

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, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present. Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Curran, Ms. Fiacco, and Ms. Terminelli attended remotely.

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

MEMORIAL CEREMONY:

RESOLUTION NO. 343-2021

**IN MEMORIAM OF A DECEASED MEMBER OF THE
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Acres, District 8; Mr. Fay, District 9; Ms. Haggard, District 10; Ms. Fiacco, District 11; Mr. Burke, District 12; Mr. Arquiett, District 13; Ms. Terminelli, District 14 and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, during the past year, we have lost from our ranks:

LEVI C. KIO
Supervisor

WHEREAS, this man was recognized as a leader in his community and was chosen to serve on the Board of Supervisors representing the Town of Hermon from 1972-1973, as well as performing other duties for his fellow citizens, and he honorably and diligently discharged the trust so reposed in him and he has now departed, leaving a record which we remember and which today we seek to commemorate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we treasure the qualities of service and devotion to duty of this, our absent friend, that we rejoice in the work he accomplished and sorrow that he is no longer with us, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in token of our respect to this departed associate, this resolution be included in our records as a permanent memorial to his time spent with us.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 343-2021, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Acres, Mr. Fay, Ms. Haggard, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Burke, Mr. Arquiatt, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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WHEREAS, during the past year, we have lost from our ranks:

FREDERICK S. MORRILL
Legislator

WHEREAS, this man was recognized as a leader in his community and was chosen to serve on the Board of Legislators representing District 6 from 2007 through 2014, serving as Vice Chair from 2008-2009 and again from 2010-2011, as well as performing other duties for his fellow citizens, and he honorably and diligently discharged the trust so reposed in him and he has now departed, leaving a record which we remember and which today we seek to commemorate,

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Burke moved to approve the November 1st meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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COVID-19 UPDATE: Jolene Munger and Dr. Williams

COMMUNICATIONS: The Deputy Clerk read the following communications:

1. An email was received from Katrina Dusharm saying her four children have been in foster care for 4 ½ years. Two of the children were placed with Jamison and Erica Porter for two years, but have since been removed from their home. She demands that her four children be placed with the Porters and that the Porters be allowed to adopt them.
2. An email was received from Jamison Porter of Jefferson County saying he and his wife were foster parents and the children were removed from their care. He is requesting the children be returned to their home in time for Christmas.
3. An email was received from LeRoy Spears saying his grandson was purposely taken and purposely placed with a DSS employee that fosters children. He and his wife would like the child placed with them.
4. An email was received from Christopher Spears saying his nephew is in foster care and is being taken care of by a DSS employee. He is asking that the child be placed with his parents, the child's grandparents.
5. An email was received from LeRoy Spears II saying his nephew has been in foster care since he was two days old, and that was 11 months ago. His parents want custody of their grandson and he wants to know why the child was placed in foster care instead of with family.
6. An email was received from Janet Miller asking the County to include a chewing tobacco addiction resource page to the County website.
7. An email was received from Rachel Raven of Gouverneur asking to be contacted by the outside firm hired to investigate Social Services so issues can be addressed.
8. An email was received from Jackie Spears with questions to the Legislators regarding her nephew being placed with a foster DSS worker instead of with family.

All of these emails will be emailed to Legislators in their entirety.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: William Roome, Madrid; Mary Skelly, Ogdensburg; Kevin Beary, Colton; David Smith, Canton; Courtney Fantone, Norwood; Dalton Morehouse, Morristown; Jessica Foster and Tim Aldous, Potsdam; Erica Porter via video; and Dottie Spears via Video

Mr. Perkins left the meeting.

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PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 11-8-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 345-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR A FY21 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
PERFORMANCE GRANT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, funding for the FY2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) is provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is administered by the NYS Division of Homeland Security, and

WHEREAS, a grant in the amount of \$45,867 has been awarded to the Office of Emergency Services (X2043055 57000) for a contract period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, this FY21 EMPG Grant will be utilized to offset salaries for administrative staff within the Office of Emergency Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with New York State Office of Homeland Security for a FY21 Emergency Management Performance Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 345-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes vote, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Operations Committee: 11-8-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 346-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NYS DIVISION OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICE OF
INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FOR A FY20
STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS FORMULA GRANT AND
MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications has awarded a grant of \$806,143 to the Office of Emergency Services which concentrates on improving interoperability and operability of communication systems in New York State with a contract period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, this grant allows the State to provide aid to county, local and municipal public safety organizations in enhancing emergency response, improving capability, improvements in governance structures, operating procedures, infrastructure development, and addressing SAFECOM guidance from the US Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a FY20 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X2Z36402 25000 20SI	OHS FY20 SICG Technical Equipment	\$706,143
X2Z36404 43007 20SI	OHS FY20 SICG Other Fees & Services	<u>100,000</u>
		\$806,143

INCREASE REVENUE:

X2Z33895 56000 SI	X SI State Aid	\$806,143
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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 moved to adopt Resolution No. 346-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 347-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH INTRADO
LIFE & SAFETY SOLUTIONS CORPORATION FOR 911 SYSTEMS
AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) is a regional planning commission and political subdivision of the State of Texas operating under Chapter 391, Texas Local Government Code, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 108-2014 authorized a contract for cooperative purchasing with the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Houston, Texas, and

WHEREAS, Intrado Life & Safety Solutions was awarded a contract by HGAC purchasing cooperative for equipment and emergency notification software and services, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County wants to utilize Intrado Life & Safety Solutions, under the HGAC purchasing contract, to purchase, install, and maintain 911 and administrative phone equipment at both the Primary and Backup 911 Centers, in the amount of \$512,022 for a term of seven (7) years (X2Z36402 25000 PSAP), and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Answering Point, Statewide Interoperable Communication, and State Homeland Security grant funding will be utilized to fund the purchase,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corporation for 911 Systems and professional services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 347-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Operations Committee: 11-8-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 348-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES) FUNDS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal awarded \$580,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Funds (NYS CDBG Project #1106CVHR29-21) to establish and administer the St. Lawrence County CARES Housing Rehabilitation Program, and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to provide housing rehabilitation assistance and lead hazard control work 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 Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Planning Office for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Funds, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N1080204 460GP NH53	N CDBG CVHR-21	\$580,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N1049105 57000 NH53	N CDBG CVHR-21	\$580,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budget until fully expended.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 348-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Operations Committee: 11-8-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 349-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH COUNTRY HOUSING COUNCIL, INC. FOR THE DELIVERY OF THE SLC CARES HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal awarded \$580,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funds (NYS CDBG Project #1106CVHR29-21) to establish and administer the St. Lawrence County CARES Housing Rehabilitation Program, and

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

WHEREAS, the County is currently in partnership with the North Country Housing Council, Inc. to deliver a HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program and has partnered with the same to deliver previous CDBG awards for housing rehabilitation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Sub-recipient Agreement with the North Country Housing Council, Inc. for the delivery of the SLC CARES Housing Rehabilitation Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 349-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Operations Committee: 11-8-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 350-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DEASON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM CENTER AT SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAUGING IMPROVEMENT IN DEFENSE EFFORTS AND OUTCOMES IN NEW YORK (GIDEON) PROJECT

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, located in Dallas, Texas (hereinafter "Deason"), is seeking

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County government participants in Upstate New York for a proposed study to gauge improvements in defense efforts and outcome in New York following the expansion of the Hurrell-Harring funding in 2016, and

WHEREAS, through an already established relationship with the County Attorney, Deason has identified the County as an appropriate participant and has inquired as to whether the County would be willing to enter into an agreement permitting Deason access to the data it will need in order to prepare its proposed report, and

WHEREAS, preparation of the report will involve some minimal work by County staff to ensure access to appropriate materials and staff, but the proposed agreement is not meant to bind the County and its staff into excessive work on behalf of the project, and

WHEREAS, Deason will investigate the impact of the injection of \$250M in new funding to criminal defense systems in New York State through examination of whether reductions in indigent defense caseloads produce higher quality representation, examination of the impact of the funding related to quality of representation on clients and their communities, and then the report will seek to analyze the data by tracking the implementation of this reform in six (6) upstate New York counties, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the proposed agreement, the County will be expected to facilitate access to court room proceedings to permit observations, facilitate access to physical locations where files or other materials are stored, and make available necessary data for the project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law to participate in the gauging improvement in defense efforts and outcomes in New York (Gideon) Project, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 350-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 351-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES TO ACCEPT THE AID TO DEFENSE GRANT FOR OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has made a practice of providing grant opportunities associated with the Aid to Defense, and

WHEREAS, the purpose for applying for the Aid to Defense Grant was to expedite the processing of services and violent felony cases through the Court and to ensure effective representation for serious and violent felony, and

WHEREAS, the large number of indigent defense cases, along with the low number of local attorneys and the large rural area of St. Lawrence County, makes it difficult to process cases efficiently and ensure effective representation for serious and violent felony cases.

