from Jacob Farley, Club President of the Northern NY Jr. Bassmaster thanking the Board of Legislators for the donation made in memory of Fred Morrill.
3. An email was received from a citizen of St. Lawrence County regarding the resolution entitled, “Establishing a Foster Care Resource Policy Regarding the Future Placement of Children into Foster Care Owned and Operated by Employees of the Department of Social Services.”

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4. An email was received from Kristine Cassidy regarding the Department of Social Services Child Protective.
5. An email was received from Claudia Fantone, foster parent in St. Lawrence County, regarding the Department of Social Services Child Protective.
6. An email was received from Rachel Phillips, Helena, MT, regarding the Department of Social Services Child Protective.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

William Roome, Madrid; Mary Skelly, Ogdensburg; Courtney Fantone; Erica Porter, Watertown; Peggy Aidun, Potsdam; Patricia Langstaff, Ogdensburg; David Smith; Rachel Raven, Gouverneur; Kaylee Myers, Massena; Rodney Pelkey, Ogdensburg; Joshua Collins, Massena; Jameson Porter, Watertown; and Dottie Spears, via audio message all spoke regarding the Department of Social Services Child Protective.

Lisa Newcombe of Canton and employee of Social Services spoke regarding foster children placement.

The Chair called a recess at 8:49 p.m., and resumed at 8:57 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Services Committee: 10-18-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 316-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) provides significant economic relief to help households at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability by providing rental arrears, temporary rental assistance, and utility arrears assistance, and

WHEREAS, Resolution Nos. 218-2021 and 243-2021 authorized a contract and modified the budget for MILC and Social Services to reach out to assist the public with applying for ERAP benefits and referenced a remaining \$20,000 available for use, and

WHEREAS, information regarding salary and benefit expenditures for the ERAP is available and it is necessary to modify the 2021 Budget for Social 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) for the Department of Social Services, as follows:

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60101 11000 ERAP	D ERAP Direct Service Worker	\$12,595
DAG60108 81000 ERAP	D Retirement	1,835
DAG60108 83000 ERAP	D Social Security	919
DAG60108 84000 ERAP	D Workmens Compensation	336
DAG60108 84500 ERAP	D Group Life Insurance	27
DAG60108 86000 ERAP	D Hospital & Medical Insurance	4,033
DAG60108 86500 ERAP	D Dental Insurance	187
DAG60108 89000 ERAP	D Vision Insurance	68
		<u>\$20,000</u>

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60104 43007 ERAP	D ERAP Other Fees and Services	\$20,000
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 316-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 317-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES GRANT**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, information regarding funding for the Adult Protective Service Grant has been received and it is necessary to modify the 2021 Social Services Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Grant can be used for cleaning supplies, cleaning services, tents, blankets, education and training for staff, technology for clients, and an electronic device for staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for Social Services for Adult Protective Services Grant, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60104 43007 APSG	D APSG Other Fees and Services	\$34,772
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DAG46105 57000 APSG	D FA APSG Revenue	\$34,772
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 317-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 10-18-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 318-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM NYS OMH TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AS PASS THROUGH FUNDING TO NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Community Services receives New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) State Aid funding authorization as pass through funding for agencies in the community, and

WHEREAS, Northern Regional Center for Independent Living (NRCIL) submitted a late voucher for these funds and OMH has approved the late payment, and

WHEREAS, this is one-hundred percent (100%) pass through funding for contract agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for Community Services for funding received from NYS OMH funding as pass through funding to approved community agencies, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4443224 465NR	A OFS NRCIL Advances	\$29,608
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A4434905 56000	A SA OFS Other Mental Health Programs	\$29,608
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 318-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 10-18-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 319-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM NYS OMH TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AS PASS THROUGH FUNDING TO APPROVED AGENCIES

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Community Services has received an updated New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) State Aid funding authorization as pass through funding for community agencies that includes salary and fringe support adjustments, and

WHEREAS, this is one-hundred (100%) percent pass through funding for contract agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Community Services Budget for OMH funding as pass through funding as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4443224 465TL	A OFS NCTLS Advances	\$2,868
A4243224 465UH	A CRV United Helpers Advances	<u>150</u>
		\$3,018

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4443224 465UH	A OFS United Helpers Advances	\$2,638
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A4134905 56000	A SA CSS Mental Health	\$352
A4234905 56000	A SA CR Other Mental Health Programs	<u>969</u>
		\$1,321

DECREASE REVENUE:

A4434905 56000	A SA OFS Other Mental Health Programs	\$941
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 319-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 10-18-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 320-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH
VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) funds (Y4073204 46000) and revenue (Y4038205 560GY) available to provide Youth Development Programs, and

WHEREAS, a variety of agencies submitted Request for Proposals (RFP) for Youth Development Program funding through the Youth Bureau this year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with various organizations for Youth Development Programs, upon approval of the County Attorney, as follows:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
PAL of Massena	\$5,000
Brasher Stockholm Recreation	4,000
Canton Free Library	2,500
Canton Recreation	3,000
Fowler Recreation	1,000
Gouverneur Youth Development Program	9,000
Hammond Summer Recreation	1,000
Louisville Recreation	1,000
Massena Summer Recreation	2,000
Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club	9,000
Ogdensburg Command Performance	2,000
Parishville Recreation	2,000
Potsdam Recreation	<u>5,000</u>
	\$46,500

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 320-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) abstention (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 321-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE
2021 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN SIGNATURE PAGE**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires that the Youth Bureau submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2021 Youth Development Program year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature Page will qualify the County for State reimbursement in the 2021 Program Year, and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2021 for youth development programs is \$106,456, and

