

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

Mr. Lightfoot moved to suspend the rules of procedure to allow attendance to the meeting to be held telephonically, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

**ROLL CALL:** All Legislators were present with the exception of Mr. Reagen

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>LEGISLATOR</b>
District 1	<del>James E. Reagen</del>
District 2	David Forsythe
District 3	Joseph Lightfoot
District 4	William J. Sheridan
District 5	Harry A. Smithers
District 6	Larry Denesha
District 7	Rick Perkins
District 8	Kevin Acres
District 9	Daniel Fay
District 10	Margaret I. Haggard
District 11	Suzanne Fiacco
District 12	John Burke
District 13	Tony Arquiatt
District 14	Nicole A. Terminelli
District 15	Rita E. Curran

Mr. Denesha led everyone in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Fay moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the February 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and February 22<sup>nd</sup> Special Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION HONORING EAGLE SCOUT LEAHBETH P. GUERARD**

**COVID-19 UPDATE** – Dr. Williams and Jolene Munger

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Deputy Clerk read the following Communication:

1. An email was received from Jane Lammers on behalf of the Board of Directors of the North Country Children's Museum saying in a survey regarding American Rescue Plan funding the Children's Museum received overwhelming support from citizens, and the Committee for the Children's Museum is requesting \$150,000 to support the current expansion of the museum.

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2. An email was received from Marty Fowler, of Massena, saying it is in the best interest of the people of St. Lawrence County that the Board of Legislators protect its citizens and put out a press release to inform people of the dangers of crossing the Northern border and entering into Canada at this time.
3. An email was received from Rachel Raven, of Gouverneur, asking the Board to do their due diligence to resolve issues and work towards a healthier future for children. She said she remains eager to work together towards change to a broken system.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

The citizens who spoke to the Board during Citizen Participation were Bill Roome of Madrid, Francine Griffin of Madrid, David Rodbeck, and Zachary McGee of St. Lawrence University.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

Operations Committee: 2-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT EXTENDING THE TERMS FOR THE CYBERSECURITY REMEDIATION GRANT AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

**WHEREAS**, New York State has notified the Board of Elections that they are extending the grant deadlines to December 31, 2023 for those grants that have an unexpended balance, and

**WHEREAS**, grant extension applications must be signed by the Chair and returned to New York State Board of Elections,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amended contract extending the terms for the Cybersecurity Remediation Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the Board of Elections, as follows:



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

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No.73-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Operations Committee: 2-14-2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 74-2022**

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR RELATED OVERTIME EXPENSES FOR THE CIVIL AND CORRECTIONAL DIVISIONS**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff’s Office, Civil and Correctional Divisions, have exceeded the budget in the overtime account for 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff’s Office is able to find sufficient funds to cover this overage within the Sheriff’s Office Budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for related expenses for the Civil and Correctional Divisions, as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

S4022645 550SR	S Jail State Readies	\$21,000
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**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

S2031104 42000	S Civil Office Supplies	\$50
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

S2031101 18000	S Civil Overtime	\$50
S4031501 18000	S Jail Overtime	<u>21,000</u>
		\$21,050

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No.74-2022, seconded by Mr. Acres and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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Operations Committee: 2-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 75-2022

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operation Committee

**WHEREAS**, the current physician for the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility has indicated his plans to retire from his duties as Medical Director for the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility, and

**WHEREAS**, Lawrence Kring, M.D. has indicated his interest in the position of Medical Director, and Ken Hilbourne, FNP-C will assist Dr. Kring, and

**WHEREAS**, the hiring of Dr. Kring and Mr. Hilbourne would provide continuous health care coverage for the incarcerated inmates of the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility and meet the requirements of the New York State Commission of Corrections,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for Medical Services at the Correctional Facility, as follows:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$17,000
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

S4031501 1900M	S JAIL Part-Time Medical	\$17,000
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 75-2022, seconded by Mr. Acres and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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Operations Committee: 2-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 76-2022

**APPROVAL OF BAD DEBT WRITE OFF FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 87-2014 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Falcon Recovery Systems, LLC, in an effort to consolidate collection work under one contract, and

**WHEREAS**, although the amount owed is written off, the amount due is placed in the file of the client in an effort to collect payment should they return for services in the future, and