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services announced its intention to continue funding associated with the Aid to Defense Grant, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County applied for and was awarded \$12,581 for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 for continued funding for Indigent Defense to provide and ensure effective representation for serious and violent felony cases (IA030895 560AD),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept the Aid to Defense Grant for October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 351-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 352-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES TO ACCEPT THE AID TO DEFENSE GRANT FOR APRIL 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has made a practice of providing grant opportunities associated with the Aid to Defense, and

WHEREAS, the purpose for applying for the Aid to Defense Grant was to expedite the processing of services and violent felony cases through the Court and to ensure effective representation for serious and violent felony, and

WHEREAS, the large number of indigent defense cases, along with the low number of local attorneys and the large rural area of St. Lawrence County, makes it difficult to process cases efficiently and ensure effective representation for serious and violent felony cases, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services announced its intention to continue funding associated with the Aid to Defense Grant, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County applied for and was awarded \$12,954 for a period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for continued funding for Indigent Defense to provide and ensure effective representation for serious and violent felony cases (IA030895 560AD),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept the Aid to Defense Grant for April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 352-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 353-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF FUNDING ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL S.8114 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.10706, “AN ACT TO AMEND THE COUNTY LAW, THE EXECUTIVE LAW AND THE STATE FINANCE LAW, IN RELATION TO INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES”

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court held in *Gideon v. Wainwright* that the right to counsel for one charged with a crime is fundamental and that it is the constitutional responsibility of the state to supply lawyers for those unable to afford them, and

WHEREAS, in 1965 the State of New York delegated this state responsibility to counties, and

WHEREAS, the decision of New York State to place responsibility at the county level has resulted in a system by which the counties and local property taxpayers are burdened with the costs for what is the obligation of the State, and

WHEREAS, in 2016, at the urging of St. Lawrence County and its coalition partners, the New York State Senate and Assembly unanimously passed historic legislation entitled Public Defense Mandate Relief Act or Justice Equality Act (S.8114/A.10706), which would have required New York State to reimburse all counties for expenditures made fulfilling the obligation of the State to provide representation for those financially unable to afford counsel commencing in 2017, and incrementally reaching one hundred percent (100%) by 2023 and thereafter, and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2017, Governor Cuomo vetoed the Public Defense Mandate Relief Act/Justice Equality Act (S.8114/A.10706), and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2017, the Governor unveiled a proposal that would ultimately provide the counties with \$250 million per year in funding towards additional services of first arraignment counsel, case load caps for public defenders, additional quality improvements for local public defense systems staff, and support for public defenders, and

WHEREAS, as a part of the 2017-2018 Budget, the State of New York Legislature and Governor agreed to include in the State Budget a law that would create a five (5) year phase-in plan (2018-2023) to provide additional funding to counties to cover the expenses associated with the delivery of indigent criminal defense services, and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the bill, St. Lawrence County has been engaged in discussions with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services regarding the

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development of a contract to provide additional funds to St. Lawrence County for the delivery of indigent criminal defense services, and

WHEREAS, under the proposed contract and as a result of the negotiations, St. Lawrence County Indigent Defense providers (Public Defender, Conflict Defender, and Assigned Counsel) will be entitled to receive reimbursement of expenditures related to indigent criminal defense representation of a combined \$5,309,997 over the course of the next five (5) years as follows:

- Year 1 (4/1/2018-3/31/2019): \$353,999.82
- Year 2 (4/1/2019-3/31/2020): \$707,999.64
- Year 3 (4/1/2020-3/31/2021): \$1,061,999.46
- Year 4 (4/1/2021-3/31/2022): \$1,415,999.10
- Year 5 (4/1/2022-3/31/2023): \$1,769,999.10, and

WHEREAS, during this five (5) year period, the data produced by the Indigent Defense providers in St. Lawrence County will be evaluated to determine if additional funding is needed going forward,

WHEREAS, Indigent Legal Services is requiring an amended contract to be signed to seek reimbursement for Year 2 of this funding totaling \$707,999.64

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amended contract with New York State Indigent Legal Services for the provision of funding associated with the implementation of Senate Bill S.8114 and Assembly Bill A.10706, "An act to amend the County Law, the Executive Law and the State Finance Law, in relation to Indigent Defense Services," upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 353-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 354-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NTS DATA SERVICES FOR RENEWING VOTER REGISTRATION, SIGNATURE DIGITIZATION, FULL DOCUMENT IMAGING, ELECTION REPORTING AND INTERFACE MESSAGING SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 163-2007 authorized a contract with NTS Data Services for voter registration database conversion, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections would like to continue maintenance and support services related to voter registration, signature digitization, full document imaging, election reporting and interface messaging with NTS (E1014504 42004) for a contract period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, NTS has the knowledge, expertise, required software, associated technology and services to provide a quality solution to the needs of the Board of Elections,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with NTS Data Services for renewing voter registration, signature digitization, full document imaging, election reporting and interface messaging system maintenance and support for the Board of Elections, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 354-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 355-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH INFO TECH RESEARCH GROUP FOR IT RESEARCH AND ADVISORY SERVICES TO COMPLY WITH CYBER SECURITY REGULATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 249-2021 approved the budget modification and the Cybersecurity Remediation Grant (E1Z14504 42004), and

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WHEREAS, Info Tech Research Group has the knowledge, expertise, required software, associated technology and services to provide a quality solution for the creation of a Disaster Recovery Plan to suit the needs of the Board of Elections,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the contract with Info Tech Research Group for IT Research and Advisory Services to comply with cyber security regulations for the Board of Elections, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 355-2021, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 356-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NETWORK EXPERTS OF NEW YORK, INC., FOR NETWORK SEGMENTATION IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH CYBER SECURITY REGULATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, and Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 249-2021 approved the budget modification and the Cybersecurity Remediation Grant (E1Z14504 42004), and

WHEREAS, Network Experts of New York, Inc., has the knowledge, expertise, required software, associated technology and services to provide a quality solution for the creation of a Disaster Recovery Plan to suit the needs of the Board of Elections,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the contract with Network Experts of New York, Inc., for network segmentation in order to comply with cyber security regulations for the Board of Elections, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 356-2021, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Operations Committee: 11-8-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 357-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE INTERPRETATION SERVICES FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, effective communication is vital and better ensures equal access to St. Lawrence County programs and services for all residents, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County residents should have as many opportunities and conveniences as possible to clearly and effectively communicate in any County setting to maximize all resources available, and

WHEREAS, Language Line Services, Inc. (Q1031404 43007) is in contract with New York State to provide all state and local government agencies with access to affordable services which include over-the-phone interpretation, video remote interpretation, translation and localization, and

WHEREAS, the contract will permit use by all County Departments as the need for language services continues to increase for County residents, and to maintain compliance with State and Federal regulations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with Language Line Services, Inc. to provide interpretation services for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 357-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Operations Committee: 11-8-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 358-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BURNHAM
BENEFIT ADVISORS FOR HEALTH CARE CONSULTING AND
RELATED ACTUARIAL SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals for a health care consultant to assist with cost containment was completed in November of 2018, and at that time nine (9) proposals were reviewed by the Health Care Committee, and

WHEREAS, following the review, the Committee members were in agreement that Burnham Benefits Advisors was the best choice due to the experience of with working with Burnham over the previous two (2) years, the knowledge Burnham has of the area, lower cost compared to other proposals, additional benefits provided compared to other proposals, recommendations for health care cost savings measures available to the County, and a strong background working with other municipalities,