WHEREAS, OCFS will reimburse St. Lawrence County for contract and county agency program expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP), plan, provide fiscal/grants management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2021 RAP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2021 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 321-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 10-18-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 322-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OF THE NORTH COUNTRY FOR THE COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging has agreed to provide \$25,000 a year in financial support for the next two (2) years to the Community Friendship Volunteer Program operated by The Community Health Center of the North Country, and

WHEREAS, these funds will be pass through funds from the Office for the Aging to the Community Health Center of the North Country, and

WHEREAS, a contract is needed between the Office for the Aging and The Community Health Center of the North Country, and

WHEREAS, The Community Friendship Program is an entirely volunteer-run program that provides friendship, companionship, and a helping hand to older residents, serving as their advocates and helping them stay connected to their communities, and

WHEREAS, Volunteers of The Community Friendship Volunteer Program help meet unmet needs in our County by helping older adults to age in place; assisting with the following tasks: medical transportation, friendly visiting, coordinating social activities, planning community outings, and providing respite for caregivers, and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging would like to contract for these services with The Community Health Center of the North Country on an annual basis (OA067724 43007),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with The Community Health Center of the North Country for the Community Friendship Volunteer Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 322-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 10-18-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 323-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO
ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE RESPONSE**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) is awarding St. Lawrence County a Local Health Department (LHD) COVID-19 Vaccine Response contract (C36959GG) to promote and increase COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccine uptake, and

WHEREAS, this funding, in the amount of \$192,305 (PPZ44895 57000 VAC) may be used for COVID-19 vaccine implementation expenses retroactive to January 1, 2021 and is available through June 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, covered expenses include staffing for COVID-19 vaccination clinics (including expanded hours of operation) that are convenient and accessible to COVID-19 priority groups and other underserved populations; replace, repair and supplement LHD vaccine storage, transport and temperature monitoring equipment as needed; educate and provide technical assistance to Vaccines for Children and COVID-19 vaccine providers; and to conduct local COVID-19 vaccine promotion media campaigns,

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

PPZ44895 57000 VAC	P VAC COVID-19 Federal Aid	\$192,305
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PPZ40101 19000 VAC	P VAC Temporary and Part Time	\$25,000
PPZ40104 41901 VAC	P VAC Central Printing	10,000
PPZ40104 42800 VAC	P VAC Other Supplies	45,000
PPZ40104 43005 VAC	P VAC Advertising Fees & Expense	25,000
PPZ40104 43007 VAC	P VAC Other Fees and Services	46,881
PPZ40104 44300 VAC	P VAC Mileage	2,500
PPZ40104 45100 VAC	P VAC Medical Supplies	32,000
PPZ40108 81000 VAC	P VAC Retirement	3,338
PPZ40108 83000 VAC	P VAC Social Security	1,913
PPZ40108 84000 VAC	P VAC Workers Compensation	<u>673</u>
		\$192,305

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

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 323-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 10-18-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 324-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A RESERVE FOR
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REVENUE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 265-2020 authorized the Chair to sign bus advertising agreements, and

WHEREAS, the revenue that is generated from these agreements is used to offset public transportation operating expenses and to satisfy the local match requirement of the County for State and Federal rural transit funds, and

WHEREAS, a reserve account is needed for net proceeds of bus advertising revenue to pay for future public transportation expenses (N2B17895 55000),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to create the Public Transportation Fund Reserve (01TG0899 50300 PT) for the exclusive use of public transportation equipment and operations.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 324-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Operations Committee: 10-18-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 325-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO APPOINT THE COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR
AS THE CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
AS REQUIRED BY FY 2021 CDBG - CARES GRANT AWARD**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, in 2021 St. Lawrence County successfully applied for \$580,000 through the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) under the Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Program (CDBG-CARES) in order to assist low-income households that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to make repairs to their homes, and

WHEREAS, the County was notified of its grant award on October 15, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program requires that the County compile an Environmental Review Record (ERR), and to appoint a Certifying Officer for that purpose, and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Office has experience in administering CDBG-funded programs, and the Planning Director has previously served as Certifying Officer for CDBG ERRs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Planning Director to serve as the Certifying Officer for environmental review as required by FY 2021 CDBG - Cares Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 325-2021, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 326-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FY 2021 CDBG - CARES GRANT AWARD**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) awarded \$580,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for St. Lawrence County to establish and administer the CDBG-CARES Housing Rehabilitation Program, and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to approximately ten (10) eligible, income-qualified households in communities across the County that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract and related documents with New York State Office of Community Renewal to establish a CDBG-CARES Housing Rehabilitation Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 326-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 10-18-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 327-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF A CAPITAL PROJECT
FOR THE WEBSITE REDESIGN PROJECT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 282-2019 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Catalog & Commerce Solutions, LLC, dba Discover eGov, for the Website Redesign Project and authorized Treasurer created a Capital Project (CD616804 43007 2702) in the amount of \$35,000, and

WHEREAS, a newly redesigned St. Lawrence County website went live in July of 2020, and the new website presents some new features, streamlines information, and provides an updated design to maximize the utilization for all visitors to the County Website, and

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WHEREAS, the new County website is averaging over forty thousand (40,000) hits per month and quickly became a central location for COVID-19 Information for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in addition, an entirely new concept has been introduced for county employees called 'My SLC' Intranet which is a centralized repository for internal software applications, information, documents, reservation calendars, events, employee appreciation, trainings, and more went live in August of 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Capital Project met its goals, came in on budget, and the project is now complete,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the closure of the Capital Project created for the Website Redesign Project.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 327-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 10-25-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 328-2021