**WHEREAS**, 2020 bad debt accounts totaled \$14,772 with \$5,515 for Drug Testing Fees and \$9,257 for Supervision Fees which were written off last year by Resolution No. 69-2021, and

**WHEREAS**, 2021 bad debt accounts from 2015, 6 years uncollectible, were \$5,048 for Drug Testing Fees and \$6,545 for Supervision Fees, for a total of \$11,593,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators approves the bad debt write offs for the Probation Department, as follows:

**DECREASE CONTRA ASSET ACCOUNT:**

01TG0389 501Q0	T Allowance for Receivables Probation	\$11,593
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**DECREASE ASSET ACCOUNT:**

01TG0380 501Q0	T Q Accounts Receivable	\$11,593
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No.76-2022, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Acres and Curran), and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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Operations Committee: 2-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 77-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW PARADIGM  
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PLLC, FOR COUNSELING SERVICES FOR  
THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Probation Department has determined that the purchase of rehabilitative and supportive services can be an effective and efficient means to fulfill its statutory responsibilities, and

**WHEREAS**, New Paradigm Psychological Services, PLLC, is a practice in which its partners are New York State Licensed Psychologists and Clinical Members of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) with the experience and capacity to provide counseling to juveniles and adults identified as sexual offenders, and

**WHEREAS**, the Probation Department is required as part of the enhanced services for the Sex Offenders Block Grant under the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives to ensure that all sex offenders are assessed by a trained treatment provider using a sex offender specific assessment instrument, and

**WHEREAS**, the Probation Department is seeking to begin services with New Paradigm Psychological Services, PLLC for individual and group counseling sessions, as well as assessments (Q1031404 43000 SOM), with the terms of the contract beginning on the date of signing through December 31, 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the Probation Department is responsible for the rates as follows if a client does not have insurance coverage: \$25 per client for group sessions, \$50 per client for individual therapy, and \$200 for each sex offender assessment,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorize the Chair to sign a contract with New Paradigm Psychological Services, PLLC, for counseling services for the Probation Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No.77-2022, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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Operations Committee: 2-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 78-2022

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 2022 AS NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, each year colorectal cancer claims more than 50,000 American lives, making it the second leading cause of cancer deaths in our Nation, and

**WHEREAS**, National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month provides for greater attention to this terrible disease and offers a chance to improve public understanding of colorectal cancer risks and encourages routine screening while bringing hope to families living through it, and

**WHEREAS**, because the risk of death from colorectal cancer drops dramatically when the cancer is caught early, lives can be saved by calling attention to risk factors and by increasing routine screening, and

**WHEREAS**, as with many diseases, the best defense against colorectal cancer is early detection, but many cases have no symptoms, especially early in the disease when colorectal cancer is most curable, so routine checkups and screening are vital to guarding against this disease,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators proclaims March 2022 as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Board encourages all citizens to talk to friends and family about getting screened and to join in activities planned around the County that increase awareness and prevention of colorectal cancer.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No.78-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers.

Ms. Curran said the new age recommendation for screening is age 45.

Resolution No. 78-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).



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RESOLUTION NO. 79-2022

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 2022 AS PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH  
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the National Council on Problem Gambling, the New York Council on Problem Gambling, and the Central Region Problem Gambling Resource Center have designated March 2022 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month, and

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting thousands of New Yorkers of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds, and

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses and communities, and

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing this harm to both individuals and society as a whole, and

**WHEREAS**, numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators proclaims March 2022 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all citizens are encouraged to learn more about the signs of problem gambling and to help spread the message about the availability of treatment.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No.79-2022, seconded by Mr. Forsythe.

Mr. Acres said he supports this resolution, and said New York State is supposed to be using proceeds from the lottery for education, and he does not believe that is happening.