WHEREAS, the services that have been provided during the term of the past three (3) year contract have included ongoing health care benefit plan review and comparison with alternative options, financial and actuarial services provided monthly, quarterly and year-end reports analyzing the plans expenditures, presentation of opportunities for additional programs to decrease costs, review of IRS, ACA and other compliance regulations, mandated reporting, and other regulatory compliance (T5090608 860AD), and

WHEREAS, some cost savings initiatives and measurable results Burnham Benefit Advisors has provided over the years are as follows:

- 2017 New TPA – realizing additional discounts off provider charges of 20%, saving \$4,538,000 per year.
- 2017 Renegotiation of PBM (ProAct) contract saving \$590,000 per year.
- 2017 Retiree Drug Subsidy (RDS) audit – reopen past FDS filing for recoveries of subsidy underpayments saving \$100,000.
- 2018 Introduced/Implemented co-pay assistance for specialty RX (20% -> 30%) saving \$100,000 per year.
- 2018 Introduced/Implemented Telemedicine (savings and benefits uncalculated).
- 2020 Renegotiation of PBM (ProAct) contract saving \$610,000 per year.
- 2020 Renegotiation of PBM contract one month prior to expiration saving \$50,000.
- 2020 Negotiated with PBM over performance in EGWP guarantees not used to offset underperformance of active population saving \$20,000.
- 2020 USRxCare – prescription management (finding lower cost RX) saving \$208,000 per year.

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WHEREAS, future recommendations of Burnham Benefit Advisors for 2022 are Medicare Collective – move all Medicare eligible retirees to a collective saving \$850,000 per year; redirect high cost infusion services to new pharmacy and injection site saving \$1,100,000 per year; and provide Stop Loss Insurance quotes and information annually,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Burnham Benefit Advisors for health care consulting and related actuarial services, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the term of the contract will be for three (3) years with the potential of two additional one (1) year options for health care consulting and actuarial services effective January 1, 2022 at a rate of \$5,000/month.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 358-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Operations Committee: 11-8-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 359-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC SAFETY
PSYCHOLOGY, PLLC, FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS FOR
POLICE OFFICERS AND DEPUTIES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, effective October 16, 2021, amendments were made to Civil Service Law Section 58.1(c) and 58.1(d) to require psychological evaluations and background investigations to determine fitness and eligibility of police and deputy applicants for provisional and permanent appointments in the competitive class, and

WHEREAS, the law authorizes the Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC) to establish the criteria for both the psychological evaluation to be used in the selection process for police officers defined in Section 58(3) of the Civil Service Law, and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Psychology (PSP), PLLC, of Albany, New York, can provide the psychological evaluation services virtually in accordance with MPTC and DCJS regulations, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Civil Service will coordinate this evaluation with PSP by administering the written exams under their direction and providing the equipment and secure location for the virtual evaluation in Human Resources (CP014304 43004),

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Public Safety Psychology, PLLC, for psychological evaluations for police officers and deputies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Director of Human Resources to charge back the cost of evaluations to the appropriate police agencies.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 359-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Operations Committee: 11-8-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 360-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR A FY21 OPERATION STONEGARDEN PROGRAM (OPSG) GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded a FY21 Operation Stonegarden Grant in the amount of \$300,000 to key law enforcement agencies in St. Lawrence County, with a contract period of period of September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the mission of Operation Stonegarden Grant Program is to enhance cooperation and coordination from the U.S. Border Patrol with local, tribal, territorial, state and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to secure the border, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office will receive \$87,847.48 and will act a pass-through agency for three local entities; the City of Ogdensburg Police Department (\$32,846.64), Town of Norfolk (\$16,374.34) and Town of Massena (\$32,942.69), and

WHEREAS, the remaining funding of \$129,988.86 is allocated to three State level law enforcement agencies (NYS Police, NYS Park Police and NYS DEC), who will complete their own reporting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a FY21 Operation Stonegarden Program Grant (OPSG) from New York State Division of Homeland Security, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the Sheriff's Office, as follows:

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 11000 SG21	S CRIM Supervisory/Administration	\$2,000
S1Z31101 14000 SG21	S CRIM Clerical	3,000
S1Z31101 18000 SG21	S CRIM Overtime	17,756
S1Z31102 25000 SG21	S CRIM Technical Equipment	58,013
S1Z31104 43007 SG21	S CRIM SG Passthrough	82,164
S1Z31104 44000 SG21	S CRIM I/D Automotive Supplies	2,872
S1Z31108 81000 SG21	S CRIM Retirement	2,371
S1Z31108 83000 SG21	S CRIM Social Security	1,358
S1Z31108 84000 SG21	S CRIM Workmens Compensation	478
		<u>\$170,012</u>

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z43895 57000 SG	S SG Federal Aid	\$170,012
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 360-2021, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Operations Committee: 11-8-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 361-2021

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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 the maps attached hereto 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.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 361-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Resolution No. 362-2021

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS CALLS UPON GOVERNOR
KATHERINE HOCHUL TO REMEMBER HOW THE PEOPLE OF OGDENSBURG
AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HELPED NEW YORK STATE AND TO
RECONSIDER THE DECISION TO CLOSE THE OGDENSBURG
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Acres, District 8; Mr. Burke, District 12; Mr. Arquiatt, District 13; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, in the late 1980s, New York State faced a major crisis with severe prison overcrowding across New York State, and

WHEREAS, State officials faced major opposition from residents of New York City and Long Island who protested plans to locate prisons in their regions of the State, and

WHEREAS, at a time when most communities flatly refused to accept a prison in their midst, the residents of the City of Ogdensburg offered to assist the State of New York in their time of need and accepted a prison on the grounds of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center which became Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, for almost forty (40) years, New York has seen the wisdom of that decision by enjoying the benefits of a well-run facility where employees and inmates are safer than those in downstate facilities, and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2010, former New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo personally told the citizens of Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County, while he was marching in the Seaway Festival Parade, that he felt the State of New York owed a debt of gratitude to the citizens of the Maple City for accepting a prison at a time when other communities across the State were protesting and objecting to the location of prisons in New York City, Long Island, and elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, then Candidate Cuomo promised that if he were elected governor, he would keep Ogdensburg Correctional Facility open because the community had set an example for other communities across the State of New York by working hand in hand with the Department of Corrections to provide a safe place where inmates could be treated with dignity and respect while they serve their sentences, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Ogdensburg once again helped the State of New York in the late 1980s when New York City faced a severe jail crisis and Ogdensburg agreed to accept the construction of Riverview Correctional Facility at a time when the citizens of the largest city in

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the State were again refusing to allow the construction of a new jail to house their own citizens who were facing dangerous conditions in the overcrowded and dangerous jail system in the New York Metropolitan area, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Gouverneur agreed in 1990 to accept a medium security prison, and later agreed to help the State of New York provide facilities for some of its most troubled inmates by agreeing to accept the construction of a Secure Housing Unit, within the facility, to provide a safe place where people could serve their sentences, and

WHEREAS, the prisons in Northern New York have demonstrated they are less costly to operate than downstate prisons, result in fewer injuries to staff and inmates, are more efficient in terms of operations and a cost effective way to provide this important service to the people of the State of New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators calls upon Governor Katherine Hochul to remember how the people of Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County helped New York state and to reconsider the decision to close the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Katherine Hochul, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, and the leaders of the New York State Senate and Assembly.

Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 362-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Acres, and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Forsythe urged Governor Hochul to read this resolution.

Mr. Reagen said the Department of Corrections is moving swiftly to implement this, and are beginning to transfer some of the Corrections Officers to other facilities. He is asking citizens to come forward and to rally around keeping the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility open in an effort to protect these jobs. Mr. Reagen said the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility is one of the most efficient, effective correctional facilities in the State.