DETERMINING THAT THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TRUCK EQUIPMENT GARAGE AND A NEW SALT/SAND STORAGE BUILDING IN THE TOWN OF POTSDAM IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK AND WILL NOT RESULT IN ANY SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators intends to construct a new truck equipment garage and a new sand/salt storage building for the St Lawrence County Highway Department in Potsdam on a parcel currently owned by James Sheehan in order to enhance the effectiveness of the County Highway Department operations in and throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the County intends to purchase parcel 75.002-1-5 and an access easement over 75.002-1-24 located at 7092 US Route 11 in the Town of Potsdam, New York, St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the County intends to initiate this activity by an award of contract for the construction of these buildings, and

WHEREAS, such award of contract and real property purchase constitutes an "action" as delineated in the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act "SEQRA", ECL Section 8-

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0101, et seq., and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “SEQRA Regulations”), and

WHEREAS, a Short Environmental Assessment Forms (SEAF) identifying and assessing the potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed construction and purchase at said location has been prepared and distributed in electronic form to the members of this body for their review, and

WHEREAS, the preparation of the SEAF incorporated data gleaned from the following sources: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation critical habitats data bases, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation information on archeological sites and concerns, FEMA FIRM maps for each town, state and federal wetlands delineation maps, a state and federal wetland delineation study, internal engineering assessments, highway sufficiency ratings, soils maps, a site survey and assessment of local land use regulations and design considerations that may be incorporated to minimize adverse impacts, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the SEQRA regulations, considering only a part or segment of an action is improper under SEQRA, and therefore, the Board of Legislators is expressly considering the cumulative impact of both the purchase of real property and construction of a proposed truck equipment garage and a proposed sand/salt storage building,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators determines that the purchase of real property and construction of a new truck equipment garage and a new salt/sand storage building in the Town of Potsdam in St. Lawrence County, New York and will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators determines that based upon the environmental assessment form and supporting materials, the development of said property through construction of a new equipment garage and a new sand/salt storage building will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators directs the County Administrator to prepare a "Negative Declaration" which indicates that the Board determined that no adverse environmental impacts will result from this project based upon the summary and evaluation of potential environmental impacts as described in the SEAF and incorporating the points noted in the staff presentation and the discussion of this Resolution by the Board of Legislators, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators will fully comply with any and all permit conditions to mitigate environmental damage both during construction and occupancy of and operations at the property as may be required by other permitting agencies subject to the conclusions of their SEQRA reviews and/or in compliance with all applicable environmental requirements or standards.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 328-2021, second by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) abstention (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 329-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR EQUIPMENT REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, AND FUEL

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, equipment repairs and maintenance expenses for work done for other County departments are projected to exceed the 2021 Budget, and

WHEREAS, fuel island expenses are projected to exceed the 2021 budget due to price increases, and

WHEREAS, increased expenses in repairs and maintenance and fuel island are offset by revenue received by County Departments and other municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the Department would like to amend the budget to more closely reflect actual operations 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 equipment repair, maintenance, and fuel, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HD051304 42200	H ER I/D Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	\$50,000
HR051304 441FI	H RM Fuel Island	<u>115,000</u>
		\$165,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

HD027705 550OG	H LR Services - Other Govt	\$50,000
HR027705 550GR	H LR Department Gasoline Reimb	<u>115,000</u>
		\$165,000

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 329-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 330-2021

**APPROVING THE 2022 ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT FEE RATES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department sets fee rates during the budget process, and

WHEREAS, the Development Authority of the North Country (“DANC”) has announced a three dollar (\$3) per ton increase in tipping fees for Solid Waste beginning January 1, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department is an Enterprise Fund which relies on various fees charged to haulers and the public to finance its operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the 2022 St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department fee rates, as follows:

DESCRIPTION	PRICE/TON-UNIT 2021	PRICE/TON-UNIT 2022
Trash / Ton - Non-Hauler	\$166 Per Ton	\$169 Per Ton
Compacted Trash / Ton - Hauler	\$100 Per Ton	\$103 Per Ton
Trash / Ton - Hauler	\$134 Per Ton	\$137 Per Ton
C&D Debris - Non-Hauler	\$162 Per Ton	\$165 Per Ton
C&D Debris - Hauler	\$134 Per Ton	\$137 Per Ton
Shingles	\$134 Per Ton	\$137 Per Ton
Mattress/Box Spring Any Size	\$8 Per Unit (Mattress/box spring: \$16)	\$8 Per Unit (Mattress/box spring: \$16)
Weight Only	No Charge	No Charge
Weight Only - Charge	\$5 Per Unit	\$5 Per Unit
Spring / Fall Munic Cleanups	\$120 Per Ton	\$123 Per Ton
Single Trash Bag	\$4 Per Unit	\$4 Per Unit
Recyclables - Non-Hauler	\$30 Per Ton	\$30 Per Ton
Recyclables - Hauler	\$30 Per Ton	\$30 Per Ton
General Hauling Fee **	1 Unit = 1 Hour (\$125 Minimum)	1 Unit = 1 Hour (\$125 Minimum)
Unloading Service Fee - Non-Hauler	\$25 Each Time	\$25 Each Time
Unloading Service Fee - Hauler	\$15 Each Time	\$15 Each Time
Uncovered Load Fee	\$15 Per Unit	\$15 Per Unit
Ogdensburg Municipal Sludge	\$122 Per Ton	\$125 Per Ton
WWTP GRIT	\$93 Per Ton	\$96 Per Ton