Resolution No. 79-202 was carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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Services Committee: 2-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 80-2022

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

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No 215-2021 was passed for the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Grant in the amount of \$35,829 (PP034725 5600 LEAD) for each year of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, notification was received that the amount has been increased to \$49,500 for each year of the contact, an increase of \$13,671 per year, (PP034725 5600 LEAD),

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

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No.80-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Services Committee: 2-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 81-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND DR. LISA KIRBY, VETERINARIAN, FOR RABIES CLINICS**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Rabies Program is responsible for holding a minimum of one rabies clinic quarterly within St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, quarterly rabies clinics include ordering rabies vaccines and monitoring supplies; providing vaccinations by a licensed Veterinarian; providing rabies certificates and tags to all animals vaccinated; and recording and maintaining the rabies certificates on file, and

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**WHEREAS**, under this Memorandum of Understanding, Dr. Lisa Kirby would agree to allow the Public Health Department to order rabies vaccine under her license for the quarterly rabies clinics, provide consultation regarding the rabies clinics, and to provide veterinary services at the clinics at a rate of \$200 (PP040424 430VT RAB), and

**WHEREAS**, this Memorandum of Understanding is effective January 1, 2022 and will remain in effect until terminated by either party via a 30-day written notice,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department and Dr. Lisa Kirby, Veterinarian, for rabies clinics, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 81-2022, seconded by Mr. Acres and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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RESOLUTION NO. 82-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH HEALTH RESEARCH INC. /NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (HRI/NYSDOH) FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY (ELC) COVID-19 ENHANCED DETECTION AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Governor Kathy Hochul announced on December 20, 2021 that she is making funding available to counties across New York State to help with costs associated with administering vaccines and boosters and enforcing the mask-or-vaccine mandate for indoor public places, and

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**WHEREAS**, upon the signing of this agreement, the Public Health Department will receive funding in the amount of \$1,000,000, and

**WHEREAS**, funding has been available to support COVID-19, and

**WHEREAS**, the supplemental funding will be expended on the hiring of permanent and temporary staff to assist with POD activities, POD clinic supplies, conducting public education/awareness campaigns and outreach on mask or vaccine protocols, staff mileage to travel to POD sites, triaging inquires or complaints to partner entities and collaborating on mitigation activities, and wrap around services,

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the Public Health Department, as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

PPZ44895 57000 CVD	P ELC CVD Federal Aid	\$1,000,000
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

PPZ40101 18000 CVD	P ELC CVD Overtime	\$200,000
PPZ40101 14000 CVD	P ELC CVD Clerical	45,000
PPZ40101 17000 CVD	P ELC CVD Regular Part Time	86,000
PPZ40104 42004 CVD	P ELC CVD Computer Software	100,000
PPZ40104 42800 CVD	P ELC CVD Other Supplies	30,000
PPZ40104 43007 CVD	P ELC CVD Other Fees & Services	358,483
PPZ40104 44000 CVD	P ELC CVD I/D Automotive Expenses	1,500
PPZ40104 45100 CVD	P ELC CVD Medical Supplies & Expenses	60,000
PPZ40108 81000 CVD	P ELC CVD Retirement	41,704
PPZ40108 83000 CVD	P ELC CVD Social Security	24,314
PPZ40108 84000 CVD	P ELC CVD Workmens Comp	8,352
PPZ40108 84500 CVD	P ELC CVD Group Life Insurance	240
PPZ40108 86000 CVD	P ELC CVD Hospital & Medical Insurance	42,415
PPZ40108 86500 CVD	P ELC CVD Dental Insurance	1,465
PPZ40108 89000 CVD	P ELC CVD Vision Insurance	527
		<u>\$1,000,000</u>

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

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 82-2022, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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**RESOLUTION NO. 83-2022**

**ACCEPTING PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FUNDS AND  
MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Health has received a Performance Incentive Achievement Award from the New York State Department of Health in the amount of \$34,000, (PP034015 56000) and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 achievement award focused on promoting the practice of Expedited Partner Therapy for Chlamydia Trachomatis and Neisseria Gonorrhoeae, and

**WHEREAS**, the level of performance by St. Lawrence County exceeded expectations by achieving a perfect score of one-hundred percent (100%), and

**WHEREAS**, this achievement award must be used to support costs associated with Article 6 eligible services while costs associated with any eligible activity are acceptable, LHDs are encouraged to consider utilizing the award funds to support the sexual health of patients and their sexual partners through prevention, treatment, and management of sexually transmitted infections,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the acceptance of performance incentive achievement award funds for support of Article 6 eligible services, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the Public Health Department, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

PP040104 43007	P PREV Other Fees and Services	\$34,000
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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