Resolution No. 362-2021 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Services Committee: 11-15-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 363-2021

**SETTING 2022 RATES AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN
CONTRACTS FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR
THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department contracts for Early Intervention Program Services and these contracts are necessary to provide services for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, contracted services include Occupational Therapy (OP), Physical Therapy (PT), Special Instruction Teachers (SI), Speech Language Pathology (SLP), Interpreter Services, and Audiology Therapy, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes setting the 2022 rates and authorizing the Chair to sign contracts for Early Intervention Services for the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney, as follows:

<u>Services:</u>	<u>Rate for Current Providers:</u>	<u>Rate for New Providers:</u>
Developmental Core Evaluation (General)	\$175	\$155
Core Evaluation (Specialist)	\$108	\$100
Supplemental Evaluations	\$108	\$100
Interpreter Services	\$60	\$60
Direct Service Visit	\$60	\$45
Direct Service Visit (Speech)	\$62	\$45
Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)/CPSE Meeting	\$42	\$30
IFSP Meeting w/Direct Service Visit (provided prior to or after the meeting)	\$60	\$50
Screening	\$175	\$130
Required Quality Assurance & Mandated Trainings	\$60	\$45
Parent/Child Play Group (minimum 2 children, \$12 each additional)	\$0	\$70
Travel Reimbursement for 2 hours travel per day	\$42	\$0
Mileage for Visits (Home or Community)	\$0	\$0.45/per mile

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 363-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 11-15-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 364-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JAMES MCGUINNESS & ASSOCIATES INC. TO PROVIDE BILLING PROCESSING SOFTWARE FOR THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, for the past decade the Public Health Department has had a contract with James McGuinness & Associates, Inc., to provide billing processing software for the Preschool Program, and

WHEREAS, Public Health wants to sign a contract for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, this software is used to process the billing for the Preschool Program, with an annual revenue average of \$1.7 million, and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and support charges are \$9,500 per year and include all maintenance and three (3) hours of support per month (PK040504 47801), and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Education is discontinuing the Central New York Regional Information Center (CNYRIC) which is currently used by the Public Health Department to process the Medicaid billing and reimbursement of the Preschool Program, with an annual revenue average \$500,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with James McGuinness & Associates, Inc. to provide billing processing software for the Preschool Program in the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 364-2021, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Services Committee: 11-15-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 365-2021

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

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the responsibility of the Coroners' Program falls under the Public Health Department, 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 for morgue and laboratory services, and

WHEREAS, Monroe County has agreed to receive cases from St. Lawrence County in the absence of the current Pathologist and/or provide for services when a forensic autopsy is required (PC011854 45100 and PC011854 407MF) for a term of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022,

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.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 365-2021, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 11-15-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 366-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITAL AND TWIN TIER PATHOLOGY
FOR MORGUE AND LABORATORY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the responsibility of the Coroners' Program falls under the Public Health Department, and

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

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

WHEREAS, Twin Tier Pathology, in Broome County, New York, also provides forensic pathology services, and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and Twin Tier Pathology 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) for a term of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022,

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

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 366-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 11-15-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 367-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR
PHARMACIST SERVICES WITH DR. BENJAMIN GRUDA
IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is in need of a pharmacist to formulate and review medication practices for the clinics in the departments, and

WHEREAS, a contract is needed in order to obtain this service, and the pharmacist would be reimbursed a fee of \$175 quarterly for clinic audit to comply with Article 28 of Public Health Law, and the rate shall not exceed \$50 per hour (PP040104 43007 STD) for review of policies and procedures, and

WHEREAS, this contract will cover the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Dr. Benjamin Gruda for pharmacist services in the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 367-2021, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 11-15-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 368-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH VENESKY &
COMPANY FOR ARTICLE 6 STATE AID PROCESSING
FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is required to process applications and claims for State Aid reimbursement, and

WHEREAS, State regulations (10 NYCRR 39.3) stipulate claims received later than two (2) months after the relevant calendar quarter may be returned unpaid by the Commissioner and not resubmitted, and

WHEREAS, contracting with Venesky & Company to work with the Public Health Department to collect and interpret the required data to accurately complete the State Aid forms would ensure timely submission and calculation of State Aid reimbursements, while decreasing the possibility of loss of State Aid due to error and audit, and

WHEREAS, the professional fees of \$29,750 yearly are 100% eligible for Article 6 State Aid Reimbursement (PA040104 43003), and

WHEREAS, this contract will cover the period of Fiscal Year January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Venesky & Company for Article 6 State Aid processing for the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 368-2021, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 369-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
JACK VENESKY, CPA AND ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE THE AMBULATORY
HEALTH CARE FACILITY (AHCF) ANNUAL MEDICAID, MEDICARE AND
ARTICLE 28 COST REPORTS FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022, 2023 AND 2024**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is required to file a final, partial Medicare/Medicaid Cost Report, an annual Ambulatory Health Care Facility (AHCF) Medicaid Cost Report, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA & Associates has been providing this service to the Public Health Department, and

WHEREAS, proposals have been received for the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA & Associates to continue providing these services for the fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024 (PP040104 43003) for \$8,500 annually,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Jack Venesky, CPA and Associates to prepare the Ambulatory Health Care Facility (AHCF) Annual Medicaid, Medicare and Article 28 Cost Reports for the Public Health Department for fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 369-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 11-15-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 370-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR EPOCH
HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BILLING PRACTICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 266-2021, adopted September 13, 2021, authorized a contract with Epoch Health Solutions, LLC, and

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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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for Community Services for improvement to billing practices, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A3143204 43007 DSRP	A DSRP OTH Fees and Services	\$8,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A3134905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	\$8,000
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 370-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 11-15-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 371-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR
TRAINING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES AND MODULES FOR
THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SYSTEM**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 43-2021, adopted in March 2021, authorized a contract with TenEleven Group for behavioral health electronic health records and billing software, and

WHEREAS, the contract provides for training and travel expenses and for the implementation of modules within a new Electronic Health Records (EHR) System, and

WHEREAS, these services will be paid for with the DSRIP Funding,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for Community Services for training and travel expenses and modules for the Electronic Health Records System, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A3143204 43007 DSRP	A DSRP OTH Fee and Services	\$8,705
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A3134905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	\$8,705
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 371-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 11-15-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 372-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A PURCHASE SCHEDULE WITH TENELEVEN GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE AND SET UP OF A METHADONE MODULE FOR THE OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 43-2021, adopted in March 2021, authorized a contract with TenEleven Group for behavioral health electronic health records and billing software, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has recognized the need for enhanced services for individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) in St. Lawrence County and are developing an outpatient Opioid Treatment Program with the ability to dispense Methadone, and

WHEREAS, the purchase of a methadone module is essential to the operation of the Opioid Treatment Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Purchase Schedule with TenEleven Group for the purchase and set up of a methadone module for the Opioid Treatment Program, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1542204 42004 A Opioid REC Computer Software \$25,200

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1542204 46500 A Opioid REC Programs PMTS \$25,200

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this module will be complete after the implementation for the Mental Health and Addiction Services Clinics are online, and

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. 372-2021, seconded by Mr. Acres.

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

Resolution No. 372-2021 was adopted by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 11-15-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 373-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
WITH NORTHWINDS INTEGRATED HEALTH NETWORK IPA, INC.
FOR A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE COLLABORATIVE**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Northwinds Integrated Health Network IPA, Inc. (NWIHN) has been approved by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) as an Independent Practice Association (IPA), and

WHEREAS, NWIHN has established a network of IPA Participants who deliver and coordinate the delivery of behavioral health and other health care services throughout the North County, and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2021, Resolution No. 153-2021 authorized the Chair to sign a Tier 2 Membership Agreement with NWIHN, and

WHEREAS, NWIHN is entering into a Level 2 Value-Based Payment arrangement with Adirondacks ACO, LLC (a for-profit subsidiary of University of Vermont Health Systems), and

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WHEREAS, Level 2 shared-risk agreements are two-sided having financial downside risk and upside gain; under most agreements providers are held financially liable if savings targets are not met, however this would not be applicable to a Tier 2 member under the proposed structure, and

WHEREAS, the NWIHN Board has approved NWIHN to be the guarantor for the Network and has set aside \$140,000 to cover any downside loss that could be incurred during the time period of this agreement, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, Community Services is permitted, and the Director of Community Services is recommending, participating as a Tier 2 network provider and to be bound to the terms and conditions of this Value-Based Payment Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a participation agreement with Northwinds Integrated Health Network IPA, Inc., for a behavioral health care collaborative, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 373-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Finance Committee: 11-22-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 374-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON AND LOGUDICE, D.P.C. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF A RECYCLING TRANSFER FACILITY AT THE OGDENSBURG TRANSFER STATION AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR SOLID WASTE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, recently the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) has advised the County that their efforts to provide a solution to recycling at a transfer facility located in Harrisville, New York, is not viable for the long term, and

WHEREAS, per New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) regulations, counties are required to provide recycling services, and

WHEREAS, DANC is considering how to assist and may provide a compactor, scales and two (2) transport trailers from the Harrisville site to be utilized in St. Lawrence County at a modest cost to the County,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for professional engineering services for the design of a recycling transfer facility at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station, upon approval of the County Attorney, with:

Engineering Firm: Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.