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Municipal Sludge	\$122 Per Ton	\$125 Per Ton
County Trash Bags – Lg. (5 Pack)	5 Unit Minimum \$20	5 Unit Minimum \$21
County Trash Bags – Sm. (10 Pack)	10 Unit Minimum \$20	10 Unit Minimum \$21
Oversized (>44") & Off-Road Tires	\$180 Per Ton (0-180lbs: \$15 min.)	\$185 Per Ton (0-180lbs: \$15 min.)
Car & Truck Tires (<44")	\$180 Per Ton (0-240 lbs.: \$15 Min)	\$185 Per Ton (0-240 lbs.: \$15 min.)
Recycling Tags (5 Pack)	\$2 For 5 Tags	\$2 For 5 Tags
Combo Pack (Bags & Tags)	\$22 For 5 Bags and Tags	\$23 For 5 Bags and Tags
Contamination Charge	\$50 Per Unit (\$50 Minimum)	\$50 Per Unit (\$50 Minimum)
Direct Haul MSW	\$9.00 Per Ton	\$9.50 Per Ton
Direct Haul C&D	\$9.00 Per Ton	\$9.50 Per Ton
(DH) Sludge-Non Beneficial	\$11.50 Per Ton	\$12.00 Per Ton
(DH) Sludge-Beneficial	\$11.50 Per Ton	\$12.00 Per Ton
(DH) Sewage Sludge	\$11.50 Per Ton	\$12.00 Per Ton
(DH) Industrial Waste	\$11.50 Per Ton	\$12.00 Per Ton
(DH) Contaminated Soil	No Charge	No Charge
(DH) Asbestos-Friable	\$11.50 Per Ton	\$12.00 Per Ton
(DH) Asbestos-Bulk	\$11.50 Per Ton	\$12.00 Per Ton

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 330-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 331-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH ODIN ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC FOR EXPANDED ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY GRANT’S GAS AND GROCERY AND FOR INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION ON PROPERTY OWNED BY ROSALYN SALAMACHA, BRUCE GALLOWAY, AND FLEET TECHNIQUES, LLC

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County commenced an In Rem real property tax foreclosure proceeding for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against property owned by the Estate of Betty Davis known as the Davis Site, in the Town of Fowler, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 187.047-1-27) and against properties owned by Melvin Bice known as the Bice Site, in the Town of Russell, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map Nos. 163.082-2-20 and 163.082-2-21) and against property owned by Grant's Gas & Grocery known at the Grant's Site in Town of Potsdam, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 75.002-2-6), and

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WHEREAS, on June 7, 2021, the Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 165-2021 wherein the County retained the services of Odin Environmental, LLC to perform environmental exploration on the Grant's Site, the Davis Site, and the Bice Site to determine whether environmental remediation was required in order to take title to the properties, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the environmental testing performed at the property owned by the Estate of Betty Davis, the County has reached a tentative agreement with the New York State Oil Spill Fund for cleanup of the subject property, and

WHEREAS, the County has determined additional testing at the property known as the Grant's Site is required in order to determine what further steps remain to be performed in order to acquire title to the property, and

WHEREAS, the County has also commenced In Rem real property tax foreclosure proceedings for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against property owned by Bruce Galloway known as the Galloway Site, located at 64 South Main Street in the Town of Hammond, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 126.068-1-3.1), against property owned by Rosalyn Salamacha known as the Salamacha Site, located at 13 South Main Street in the Town of Hammond, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 127.053-3-1), and against property owned by Fleet Techniques known as the Fleet Site, located at 1 North Main Street in the Village of Norwood, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 42.066-6-33) and has also secured legal authority to perform environmental explorations at the Galloway Site and Salamacha Site and the Fleet Site, and

WHEREAS, the Properties are each known to have had historic storage and sale of gasoline and other petroleum product and are believed to be potentially contaminated with petroleum discharged from historic petroleum storage tank systems at each parcel, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to amend the existing contract with Odin Environmental, LLC to have an environmental investigation conducted on the Galloway Site, the Fleet Site, and the Salamacha Site as well as perform additional testing at the Grant's Site to obtain information about the environmental conditions, including whether or not there is subsurface petroleum contamination of the soil and groundwater and, further, the general nature and extent of any discovered contamination, so that the County can make an informed decision concerning the Properties prior to a judgment of foreclosure being entered,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amended contract with Odin Environmental, LLC for expanded environmental investigation of property owned by Grant's Gas and Grocery and for initial environmental investigation on Property owned by Rosalyn Salamacha, Bruce Galloway, and Fleet Techniques, LLC, and any other documentation necessary to effectuate the terms of the agreement for environmental investigations, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 331-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 332-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SPILL COMPENSATION FUND AND COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE, NEW YORK, REGARDING A CERTAIN TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY OWNED BY BETTY DAVIS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, with the assistance of Gary Bowitch, Esq., St. Lawrence County has worked to identify properties in need of remediation, and

WHEREAS, the site, comprised of a singular tax map parcel, was identified as requiring environmental remediation before it can be conveyed via auction, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence ("County") has commenced an action against a property located in the Town of Fowler due to tax delinquency by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 1, 2020, for unpaid ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the following property located in St. Lawrence County (hereinafter referred to as the "Site"):

"Betty Davis Site"

- Owner: Betty Davis (Estate)
- Addresses: 90 Little York Rd, Fowler, New York,
- Tax ID #: 187.047-1-27
- DEC Spill No: 21-03071
- Spill Status: Open