PP034015 56000	P SA Public Health and Clinic	\$34,000
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 83-2022, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Services Committee: 2-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 84-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH DR. DANNY SEKHON FOR PHARMACIST SERVICES FOR 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

**WHEREAS**, Pharmacist Dr. Danny Sekhon would be reimbursed (PP040104 43007 STD) a fee of \$150 quarterly for clinic audit to comply with Article 28 of Public Health Law and the rate shall not exceed \$50 per hour 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. Danny Sekhon for pharmacist services for the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No.84-2022, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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RESOLUTION NO. 85-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF JEFFERSON COUNTY (CHJC) AND THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGU) FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH HOME CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICE DOLLARS AND MODIFY THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with 14 NYCRR the Local Government Unit (LGU) governs oversight of Office of Mental Health (OMH) State Aid funding, and as appropriate and/or necessary, LGU must provide or arrange for the provision of Health Home Care Management Service Dollars (hereafter referred to as "Service Dollars") and Health Home Non-Medicaid Care Management Funding, and

**WHEREAS**, LGU has determined Children's Home of Jefferson County (CHJC) is a "Legacy Provider" and therefore, Health Home connected service recipients are eligible to receive Service Dollars and Health Home Non-Medicaid Care Management Funding, and

**WHEREAS**, CHJC desires to provide Health Home Services and Service Dollars to Health Home Service Recipients regardless if the individual is eligible for Medicaid and Medicaid Managed Care, and

**WHEREAS**, LGU desires to enter into an agreement with CHJC to support Health Home Service Recipients by making available Service Dollars and Non-Medicaid Care Management funding, and

**WHEREAS**, CHJC understands the total maximum service dollar allocation in one calendar year may not exceed ten thousand, nine hundred and sixty-five dollars (\$10,965) and the total maximum Non-Medicaid Care Management allocation in one calendar year may not exceed eight thousand, seven hundred and thirty-six dollars (\$8,736), and

**WHEREAS**, CHJC and Community Services LGU mutually desire to preserve and enhance the well-being of their clients,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract between the Children's Home of Jefferson County (CHJC) and the St. Lawrence County Local Government Unit (LGU) for the provision of Health Home Care Management Service Dollars, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A4443224 465CH	A OFS CHJC Advances	\$19,701
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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

A4434905 56000	A SA OFS Other Mental Health	\$19,701
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 85-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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**RESOLUTION NO. 86-2022**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CITIZEN ADVOCATES FOR THE MOBILE ACCESS PROGRAM (MAP) CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, Citizen Advocates received a grant from the Police, Mental Health & Community Collaboration of Rochester, New York, in conjunction with the NYS Office of Mental Health to partner with the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department to implement a Mobile Access Program (MAP), and

**WHEREAS**, MAP connects residents in distress with mental health clinicians utilizing iPads when the Sheriff's Road Patrol requests assistance in the field to achieve a mental health/crisis evaluation remotely to plan for an appropriate disposition, and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of MAP is to increase timely access to mental health consultations, decrease unnecessary transports, and connect individuals to community services, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services wants to enter into a contractual agreement with Citizen Advocates to allocate \$18,400 of State Aid funding for MAP evaluations, and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Department, Citizen Advocates, and Community Services mutually desire to preserve and enhance the well-being of the citizens of St. Lawrence County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Citizen Advocates for the Mobile Access Program (MAP) Clinical Assessments, upon approval of the County Attorney, and



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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A4143224 465CA	A CSS Citizen Advocates Advances	\$18,400
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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

A4134905 56000	A SA CSS Mental Health	\$18,400
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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**RESOLUTION NO. 87-2022**

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AS PASS THROUGH FUNDING TO APPROVED AGENCIES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Community Services for funding received from New York State Office of Mental Health to St. Lawrence County as pass through funding to approved agencies, as follow:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A4143224 465CC	A CSS Catholic Charities	\$1,327
A4143224 465AR	A CSS ARC	1,236
A4443224 465AR	A OFS ARC Advances	105
A4243224 465TL	A CRV NCTLS Advances	19
A4443224 465TL	A OFS NCTLS Advances	356
A4443224 465NR	A OFS NRCIL Advances	2,954