Contract Title: Ogdensburg Transfer Station Recycling Transfer Facility
Engineering & Design

Engineering Fee: Not to Exceed \$68,400

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget of the Solid Waste, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WT081604 43007	W TRS Other Fees and Services	\$68,400
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WA017104 49700	W ADMIN Contingency Account	\$68,400
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 374-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Finance Committee: 11-22-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 375-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR MCCARTHY ROAD BRIDGE OVER WEST BRANCH OF ST. REGIS RIVER, BIN 3358370 AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approves and funds Capital Bridge Projects on an annual basis as well as mid-year amendments when additional funds become available, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways solicited qualifications for consultant services for specialized engineering services involving scour remediation, and

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

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorized the Chair to sign a contract for consulting services for McCarthy Road Bridge over West Branch of St. Regis River, BIN 3358370, upon approval of the County Attorney, with:

Consultant: Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C.
Contract Title: McCarthy Road Bridge over West Branch of St. Regis River
BIN 3358370, Town of Stockholm
Engineering Fee: Not to Exceed \$8,000
HM551104 430ED B31

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM551104 430ED B31	H B31 Engineering & Design Services	\$8,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM151124 454PM H1	H H1 Paving Materials	\$8,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 375-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Finance Committee: 11-22-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 376-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
FOR OVERTIME, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL, BRIDGE SUPPLIES,
AND PAVING MATERIALS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Department wants to amend the budget to more closely reflect actual operations for 2021,

WHEREAS, the Department also wishes to preorder materials to replace the Dutton Road Bridge and McCarthy Road Bridge and for the rehabilitation of County Route 62 bridge-

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style large culvert,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget of the Department of Highways for overtime, machinery and equipment rental, bridge supplies, and paving materials, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM351101 18000	H MR Overtime	\$20,000
HM551124 40600 B1	H B1 Machinery Rental	60,000
HM551124 454BS B1	H B1 Miscellaneous Bridge Supplies	50,000
HM551104 454BS B31	H B31 Miscellaneous Bridge Supplies	250,000
HM351104 454PM	H MR Paving Materials	10,000
HE050204 40600	H EGR Machinery Rental	13,000
HG051484 40600	H HSOG Machinery Rental	30,000
HG051484 42100	H HSOG Equipment Rental	10,000
HG051484 454HS	H HSOG Highway Supplies & Expense	<u>20,000</u>
		\$463,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM351101 13000	H MR Technical	\$20,000
HM551104 40600	H MB Machinery Rental	80,000
HM151124 454PM H1	H H1 Paving Materials	310,000
HC051424 40600	H CSR Machinery Rental	<u>23,000</u>
		\$433,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

HG027705 550OG	H HSOG Services Other Government	\$30,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 376-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 377-2021

CHARGING TAX ITEMS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, due to tax refunds, cancellations of taxes, and other assessment errors, and omitted tax payments received, there are various tax items that cannot be collected or payments that result in town credits,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to charge tax items and omitted tax paid, as follows:

2021 Correction of Errors

Charges & Credits to Towns & Districts

CANTON TOWN	\$1,400.05	
		\$1,400.05
CLIFTON TOWN	\$2.00	
		\$2.00
FINE HIGHWAY	\$1,095.79	
FINE TOWN	\$865.16	
		\$1,960.95
GOUVERNEUR FIRE - FH001	\$7.32	
GOUVERNEUR TOWN	\$1,494.67	
		\$1,501.99
HERMON TOWN	\$38.43	
		\$38.43
LISBON TOWN	\$508.67	
		\$508.67
MACOMB HIGHWAY	\$118.83	
MACOMB TOWN	\$77.76	
		\$196.59
MADRID HIGHWAY	-\$96.36	
MADRID TOWN	-\$51.88	
		-\$148.24
MASSENA FIRE - FH002	\$7.12	
MASSENA TOWN	\$3,704.90	
		\$3,712.02
MORRISTOWN TOWN	\$2.00	
		\$2.00
NORFOLK FIRE FD028	\$561.51	
NORFOLK LIGHT LT022	\$41.10	
NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$300.08	
NORFOLK TOWN	\$2,777.79	

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		\$3,680.48
OSWEGATCHIE TOWN	\$401.13	
		\$401.13
PARISHVILLE HIGHWAY	\$46.35	
PARISHVILLE TOWN	\$37.42	
		\$83.77
PIERREPONT TOWN	\$50.48	
		\$50.48
POTSDAM FIRE FD034	\$375.65	
POTSDAM TOWN	\$4,074.61	
		\$4,450.26
STOCKHOLM TOWN	\$46.45	
		\$46.45
WADDINGTON TOWN	\$198.22	
		\$198.22
Total Chargebacks	\$18,085.25	\$18,085.25

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 377-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot.

Mr. Acres moved to amend the resolution to change the total to \$18,085.25, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Resolution No. 377-2021 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 378-2021

ADOPTING THE MORTGAGE TAX REPORT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mortgage Tax Report as submitted by the County Clerk and the County Treasurer is hereby accepted and the County Treasurer is authorized and directed to issue the amounts as set forth in the report to the various tax districts in this County.

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<u>Town/Village</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brasher	\$13,780.49
Canton	
Village of Canton	17,611.38
Village of Rensselaer	763.21
Town of Canton	61,982.74
Clare	816.91
Clifton	11,179.93
Colton	21,758.15
Dekalb:	
Village of Richville	292.31
Town of Dekalb	7,797.39
DePeyster	1,179.61
Edwards	3,075.30
Fine	22,563.85
Fowler	20,996.06
Gouverneur:	
Village of Gouverneur	33,480.07
Town of Gouverneur	93,002.79
Hammond:	
Village of Hammond	391.10
Town of Hammond	17,552.70
Hermon	10,222.02
Hopkinton	12,294.19
Lawrence	10,639.35
Lisbon	22,001.36
Louisville:	
Village of West Massena	2,859.82
Town of Louisville	31,037.54
Macomb	7,893.64
Madrid	6,413.90
Massena:	
Village of Massena	20,435.64
Town of Massena	44,675.43
Morristown	26,417.42
Norfolk:	
Village of Norwood	157.45
Village of Massena	2.87
Town of Norfolk	23,311.62

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Ogdensburg	44,719.46
Oswegatchie:	
Village of Heuvelton	1,701.68
Town of Oswegatchie	31,012.13
Parishville	13,522.81
Piercefield	2,234.59
Pierrepoint	36,041.63
Pitcairn	9,142.88
Potsdam:	
Village of Potsdam	20,669.18
Village of Norwood	4,597.96
Town of Potsdam	82,849.35
Rossie	6,638.87
Russell	6,473.62
Stockholm	21,727.62
Waddington:	
Village of Waddington	5,424.86
Town of Waddington	<u>21,197.38</u>
Totals	\$854,540.26

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 378-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 379-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR
TAXES ON COUNTY REFORESTATION PROPERTIES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County owns several reforestation properties that are utilized for the production of timber and forest products, recreation, and watershed protection, and

WHEREAS, the County is responsible for remitting taxes to the tax districts (towns and school districts) in which these properties are located, and

WHEREAS, the 2021 taxes for these parcels have exceeded the 2021 budgeted appropriation and a budget modification is necessary,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Treasurer's Office for taxes on County reforestation properties, as follows:

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T3019504 49800	T Taxes on County Reforestation	\$6,283
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T3013254 43007	T Other Fees & Services	\$6,283
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 379-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 380-2021

**ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENTAL CASH DRAWER FOR THE TREASURER'S
OFFICE FOR COLLECTION OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAXES
IN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, several County Departments utilize petty cash accounts and/or cash drawers in their daily operations,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 12-2021 authorized establishing petty cash accounts and departmental cash drawers for 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office is opening a part-time office in the City of Ogdensburg to collect County Real Property Taxes, and will need a departmental cash drawer in the amount of \$250 (01TG0215 501T0),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to establish a departmental cash drawer for the Treasurer's Office for collection of County Real Property Taxes in the City of Ogdensburg.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 380-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 381-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH LEGALFILES SOFTWARE, INC. FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE RELATED TO THE LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2021, the Board of Legislators voted to consolidate the functions of the Department of Social Services Legal Unit, created under Social Services Law § 66, with the Office of the County Attorney, and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021, the Legal Office in Social Services transitioned to oversight provided by the Office of the County Attorney and the attorneys representing the Department of Social Services in court proceedings became Assistant County Attorneys, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Attorney now provides operational and legal support to the Department of Social Services and is responsible for providing various support and primary prosecution functions on matters under the Family Court Act and the Social Services Law, and

WHEREAS, the two primary functions of the legal unit revolve around child support proceedings brought under Article 4 of the Family Court Act and neglect and abuse proceedings brought under Article 10 of the Family Court Act, and

WHEREAS, upon assumption of supervision on May 3rd it was determined that there were approximately 375 active Article 10 files and approximately 1,194 active Article 4 files, and

WHEREAS, with respect to the Article 10 files, it was determined that the legal office was delinquent in certain filings, with eighteen (18) Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) petitions under order of the Court to be completed but had not been, and an additional close to one hundred and eighty (180) court directed orders remaining to be reviewed and filed, more than half of which were late, and

WHEREAS, since May 3rd, the Office of the County Attorney has become current with respect to all of its obligations and can now claim no delinquencies with respect to the Article 10 matters, and

WHEREAS, given the volume of work necessary to effectively represent the Department of Social Services in the New York State Family Court and in order to avoid falling into a state of delinquency in the future, acquisition of a dedicated case management system is recommended, and

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WHEREAS, the Office of the County Attorney, the Department of Social Services and the Information Technology Office undertook a process of evaluating case management systems primarily designed around municipal operations, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Attorney solicited three (3) proposals and engaged in three (3) different presentations with different vendors, and as a result of the review of the solicited proposals, the LegalFiles Software, Inc. was selected as the preferred case management software and support vendor, and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with the acquisition and support of the LegalFiles Software, Inc. case management software are expected to be borne by the Department of Social Services and subject to partial reimbursement from the State of New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Legalfiles Software, Inc. for case management software related to the legal representation of the Department of Social Services, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAS60104 42004	D SG Computer Software	\$36,414
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DMM61004 46500	D Medicaid to State	\$21,139
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	\$1,019
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	3,118
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	<u>11,138</u>
		\$15,275

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 381-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 382-2021

**ELECTIONS, REAL PROPERTY, AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPORTIONMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2022**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that the following apportionments of Elections, Real Property, and Community College charges for the year 2022 be applied to the following municipalities of St. Lawrence County:

Municipality:	Election Charges:	Real Property Charges:	Community College Charges:
Brasher	\$27,035.70	\$16,341.55	\$46,487.26
Canton	\$96,518.49	\$20,431.75	\$23,054.90
Clare	\$10,565.19	\$2,358.41	\$0.00
Clifton	\$40,245.44	\$6,308.46	\$12,564.67
Colton	\$62,554.95	\$13,549.27	\$7,261.00
Dekalb	\$27,635.15	\$8,821.87	\$9,238.34
Depeyster	\$13,282.43	\$5,286.65	\$4,461.00
Edwards	\$15,711.22	\$6,091.54	\$8,849.00
Fine	\$31,945.32	\$17,963.03	\$10,228.01
Fowler	\$28,700.64	\$13,604.54	\$21,801.34
Gouverneur	\$47,719.86	\$23,468.80	\$56,808.83
Hammond	\$39,187.09	\$10,186.97	\$36,616.67
Hermon	\$19,405.96	\$8,589.62	\$14,664.69
Hopkinton	\$23,605.70	\$8,993.62	\$11,803.70
Lawrence	\$16,125.63	\$9,349.27	\$23,858.93
Lisbon	\$46,680.63	\$14,769.62	\$15,541.01
Louisville	\$40,869.97	\$12,064.69	\$72,913.29
Macomb	\$20,740.63	\$7,344.38	\$6,239.60
Madrid	\$19,065.71	\$7,925.92	\$4,539.67
Massena	\$118,278.46	\$21,317.21	\$104,956.91
Morristown	\$35,270.28	\$16,311.16	\$22,257.33
Norfolk	\$40,625.69	\$14,348.38	\$39,883.22
Oswegatchie	\$50,140.78	\$19,149.67	\$13,820.99
Parishville	\$35,597.54	\$11,025.65	\$21,317.57
Piercefield	\$24,810.19	\$8,025.44	\$6,293.33
Pierrepoint	\$37,096.70	\$11,592.80	\$13,226.53
Pitcairn	\$15,447.05	\$6,656.63	\$11,365.33
Potsdam	\$134,891.36	\$9,457.72	\$73,661.87
Rossie	\$13,576.17	\$6,161.77	\$11,816.03
Russell	\$19,110.74	\$10,126.99	\$3,267.33

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Stockholm	\$38,031.86	\$20,560.16	\$39,419.00
Waddington	\$31,155.83	\$11,159.29	\$25,363.83
Ogdensburg	\$66,822.46	\$12,420.75	\$63,287.34
TOTALS	\$1,288,450.82	\$391,763.58	\$836,868.52

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 382-2021, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 383-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ACCELERATED TRANSIT CAPITAL FUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) awarded St. Lawrence County \$74,990 in Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) Program Funds, and

WHEREAS, eligible projects include rehabilitating, restoring, and modernizing public transit assets that have a minimum service life of ten (10) years, and

WHEREAS, the NYS DOT requires grantees to execute grant agreements within thirty (30) days of receiving an award notification,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with New York State Department of Transportation for Accelerated Transit Capital Funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the Planning Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N2B56302 25000 N Technical Equipment \$74,990

INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B35945 56002 N SA Capital Funds for Bus \$74,990

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

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 383-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 384-2021 (TABLED)

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FOR A LICENSE PLATE CUTTER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office is in need of a license plate cutter for the Department of Motor Vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office is able to utilize additional revenue from the down-state dealer registration processing to cover the cost of the license plate cutter,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Clerk's Office for a license plate cutter for the Department of Motor Vehicles, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

K1614104 42000	Down-State Dealer Office Supplies	\$9,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

K1612555 55000	Down-State Dealer Revenue	\$9,000
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Mr. Acres moved to table Resolution No. 384-2021 to the December Finance Committee Meeting, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with ten (10) yes votes, four (4) no votes (Forsythe, Haggard, Burke, Reagen), and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 385-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE NEEDS AND ENERGY COSTS DUE TO THE COVID-19 RESPONSE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, a variety of building materials, deep-cleaning disinfectant services, and other COVID-19 related supplies were needed by various County Departments to protect staff during the on-going COVID-19 Response, and

WHEREAS, consolidating these purchases in one department has allowed for an accounting of these purchases for potential FEMA reimbursement, and

WHEREAS, energy costs have grown at an increased rate since mid-year, specifically, the market rate for electricity supply, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for property maintenance needs, and energy costs due to the COVID-19 Response, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$136,290
BG016204 40900	BLDG Building Supplies & Expenses	10,000
BG016204 42200	BLDG I/D Equip Repair & Maintenance	<u>8,000</u>
		\$154,290

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG016204 40800	BLDG Building & Property Maintenance	\$51,924
BG016204 40800 COVID	COVID Bldg. & Prop. Maintenance	49,093
BG016204 40900 COVID	COVID Bldg. Supplies & Expenses	14,021
BG016204 41600	BLDG Electricity	46,486
BG016204 41600 HSC	BLDG Electricity	7,766
BGJ16204 41600	JAIL BLDG Electricity	<u>20,000</u>
		\$189,290

INCREASE REVENUE:

BS027705 55000	Rebates & Recycling	\$35,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 385-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 386-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
TO PURCHASE A MULTIFUNCTION COPIER IN CENTRAL PRINTING**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Central Print Shop services all County departments for requests with color printing, large print jobs, and other specialized printing services, and

WHEREAS, the color multifunction copier currently in use was purchased in 2011 and is reaching end of serviceable life, and