WHEREAS, the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund (the "Fund") was created by Navigation Law § 179, and

WHEREAS, the Fund is seeking to perform cleanup of petroleum contaminants at the Sites, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Navigation Law § 180, the Administrator of the Fund is authorized to settle claims on behalf of the Fund and to make additional expenditures for cleanup of any potentially petroleum contaminated sites, and

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WHEREAS, any agreement between the Fund and the County would require the State of New York to perform all necessary environmental remediation at the Site after the County acquires title to the Site through tax foreclosure at a cost to be solely borne by the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate redevelopment of the Site, the County wants to enter into an agreement with the Fund wherein the Fund would release its potential claims against the County, for past and future cleanup and removal costs incurred by the State, including interest thereon and applicable penalties prior to the County taking title to the Site through tax foreclosure, and

WHEREAS, any release provided by the Fund to the County shall extend to the successors or assigns of the County with respect to the Site; however, such release shall not extend, nor can it be transferred to any successors or assigns of the County at the Site, if such successors in title are persons deemed legally responsible for the discharge of petroleum at the Site, respectively,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund and County of St. Lawrence, New York, regarding a certain tax delinquent property owned by Betty Davis, and any other agreements necessary to effectuate the terms of the agreement, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 332-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 333-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
C&S ENGINEERS, INC. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION ON
PROPERTY OWNED BY NEWTON FALLS HOLDING, LLC**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County has commenced an In Rem real property tax foreclosure proceeding for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against property owned by Newton Falls Holding, LLC located at County Route 60, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map Nos. 214.000-8-1 (consisting of 48.3 acres), 214.000-7-1.1 (consisting of 179.8 acres) and 203.000-4-2.1 (consisting of 27.6 acres) (hereinafter referred to as the "Properties"), and

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WHEREAS, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$8,435.19, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$13,563.75 for a total of \$21,998.94 on the parcel owned by the Newton Fall Holding, LLC with Tax Map No. 214.000-8-1; there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$31,414.79 together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$35,798.78 for a total of \$67,213.57 on the parcel owned by Newton Falls Holding, LLC with Tax Map No. 214.000-7-1.1; and there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$4,563.54, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$9,668.77 for a total of \$14,232.31 on the parcel owned by Newton Falls Holding, LLC with Tax Map No. 203.000-4-2.1, and

WHEREAS, the properties previously comprised a portion of the historical location of the Newton Falls Paper Mill and historically were reported to be the location of a paper waste sludge depository which is believed to be potentially contaminated, and

WHEREAS, the County wants to have an initial Phase I Environmental Investigation conducted on the Properties to obtain information about the environmental conditions and to identify any recognized environmental conditions that may need further investigation, including subsurface exploration so that the County can make an informed decision concerning the Properties prior to a judgment of foreclosure being entered, and

WHEREAS, C&S Engineers, Inc. has submitted a proposal whereby they will perform a Phase I examination of the Properties for two thousand, eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,850) to determine whether any subsurface exploration is required, and

WHEREAS, the Phase I Environmental Investigation will include a review of available literature, mapping, aerial photography, and fire insurance mapping obtained by C&S Engineers, Inc. to identify obvious uses of the property back to 1940 or its first developed use, and

WHEREAS, in addition, C&S Engineers, Inc. will perform a physical inspection of the Properties, which are now vacant, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and Consultant, Gary Bowitch, Esq., have reviewed the proposal and recommend awarding the contract to C&S Engineers, Inc.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with C&S Engineers, Inc. for Environmental Investigation on Property owned by Newton Falls Holding, LLC, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 333-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 334-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FIRE TRAINING FACILITY, INC., FOR PRIORITY USE OF THE GEORGE E. BRIGGS FIRE TRAINING CENTER BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SELF-INSURANCE PLAN

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan had previously contracted with the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility, Inc., to provide priority access to the facility and training of the participants of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan, and that agreement expired December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan wishes to sign a new contract to cover retroactively from January 1, 2021 to present and for a new two year period to begin January 1, 2022, expiring on December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, an annual payment of \$35,000 (LI017104 46000) will be made in quarterly payments to the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility, Inc. for priority use of the George E. Briggs Fire Training Center by the participants of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an annual payment of \$35,000 be made, payable in quarterly payments to the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 334-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 335-2021

REALLOCATING FUNDING FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM (COSSAP) SITE-BASED GRANT TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND OPERATE AN OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, On October 16, 2020, the County received notice from the Office of Justice Programs that the application submitted by St. Lawrence County was successful and will receive funding opportunities entitled Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) Site-based Grant, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 314-2020 authorized the acceptance of the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program Grant, and

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

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2020 the Board of Legislators passed Resolution No. 330-2020 naming St. Lawrence Health Systems the sub-award recipient to develop and operate the Opioid Treatment Program, and

WHEREAS, since October 7th, 2021, certain legal changes regarding the capability of the County operations have made it more beneficial for the County to act as the primary entity for delivery of an opioid treatment program, and

WHEREAS, the Program Grant Manager/Policy Advisor of COSSAP has permitted the County to re-allocate that portion of the grant funding designated for the Opioid Treatment Program to an alternate agency, St. Lawrence County Community Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes reallocating funding from the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) Site-based Grant to St. Lawrence County Community Services to develop and operate an Opioid Treatment Program in St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 335-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot.