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A4143224 465RO	A CSS Reachout Advances	126
A4343224 465RO	A CPP Reachout Advances	419
A4143224 465SS	A CSS Step By Step Advances	521
A4343224 465SS	A CPP Step By Step Advances	2,686
A4443224 465UH	A OFS United Helpers Advances	2,813
A4243224 465UH	A CRV United Helpers Advances	<u>63</u>
		\$12,625

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A4243224 465CC	A CRV Catholic Charities Advances	\$1,457
A4243224 465AR	A CRV ARC Advances	564
A4243224 465RO	A CRV Reachout Advances	2,315
A4243224 465SS	A CRV Step By Step Advances	<u>1,116</u>
		\$5,452

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

A4134905 56000	A SA CSS Mental Health	\$3,210
A4334905 56000	A SA CPP Other Mental Health PR	3,105
A4434905 56000	A SA OFS Other Mental Health PR	<u>6,228</u>
		\$12,543

**DECREASE REVENUE:**

A4234905 56000	A SA CR Other Mental Health PR	\$5,370
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-2022, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Services Committee: 2-14-2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 88-2022**

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR ADMINISTRATION, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE, AND SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, due to higher than anticipated costs in Child Care and State Training Schools, higher various local revenues, lower local weekly medical assistance costs, and lower Safety Net costs it is necessary to modify the 2021 Social Services Budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for Social Services for administration, medical assistance, temporary assistance, and services, as follows:

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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

DAM60104 43007	D MAEL Other Fees	\$7,500
DSC61194 46500 ADAD	D ADCFC Adoption Subsidies – I	205,000
DSC61194 465CL ADFC	D ADCFC Clothing	85,000
DSC61194 465IB ADFC	D ADCFC Institution Board	300,754
DSS61294 46500	D STS Other Payments	<u>490,000</u>
		\$1,088,254

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

DAC60104 49900	D SCU Miscellaneous Expense	\$21,000
DAF60104 499FR	D FS Overpayment Repayments	8,000
DAP60104 499DC	D TA Legal Svc for Disabled	25,000
DMM61004 46500	D Medicaid to State	331,798
DPS61404 46100	D HR Directs	308,542
DPS61404 46500	D HR Indirects	<u>55,458</u>
		\$749,798

**DECREASE REVENUE:**

DPS36405 56000	D SA Safety Net	\$105,560
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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

DAC18115 55000	D LR Child Support Incentives	75,500
DMG18015 550MS	D LR Medical Surplus	192,016
DPB18405 55000 BURY	D LR Safety Net Burials	26,800
DSC18195 55000	D LR Child Care	111,700
DSC46155 57000 EAF	D FA FFFS EAF Foster Care Reve	<u>38,000</u>
		\$444,016

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 88-2022, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Finance Committee: 2-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 89-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN ROADSIDE MOWING CONTRACTS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 St. Lawrence County Budget provided for the approval and funding of the 2022 Roadside Mowing, and

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**WHEREAS**, the Department of Highways will contract with five (5) towns for roadside mowing on 65.17 miles of County Roads (HM351104 430RM),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators does hereby approve the following contracts, upon approval of the County Attorney, to:

Towns:	Clifton Fine Hopkinton Piercefield Stockholm
Contract Title:	Roadside Mowing
Contract Amount:	\$277.00/mile

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign roadside mowing contracts, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 89-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Finance Committee: 2-28-2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 90-2022**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH  
FRANKLIN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR ROAD SALT THROUGH  
THE 2022-2023 ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SALT BID**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Superintendent of Highways has advised the Franklin County Highway Superintendent that Franklin County will be able to purchase road salt through the 2022-2023 St. Lawrence County salt bid, and

**WHEREAS**, to include road salt estimates for Franklin County the bidding process will likely lower the cost per ton for both counties, and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Superintendent of Highways recommends that authorization be granted,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Board of Legislators authorizes entering into a cooperative agreement with Franklin County Highway Department for road salt

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through the 2022-2023 St. Lawrence County salt bid, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 90-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers.

Mr. Acres thanked Highway Superintendent, Don Chambers, for doing his due diligence and saving the County money.