WHEREAS, funds were appropriated in targeted contingency in the 2021 Budget to replace the color multifunctional copier in the Central Print Shop,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the County Administrator's Office to purchase a multifunction copier in Central Printing, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$22,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BP016702 22000	B CP Office Equipment	\$22,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 386-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Finance Committee: 11-22-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 387-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of subdivision four of section 6305 of the Education Law, counties that do not have a community college are required to pay for partial

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tuition for its residents which is charged back to the perspective towns and villages, and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Budget appropriated \$650,000 for payments to Community Colleges, and

WHEREAS, the outstanding bills and any other that arrive throughout the end of 2021 require this request for a transfer of funds to cover the cost of appropriations,

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 community college tuition, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700 B SPEC Contingency Account \$300,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1E24904 46502 B EDUC Community Colleges Tuition \$300,000

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 387-2021, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

RESOLUTION NO. 388-2021

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Perkins, District 7 and Mr. Acres, District 8

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,

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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
Sheriff / Criminal	Account Clerk*	100100046	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Emergency Services	Secretary I	005100035	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Defender	Assistant Public Defender	002140010	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Defender	Assistant Public Defender	002140011	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services/Mental Health	Behavioral Health Counselor*	506500010 or 512400018	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services/Special Programs	Secretary I	005100009	FT	Provisional	30 days
Community Services/Mental Health	Supervising Social Worker	512300001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Reception	Clerk	002300017	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Solid Waste/Star Lake	Site Crew Leader	332300003	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Highway	Assistant Civil Engineer	313100004	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services/Accounting	Accounting Supervisor*		FT	Permanent	Immediate

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 60090001, Account Clerk, be abolished in the Sheriff's Civil Office, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Manager Position in Social Services will be abolished and an Accounting Supervisor Position will be created to replace it, (Management Band III to CSEA Grade 30), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to allow for consideration of either credentialed applicant, Position No. 506500010, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, or Position No. 512400018, Licensed Social Worker, will be abolished in Community Services once determined the position being filled, and

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

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 388-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers.

Ms. Doyle said she spoke with both Legislators who sat on the Vacancy Review Committee and asked permission to add a position to the vacancy resolution as it was an urgent fill. Upon approval of the Legislators, the Social Services Accounting Supervisor, was added to the resolution.

Resolution No. 388-2021 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 389-2021

**AUTHORIZING PRINTING AND/OR INSERTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
EXPLAINING EXEMPTIONS ON THE BACK OF THE 2022 REAL PROPERTY TAX
BILLS FOR THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG**

By Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2015 rescinded Local Law No. 2 for the Year 2003 that authorized a separate enclosure to be inserted into tax bill mailings, and Local Law No. 3 authorized printing and/or inserting additional information on real property tax bills, and

WHEREAS, Section 922 of the Real Property Tax law provides the form and content of the town and county tax bill to be mailed by the collecting officer in each town and showing the amount of taxes due on each party, and

WHEREAS, Section 1826 of the New York State Tax Law provides that the governing body of any political subdivision, by resolution unanimously passed, they designate a particular written or printed notice relating to water rates, sewer rentals, permit fees and other fees and charges payable to the political subdivision to be included with said tax bill or notification of a tax to be assessed or levied, and

WHEREAS, with the creation of a County-only tax bill for the City of Ogdensburg for the 2022 taxes, there are certain exemption codes that programmatically appear on the bill that will not be applied to that tax bill, and these may be City and/or School exemptions, and will not reduce the County taxes, and

WHEREAS, it is important for the taxpayer to know that some of the following exemptions appearing on the tax bill as it relates to the Veterans, Cold War Vet, Disabled Vet, Home Improvement and Aged Exemptions may not apply to this tax bill, but may affect their City and/or School tax bills, and

WHEREAS, a sentence will be added on the County tax bill for the City of Ogdensburg only in the "For your information" section on the front of the tax bill, which will refer taxpayers to see the back of bill for further exemption explanations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes printing and/or inserting additional information explaining exemptions on the Real Property Tax Bills for the City of Ogdensburg.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 389-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 390-2021

ADOPTION OF THE 2022 BUDGET

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Board of Legislators

WHEREAS, the 2022 Tentative Budget has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2021, the Finance Committee delivered the 2022 Tentative Budget as presented by the Budget Officer on October 25, 2021 to the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the 2022 Tentative Budget was held on December 6, 2021,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby adopts the 2022 Tentative Budget with said budget requiring the raising of real property taxes in the amount of \$50,332,681, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County 2022 Tentative Budget be distributed in the funds as per Exhibit A and Exhibit B of said Adopted Budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators directs that the Clerk of the Board of Legislators to establish the St. Lawrence County Tax Levy for the year 2022 in the amount of \$50,332,681.

2022 BUDGET SUMMARY

EXHIBIT A:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	
General Government Support	\$55,916,591
Education	706,000
Public Safety	19,327,788
Health	16,696,651
Transportation	26,246,256
Economic Assistance Opportunity	76,262,478
Culture & Recreation	491,282
Home & Community Services	7,160,524
Employee Benefits	39,492,966
Debt Service	2,332,438
Interfund Transfers	<u>15,990,271</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$260,623,245

EXHIBIT B:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
Departmental Revenues	\$73,840,725
State Aid	37,283,756
Federal Aid	23,970,862
Sales Tax	62,686,950
Appropriated Surplus	250,000
Inter-Fund Transfers	12,258,271
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	<u>50,332,681</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$260,623,245

2022 Recommended Budget and Amendments

Budget Element	2021 Adopted	2022 Tentative	2022 BOL Review	BOL vs. Tentative Budget	BOL vs. 2022 Adopted
COUNTY COST	50,900,490	50,582,681	50,582,681	0	-317,809
Appropriated Surplus	500,000	250,000	250,000	0	-250,000
Proposed Levy	50,400,490	50,332,681	50,332,681	0	-67,809
Assessed Valuation	6,152,629,802	6,274,162,944	6,274,162,944	0	121,533,142
Estimated Tax Rate per \$1000 AV	8.1917	8.0222	8.0222	0.0000	-0.1695
Change in County Cost		-0.63%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.63%
Change in Appropriated Surplus		-100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-100.00%
Change in Levy		-0.13%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.13%
Change in True Value Tax Rate		-2.11%	0.00%	0.00%	-2.11%

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 390-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Haggard.

Mr. Acres said for the past seven (7) years the budget has been balanced, and six of the seven years taxes have decreased. He thanked the administration, department heads, and staff.

Resolution No. 390-2021 was adopted by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 391-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
USHERWOOD OFFICE TECHNOLOGIES TO PURCHASE A MULTIFUNCTION
COPIER IN CENTRAL PRINTING**

By Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, the Central Print Shop services all County departments for requests with color printing, large print jobs, and other specialized printing services, and

WHEREAS, the color multifunction copier currently in use was put in service in 2011 and is reaching end of serviceable life, and

WHEREAS, funds were appropriated in targeted contingency in the 2021 Budget to replace the color multifunctional copier in the Central Print Shop (BP016702 22000), and

WHEREAS, a competitive process for acquisition of a new multifunction color copier has now been completed and Usherwood Office Technologies was determined to be the low bidder,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Usherwood Office Technologies for the purchase of a multifunction color copier, and any other related documents for a service agreement for the device, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 391-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

RESOLUTION NO. 392-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNS OF
BRASHER, NORFOLK, AND MASSENA RELATED TO A PUBLIC SERVICE LAW
ARTICLE 10 PROCEEDING RECOMMENDING THE ISSUANCE OF A
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED TO
CONSTRUCT AN INDUSTRIAL SCALE SOLAR GENERATING FACILITY**

By Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, North Side Solar Energy Center, LLC (“North Side”), a wholly owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, filed an application before the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (“Siting Board”) for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need (“Certificate”) to construct and operate a 180 megawatt (“MW”) solar electric generating facility (“Facility”) on or about February 19, 2021, and

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WHEREAS, the Facility is to be sited on approximately 1,200 to 1,400 acres of land located in the County of St. Lawrence ("County") and the Towns of Massena, Brasher and Norfolk (collectively, "Towns"), and