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

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Resolution No. 335-2021 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 336-2021

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED
LOCAL LAW D (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2021, “REAPPORTIONING
FIFTEEN (15) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY”**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of the law that legislative bodies reapportion themselves after each decennial Federal Census, and

WHEREAS, a plan for reapportionment has been prepared that meets the requirements of Article 2, § 10 of Municipal Home Rule Law, the United States Constitution, New York State Law and the guidance provided through court decisions on redistricting through the years, and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of Legislators appointed a Redistricting Committee, and the Committee has proposed a redistricting plan to be adopted, and

WHEREAS, adoption of the plan is done by the enactment of a local law, and is subject to a formal public hearing prior to adoption,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law D (No. __) for the Year 2021, “Reapportioning fifteen (15) Legislative Districts in St. Lawrence County, will be held at 5:50 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021, in the Legislative Board Room.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW D (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2021,
“REAPPORTIONING FIFTEEN (15) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY”**

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

Section 1. **LEGISLATIVE INTENT**

This local law is intended to fulfill the requirements of the United States Constitution that there be substantially equal representation of the population of St. Lawrence County in the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, and to meet the requirements set forth in New York State statutory and decisional law regarding legislative representation. The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators has chosen to do this by continuing the existing number of legislative districts, fifteen (15), and modifying some of the legislative district boundaries to achieve fair and equitable representation in the County Legislature based on the results of the of the United States 2020 Census of Population as modified by New York State Statute regarding the residence

of state prison inmates for purposes of legislative representation.

Section 2. DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

A. As used in the Local Law, “Election District” or “Election Districts” means those election districts established by the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections and in effect in October 2021. Each such election district is identified by the name of the Town or City in which it is located and by a number assigned to such district.

B. The Legislative Districts established by this local law consist of areas of the County described below by reference to entire Towns or portions of a Town or the City of Ogdensburg that constitute one or more election districts.

C. The boundaries of legislative districts are established by the boundaries of the Towns, the City and the election districts, if any, included in the descriptions below. The boundaries follow municipal boundaries, and street, river and stream centerlines.

District	Description
1	That portion of the City of Ogdensburg designated Ogdensburg Election Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4
2	The entire Town of Lisbon and that portion of the City of Ogdensburg designated Ogdensburg Election Districts 5 and 6
3	The entire Towns of Morristown and Oswegatchie and that portion of the Town of Canton designated Canton Election Districts 4 and 7
4	The entire Towns of Edwards, Fowler, Hammond, Macomb, Pitcairn, and Rossie
5	The entire Towns of Gouverneur and Depeyster
6	The entire Towns of Clare, Clifton, DeKalb, Fine, Hermon, and Russell
7	The entire Towns of Colton, Hopkinton, Parishville, Piercefield, and Pierrepont
8	The entire Town of Madrid and that portion of the Town of Potsdam designated Potsdam Election District 1 and 2 and that portion of the Town of Canton designated Canton Election Districts 2 and 8
9	That portion of the Town of Canton designated Canton Election Districts 1, 3, 5, and 6
10	That portion of the Town of Potsdam designated Potsdam Election Districts 5 and 6

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- 11 The entire Town of Stockholm and that portion of the Town of Potsdam designated Potsdam Election Districts 4 and 7
- 12 The entire Town of Norfolk and that portion of the Town of Potsdam designated Potsdam Election Districts 3 and 8
- 13 The entire Towns of Brasher, Lawrence, and that portion of the Town of Massena designated Massena Election Districts 7 and 8
- 14 That portion of the Town of Massena designated Massena Election Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- 15 The entire Towns of Louisville and Waddington and that portion of the Town of Massena Election District 2

D. The boundaries of the legislative districts established by this local law are shown on maps marked as Exhibits A through A15 detailed, copies of which shall be filed with the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office immediately after the effective date of this local law.

Section 3. SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this local law is adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment, shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law.

Section 4. PRIOR LOCAL LAWS SUPERSEDED

The provisions of this local law shall supersede all of the provisions of Local Law No. 1 of 2012, which established the County Legislative Districts following the 2010 United States Census of Population.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

A. The legislative districts established by this local law shall be effective beginning with the Election of the County Legislature to be held in November, 2022.

B. This local law shall take effect 45 days after its adoption, or, if submitted to a referendum, this local law will take effect when approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of qualified electors of the County voting for its approval, and when it has been duly filed with the New York Secretary of State as provided by the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 336-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 337-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COURT-ORDERED TREATMENT SERVICES AT NEW YORK STATE OPERATED INPATIENT MENTAL HYGIENE FACILITIES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, New York Mental Hygiene Law, Section 43.03 (c) mandates a county cost for persons receiving services, pursuant to a court order, at a state-operated inpatient facility for indefinite/extended periods of time, and

WHEREAS, counties are mandated to incur the cost of court ordered charge backs which are haphazard, disproportionate, and cannot be accurately budgeted, forecasted or planned for, and

WHEREAS, in 2020 an administrative change was made by New York State to the payment structure for these costs which shifted a former shared expense between the State and the County to a one-hundred percent (100%) county cost, and

WHEREAS, bills through July have totaled approximately \$285,000, with the anticipation of receiving bills each month after that through December 2021,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for costs associated with court-ordered treatment services at New York State operated inpatient mental hygiene facilities, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$506,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL010104 43007	B Other Fees & Services	\$506,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 337-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 338-2021

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3 and Ms. Haggard, District 10