Resolution No. 90-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Finance Committee: 2-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 91-2022

**APPROVING FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #5 FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FINAL DESIGN FOR THE COUNTY ROUTE 35 (SLAB CITY) BRIDGE OVER TROUT BROOK, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the implementation and funding of a State-aid eligible transportation federal-aid project, to fully fund the local share of federal- and state-aid eligible and ineligible project costs and appropriating funds therefore.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators desires to advance the above project by making a commitment of one-hundred percent (100%) of the non-federal share of the costs of Final Design for the Project or portions thereof, with the federal share of such costs to be applied directly by the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) pursuant to Agreement,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes approving Federal Aid Highway Project Supplemental Agreement #5 for additional funding for final design for the County Route 35 (Slab City) Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394, and

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

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators agrees that the Department of Highways shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of the Federal Aid Project funding awarded to the Department of Highways, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the Project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Department of Highways thereof, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid on behalf of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators with the NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the first instance funding of the municipality, of the Federal and non-federal share of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

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

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 91-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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RESOLUTION NO. 92-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #2  
WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING  
AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR COUNTY ROUTE 35 BRIDGE OVER TROUT BROOK,  
BIN 3341700, PIN 775394 AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 168-2020 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Stantec Consulting Services for consulting services for engineering and design services for County Route 35 Bridge over Trout Brook Project, (the "Project"), and

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**WHEREAS**, an additional supplemental agreement is now required due to additional engineering and design services required above the original contract estimate,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign Supplemental Agreement #2 for additional engineering and design services for Country Route Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394, upon approval of the County Attorney, with:

Consultant:	Stantec Consulting Services
Contract Title:	County Route 35 Bridge over Trout Brook BIN 3341700, PIN 775394
Additional Engineering/ Design Fee:	Not to Exceed \$72,000 HM651204 430ED 2035

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HM651204 430ED 2035	H 2035 Engineering Design	\$72,000
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**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HM651204 465CO 2035	H 2035 Sub-contracts	\$72,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 92-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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**RESOLUTION NO. 93-2022**

**APPROVING FEDERAL AID LOCAL PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT  
FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY INCIDENTALS FOR THE LAZY RIVER ROAD BRIDGE  
OVER GRASSE RIVER FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY PROJECT  
BIN 3341820, PIN 775332**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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**WHEREAS**, a project for Right-of-Way Incidentals (ROW) for Lazy River Road over the Grasse River, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of eighty percent (80%) federal funds and twenty percent (20%) non-federal funds, and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators approves the Federal Aid Local Project Supplemental Agreement for Right-of-Way incidentals for the Lazy River Road Bridge over Grasse River Federal Aid Highway Project, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332, and

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

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

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

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

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

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 93-2022, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).



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RESOLUTION NO. 94-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNITED HELPERS, INC. AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FOR THE RECOVERY AND RECOUPMENT OF PASS-THROUGH FUNDING OVERPAYMENTS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, since at least 2010, the County has provided pass-through funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health (“OMH”) to United Helpers as payment for services, including, but not limited to: Assertive Community Treatment Program (ACT); Assertive Community Treatment Services; Health Home Care Management Services Dollars; Health Home Non-Medicaid Care Management Services; Supported Housing Community Services; and Supported Housing Rental Assistance, (collectively the “Services”) United Helpers, Inc. provides to residents of St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, United Helpers, Inc. provides these services pursuant to annual, written executory agreements (“Services Agreements”) with the County, acting through its duly constituted St. Lawrence County Community Services Board under which payment to United Helpers is contingent upon payment to the County by the State of New York; the County is not liable for payments beyond the funds made available from the State; and if the State should recoup from current funding monies previously paid to United Helpers, Inc., the County is entitled to deduct the amount recouped from the current funding, and

**WHEREAS**, the State audits the documentation submitted by United Helpers, Inc. in support of its claims for Services submitted to the County to confirm its eligibility for payment and at times the State recoups from the County funds it determines were not reimbursable to United Helpers, Inc., and

**WHEREAS**, State audits are typically conducted retroactively, and the State will recoup any overpayments determined from the audits from the funds paid to the County years after the recouped payments have been made to United Helpers, Inc., and