WHEREAS, before the Siting Board issues a Certificate, the application of North Side is subject to a statutorily prescribed review and evaluation process, pursuant to Article 10 of the New York Public Service Law ("Article 10") and applicable Siting Board regulations, and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2021, the Siting Board issued a Notice indicating that intervenor funds in the amount of \$180,000 was available to all eligible municipal and other eligible parties for the purpose of funding the activities of legal, engineering, and other consultants to assist such parties in actively and meaningfully participating in the Article 10 proceeding, and

WHEREAS, working jointly, the Towns and the County applied for and were successfully awarded Intervenor funding for both the legal work and the engineering work associated with the North Side application, and

WHEREAS, in addition to certain regulatory agencies of the State of New York, other eligible parties, including the County and Towns, have participated in this Article 10 siting process which have included confidential negotiations among and between the parties regarding the details of numerous conditions to the Certificate which must be included in any Certificate issued by the Siting Board ("Certificate Conditions"), and

WHEREAS, as a result of the legal and engineering work performed and negotiations between the County, Towns, North Side, and other parties regarding the Certificate Conditions, the Towns and County have reached a tentative agreement with North Side regarding the Certificate Conditions and to support and recommend that the Presiding and Associate Examiners recommend to the Siting Board that the captioned North Side Energy Center be granted a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need, under Article 10 of the New York Public Service Law subject to the Certificate Conditions and/or any other new or modified conditions required by the Siting Board, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the Towns of Brasher, Norfolk, and Massena related to a public service law article 10 proceeding recommending the issuance of a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct an industrial scale solar generating facility, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recommends to the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment that they issue a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need, under Article 10 of the New York Public Service Law, subject to the Certificate Conditions and/or any other new or modified conditions required by the Siting Board Siting, regarding the North Side Solar Energy Center, LLC Facility.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 392-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke.

Mr. Smithers said there is a report out stating an environmental problem, and he wondered if there was any basis for the information.

Mr. Acres said there was an article that appeared in the Watertown Daily Times that mentioned a twenty-five page report that talked about some deficiencies and concerns by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC).

Mr. Lightfoot moved to table this resolution to the December Finance Committee meeting, seconded by Ms. Haggard and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

RESOLUTION NO. 393-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY DEPUTIES 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 Deputies Association, Inc. expired on December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the contract negotiations between St. Lawrence County and the St. Lawrence County Deputies 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),

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 Deputies Association, Inc., upon the advice and approval of the St. Lawrence County Negotiating Team following formal ratification by the membership of the St. Lawrence County Deputies Association, Inc., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution expires if the St. Lawrence County Deputies Association, Inc. fails to ratify the contract agreement by December 31, 2021.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 393-2021, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle thanked the Board of Legislators for adopting the 2022 Budget. This budget provides the single largest true value tax decrease the County has seen in years. Ms. Doyle said the department heads and fiscal staff worked hard on their budgets, and the Budget Team worked tirelessly to prepare the 2022 Budget for St. Lawrence County.

Ms. Doyle reported six (6) transfers of funds: \$700 for Emergency Services for COVID-19 charges; \$900 for the Print and Mail Room for postage; \$2,022 for Board of Legislators for printing; \$1,050 for County Clerk for an adjustment to a lease; \$1,370 for Probation, Massena location, for a lease adjustment; and \$1,562 for Probation, Ogdensburg location, for a lease adjustment.

A message was received from the Highway Superintendent saying that the Lisbon Outpost sand and salt storage building was damaged from the wind storm last week, and there was a loss of fifty percent (50%) of the trusses.

The Vacancy Review Committee will meet tomorrow to consider nine (9) vacancies.

There are four (4) County Departments with positive COVID-19 cases, and a possible fifth.

The Public Health Department will offer boosters for employees on December 15th.

New York State has once again started control room calls on Fridays.

A State of Emergency declaration was prepared for St. Lawrence County and the Chair will sign it after the meeting.

The Bonadio Group had interviews with caseworkers and submitted lists for case review.

Mr. Arquiett left the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

A vote was taken on issuing a State of Emergency for St. Lawrence County, and carried by a voice vote with nine (9) yes votes, four (4) no votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Perkins).

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Lightfoot said he is proposing a different metal shear for the County Clerk's Office that is less expensive than the suggested one.

Mr. Burked moved to have sales tax on heating fuel lifted until May 1, 2022, and taxes owed to the Towns and Villages continue, seconded by Ms. Haggard.

Mr. Forsythe said he likes the idea of this, but he would like to know the cost. He also would like to know how quickly the distributors could respond. Ms. Doyle said the County would have to discuss this with NYS Tax and Finance as well.

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Mr. Sheridan said he has always been in favor of this idea, but after hearing the County Treasurer state that this proposal would have a significant increase on taxes, he proposed to form a committee to look at how to help citizens with home heating fuel.

Mr. Acres said the cost is 4.3 million, which would be close to a ten percent (10%) tax increase. This would be shift from everyone paying a tax to people who own property paying. He agrees with creating a committee.

Mr. Acres moved to table this resolution.

County Attorney Button said the imposition of sales tax collection associated with an item would require coordination with the State of New York. It would be incumbent to check with the Department of State that if the Board were to pass a piece of legislation, either by resolution or local law, that it would grant immediate relief and not something that would be delayed until the next quarter of sales tax remittance.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to second the motion to table the resolution to the January 3rd Board Meeting, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Burke and Haggard), and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Perkins).

Ms. Terminelli asked the County Attorney for an update on the process of getting a new family court judge for St. Lawrence County, and how the Board can request it to be considered in the New York State Budget.

Mr. Acres said the Board was assured when voting on a resolution regarding DSS employees being foster parents that there would be no interaction and there were protocols in place for material of a sensitive nature. An audio communication seemed to indicate otherwise, and Mr. Acres would like someone to look into this.

Mr. Forsythe said a committee should be appointed to look at getting an additional family court judge. Mr. Button said this could be an item on the Legislative Agenda for 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no Committee Reports.

Ms. Haggard moved to go to Executive Session at 10:01 p.m. to discuss negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Perkins).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Acres moved to return to Open Session at 10:36 p.m., seconded by Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Perkins).

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

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Amber Stickney, 77 Yaleville, Norwood 13668 (Replacing Kimberly McKnight)
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 individuals to the **Community Services Board ASA Subcommittee** (Terms to expire 12-31-2024), seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Perkins):

Amber Stickney, 77 Yaleville, Norwood 13668; (Replacing Kimberly McKnight)
Sarah McGregor, 94 Stoughton Avenue, Massena 13662 (Replacing Kristin Martin)
Anne Marie Snell, 689 Pumpkin Hill Road, Potsdam 13676; (Replacing Mary Jones)

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individuals to **EMS Advisory Board**, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Perkins):

Eric Alan, 320 Chapel Hill Road, Colton 13625 (Term to expire: 12/31/2024)
(Replacing Philip Royce)
Jolene Munger, 3499 State Highway 310, Norfolk 13667 (Term to expire: 12/31/2022)
(Replacing Richard McDougall)

Ms. Curran moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **EMS Advisory Board** (Terms to expire 12-31-2024), seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Perkins):

Aaron Johnson, 12 East Hill Road, South Colton 13687
David Sherman, 21043 Weaver Road, Watertown 13601
Donald Thompson, 6149 County Route 27, Canton 13617
James K Barr, 805 Mechanic Street, Ogdensburg 13669
James Blackburn, Post Office Box 271, Rensselaer Falls 13680
Tammy Sykes, 54 Farmer Street, Canton 13617

Ms. Curran moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **St. Lawrence County Planning Board** (Terms to expire 12-31-2024), seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Perkins):

Eric Alan, 320 Chapel Hill Road, Colton 13625
Kitty O'Neil, 29 Cayey Road, South Colton 13687

Mr. Acres moved to reappoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors** (Term to expire 12-31-2024), seconded by Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Perkins):

Adam Cook, 49 Regan Road, Potsdam 13676

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Mr. Acres moved to reappoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Trails Advisory Board** (Term to expire: 12-31-2024), seconded by Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Perkins):

Roger M. Bennett, 30 Prospect Avenue, Massena 13662-1744

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

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Sheridan adjourned the December Full Board Meeting at 10:40 p.m., as there was no further business.