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
Community Services	Behavioral Health Clinician*	506500014 or 506500017	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Children's Svc	Caseworker	815000016	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/DCAP	Keyboard Specialist	003100029	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Employment	Employment & Training Counselor	701000013	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Child Support	Coordinator of Child Support Enforcement	813500001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services/Children's Svc	Caseworker/CPS	815200024	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Real Property	Tax Map Technician	106100002	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Sheriff/Criminal	Deputy Sheriff	6050000xx	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Sheriff/Criminal	Deputy Sheriff	6050000xx	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Sheriff/Criminal	Deputy Sheriff	6050000xx	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Sheriff/Criminal	Deputy Sheriff	6050000xx	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Sheriff/Criminal	Sergeant	6051000xx	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Public Health	Principal Fiscal Officer	101000005	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Office for the Aging	Senior Advocate Worker*	800300007	FT	Provisional	Immediate

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 510400010, Chemical Dependency Counselor, be abolished in Community Services, and Position No. 800200003, Advocate

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Worker, be abolished in the Office for the Aging, and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position Nos. 815000061, 815000062, 815000063, 815000064, and 815000065 in Social Services be included as a part of the “pool” of caseworker titles that can be refilled with the authorization of the County Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that caseworker positions in Children’s Services between Preventive and Child Protective Services can be transitioned between the two units as the need arises with the authorization of the County Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that both of these practices will be reviewed in six (6) months and again after one (1) year to determine if they should be continued.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 338-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 339-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO UTILIZE FUNDING FROM THE COUNTY SURPLUS AUCTION TO ASSIST WITH THE PURCHASE OF A PATROL VEHICLE FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, a surplus auction was conducted in October 2021 (#2021-17), and when vehicles from the Sheriff’s Office are included the revenue for the sale of their used vehicles is returned to their accounts, and

WHEREAS, on occasion these funds are utilized toward the purchase of necessary equipment for the Sheriff’s Office, and

WHEREAS, the cost of acquiring a vehicle that was spec’d out earlier in the year has increase,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office to utilize funding from the County Surplus Auction to assist with the purchase of a patrol vehicle for the Sheriff’s Office, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

T2026505 550SA	T LR Auction Proceeds For Sheriff	\$4,600
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031102 23000	S CRIM Automotive Equipment	\$4,600
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 339-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 340-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S SUPERVISOR ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR 2022-2026

By Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; and Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, the contract between St. Lawrence County and the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Supervisor Association, Inc. expired on December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the contract negotiations between St. Lawrence County and the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Supervisor Association, Inc. are complete, and

WHEREAS, as a result of contract negotiations, the Negotiations Team is recommending a five (5) year collective bargaining agreement (2022-2026), and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2021, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Association voted to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the contract between St. Lawrence County and the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Supervisor Association, Inc. upon the advice and approval of the St. Lawrence County Negotiating Team, with formal ratification by the membership of the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Supervisor Association, Inc.

Mr. Perkins moved to adopt Resolution No. 340-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 341-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
COUNCIL 82S, LOCAL 2390, FOR 2022-2026**

By Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; and Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, a bargaining unit for the St. Lawrence County Correctional Supervisors was established in 2015 and worked with St. Lawrence County to establish an inaugural contract between St. Lawrence County and the St. Lawrence County Correctional Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the contract negotiations between St. Lawrence County and Council 82S, Local 2390 are now complete, and

WHEREAS, as a result of contract negotiations, St. Lawrence County believes that it is in the best interest of both parties to successfully conclude the process with a five (5) year collective bargaining agreement (2022-2026), and

WHEREAS, as of October 28, 2021, St. Lawrence County was notified of the successful ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Council 82S, Local 2390, for 2022-2026, upon the advice and approval of the St. Lawrence County Negotiating Team with formal ratification by the membership of Council 82S, Local 2390.

Mr. Perkins moved to adopt Resolution No. 341-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 342-2021

**ESTABLISHING A STANDARD WORK DAY FOR
NEW YORK STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM REPORTING PURPOSES**

By Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System established 315.4, a new regulation on retirement reporting for elected and appointed officials which became effective August 12, 2009, and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2015 there were revisions made to the regulations to help ensure elected and appointed officials receive appropriate service credit, and

WHEREAS, all newly elected or appointed positions that report to the New York State Retirement System are required to complete a 90-day log providing daily time worked and attest

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to its accuracy, and

WHEREAS, only officials who do not participate in the St. Lawrence County time-keeping system is required to be included on the standard workday resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators establishes a standard work day for New York State Retirement System reporting purposes for the following elected and appointed officials:

Title	Name	Standard Workday	Term	Social Security Number (last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (Check only if member is Tier 1)	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted (Check only if official did not submit ROA)
Legislator	Suzanne Fiacco	6 hours	1/1/2021-12/31/2022	████	██████		2.19	

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 342-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle said thirteen individuals were honored this evening at the Longevity Ceremony.

Election Day is tomorrow; get out and vote.

The 2022 Budget Summary Books will be dispersed next week.

County Offices will be closed on November 11th in honor of Veterans Day. The County is working on two initiatives: one is to designate parking for veterans at County-owned facilities, and the other is called “Operation Green Light”, in which the tower of the Court House will be lit green through the month of November to show support for all Veterans.

Vacancy Review Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss eleven vacancies. The vacancy resolution adopted tonight had additional information.

Ms. Doyle said she and the Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee met with engineers regarding the Public Safety Complex project.

The County Historian, Nancy Lafaver, is continuing her work for the old jail and/or court house district to be placed on the national register. Ms. Lafaver will do a presentation at the upcoming Operations Committee to discuss this further.

On October 7th, Governor Hochul addressed the opioid crisis by signing Bills that will require Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in jails. A presentation will be given to the Board at a committee meeting in December.

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Two employee will begin work tomorrow at Social Services. The contract with the Bonadio Group will be finalized and they will begin work there next week. Interviews are scheduled tomorrow afternoon for Commissioner of Social Services.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Burke said last week there was a discussion on removing sales tax on heating fuel to assist citizens during the winter months. He said during the discussion some good facts were brought forward in opposition of it, and he agrees that interfering with sales tax revenue for the towns and villages would not be favorable. On the other hand, he feels many residents are coming into a tough winter, and he asked if anyone was willing to listen to the director of the CDP who may be able to give the Board an analysis of what our community is facing this winter, and as a group come up with ways to be able to help without affecting towns and villages.

Ms. Curran said last week she sent information to the Legislators on how Cayuga County charts their COVID-19 cases, and she asked Public Health if more information could be given in our reports.

Mr. Denesha said he had two items: He thanked IT Director, Rick Johnson, for the presentation given on cyber security, and secondly he hopes the Bonadio Group can identify some leading indicators to help the Board with decision making.

Mr. Acres said during the Public Health Committee meeting information from Simpson's paradox shows that the vaccine is ninety percent (90%) effective, and a person is five times (5x) more likely to get COVID-19 if unvaccinated, ten times (10x) more likely to be hospitalized for COVID-19 for those unvaccinated, and ten times (10x) more likely to die from COVID-19 if unvaccinated.

Mr. Forsythe said he thought a larger venue may be in order when larger crowds are in attendance. Ms. Doyle said the Supreme Court room is an option but the Courts are mandating mask wearing, so masks would have to be worn throughout the entire meeting.

Mr. Smithers said the letters that are read by the Deputy Clerk have been quiet lengthy, and the public comments are limited to five minutes for others so he requested the letters be summarized.

Mr. Arquiatt said the County lost a good volunteer this week. Eric "Hondo" Klonduscki passed away from a motorcycle accident on October 30th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Haggard said the Broadband Ad Hoc Committee met. They are planning to get a group together consisting of Heidi Ames of the County Planning Office, Patrick Kelly of the IDA, David Wolf of DANC, and Rick Johnson of the County IT Department to talk about the issues and to try to get as many people as possible in the County to have access to broadband.

Mr. Forsythe said the RVRDA met on Thursday and approved the annual budget.

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Mr. Reagen said the IDA met and discussed assisting a Massena area chicken farm that is expanding its operation, and discussed the possibility of tenants in the Newell building, located in Ogdensburg, but progress with that is slow due to the Canadian border being closed. Within the next few months, the IDA will be working with the villages, towns, and the City of Ogdensburg to have a link on each website so every community in the County has a direct connection to the IDA, the economic developer of the County.

Mr. Acres asked to review the policy of how the annual newspapers are selected each year.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 9:54 p.m., to discuss negotiations and appointments, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran left the meeting at 10 p.m.

A straw poll vote was taken during Executive Session regarding negotiations.

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Open Session at 11:05 p.m., seconded by Mr. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Forsythe).

Mr. Lightfoot moved to reappointment the following individual to the **Environmental Management Council** (Term to Expire: 11-01-2023), seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Forsythe):

Catherine Bennett, 1249 State Highway 184, Heuvelton 13654

Mr. Lightfoot moved to appoint the following individuals to the **Community Services Board** (Terms to Expire: 12-31-2024), seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Forsythe):

Amy L. Richardson, 69 State Street, Canton 13617 (Replacing David Bayne)

Anne Marie Snell, 689 Pumpkin Hill Road, Potsdam 13676; (Replacing Mary Jones)

Mr. Lightfoot moved to appoint the following individual to the **Community Services ASA Subcommittee** (Term to Expire: 12-31-2024), seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Forsythe):

Anne Marie Snell, 689 Pumpkin Hill Road, Potsdam 13676 (Replacing Mary Jones)

Mr. Lightfoot moved to appoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Board of Health** (Term to Expire: 12-31-2027), seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Forsythe):

Mark Deavers, 3696 County Route 17, DeKalb Junction 13630

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to appoint the following individuals to the **St. Lawrence County Traffic Safety Board** (Terms to Expire: 11-1-2024), seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Forsythe):

Russ Currier, Jr., 68 Barnes Street, Gouverneur 13642; (Replacing Ernest Olin, II)
Corey Maxner, 34 Nell Manor Drive, Waddington 13694 (Replacing Rob Wescott)

Mr. Lightfoot moved to reappointment the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Traffic Safety Board** (Term to Expire: 11-1-2024), seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Forsythe):

Mark Rice, 193 Main Street, Edwards 13635

Mr. Lightfoot moved to reappointment the following individual to the **Youth Advisory Board** (Term to Expire: 11-1-2024), seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Forsythe):

Casey T. Canell, 325 East Main Street, Gouverneur 13642
Joanne Sevick, 1533 County Route 47, Winthrop 13697

Mr. Acres moved to appoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board** (Term to expire: 12-31-2024), seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Forsythe):

Marijean Remington, 12 Cleaveland Avenue, Canton 13617

Mr. Acres moved to reappointments the **St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board**, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Forsythe):

Richard Daddario, Post Office Box 361, Massena 13662 (Term to expire: 12-31-2024)
Felicia Neahr, 4653 County Route 27, Canton 13617 (Term to expire: 11-5-2024)
Ryan Schermerhorn, 155 Pine Hill Road, Gouverneur 13642 (Term to expire: 12-31-2024)

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Chair Sheridan made the following appointment:

A. American Rescue Plan Committee: Kevin Acres (Chair), Dan Fay, Jim Reagen, Tony Arquiett, and Bill Sheridan as ex officio.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Sheridan adjourned the November Full Board Meeting at 11:08 p.m., as there was no further business.