**WHEREAS**, the Services Agreements between the County and United Helpers, Inc. for the Services and the pass-through payments provide, in pertinent part: “if during the term of this agreement, the appropriate State agencies for any reason whatsoever shall fail to approve full State Aid in reimbursement to the County for payments made previously by the County to the Agency, then the County shall deduct and withhold from any payment thereafter due under the agreement an amount equal to the amount of reimbursement denied by the appropriate State agencies,” and

**WHEREAS**, from 2013 through 2020, the State has recouped funds from the County related to Services previously provided by United Helpers, Inc. for claim years of 2010 to 2017, and

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**WHEREAS**, the Parties recognize the value of the Services rendered by United Helpers, Inc. to County residents and in order for United Helpers, Inc. to continue to provide said Services, the Parties have reached a tentative agreement related to the recovery of those recouped funds,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement and any supporting documentation necessary to carry out the agreement with United Helpers, Inc. regarding the recovery and recoupment of pass-through funding for the years of 2010-2017, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 94-2022, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Denesha), and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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**RESOLUTION NO. 95-2022**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR PROPERTY TAX AUCTION SERVICES ON FORECLOSED REAL PROPERTIES IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 187-2018 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Auctions International, Inc. for Real Property Tax Auction Services for fiscal year 2018 auction services, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 141-2019 authorized the Chair to sign a contract extension for the provision of Real Property Tax Auction Services for fiscal years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the County Tax Foreclosure Auction Team to extend the current agreement with Auctions International so as to continue the provision of services with the same terms and conditions as provided for in the current contract for the fiscal years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, and

**WHEREAS**, there has been and will be no cost to the County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension with Auctions International for property tax auction services on foreclosed real properties in St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-2022, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Finance Committee: 2-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 96-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH VENESKY & COMPANY TO PREPARE THE ANNUAL INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2021, 2022, AND 2023**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, following an RFP process, Resolution No. 14-2016 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Venesky & Company to prepare the annual Indirect Cost Allocation Report for fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017, and at that time an optional three-year extender was offered each year for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 with no change in cost, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Cost Allocation Plan provided the County with the opportunity to claim \$1,865,654 in identified central service and maintenance in lieu of rent costs, and

**WHEREAS**, a chart summarizing the indirect cost recovery projects for the past six years is below, and

Department:	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Totals:
Dept of Social Services:	\$ 1,258,173	\$ 1,255,682	\$ 1,266,733	\$ 1,228,701	\$ 1,251,293	\$ 1,227,878	\$ 7,488,460
Public Health:	\$ 160,739	\$ 249,941	\$ 313,302	\$ 288,613	\$ 296,008	\$ 366,269	\$ 1,674,872
Community Services:	\$ 170,661	\$ 338,104	\$ 272,125	\$ 289,208	\$ 264,230	\$ 271,507	\$ 1,605,835
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 1,589,573</b>	<b>\$ 1,843,727</b>	<b>\$ 1,852,160</b>	<b>\$ 1,806,522</b>	<b>\$ 1,811,531</b>	<b>\$ 1,865,654</b>	<b>\$ 10,769,167</b>

**WHEREAS**, Venesky & Company has agreed to prepare the Indirect Cost Allocation Report for the next three (3) years at the same cost of \$14,000 annually, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Treasurer to continue to retain Venesky & Company to prepare the Cost Allocation Plan,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Venesky & Company to prepare the Annual Indirect Cost Allocation Report for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 96-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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RESOLUTION NO. 97-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH EXCELLUS BC/BS TO PURCHASE STOP LOSS INSURANCE AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County (SLC) Health Insurance costs continue to rise at significant rates each year, and

**WHEREAS**, the County continues to research and implement programs in an effort to contain these costs, and

**WHEREAS**, some of the cost savings initiatives and measurable results St. Lawrence County has implemented over the years include: changing TPAs, renegotiating PBM (ProAct) contracts, auditing retiree drug subsidies, changing co-pay assistance for specialty drugs (20% to 30%), implementing Telemedicine, implementing USRx Care (prescription mgmt.), and implementing OptiMed (infusion therapy), resulting in over \$7 million in savings per year, and

**WHEREAS**, Burnham Benefit Consultants has secured Requests for Proposals for Stop Loss Insurance for St. Lawrence County several times in the past with the most recent being secured in November 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, these proposals show Excellus BC/BS to be the most competitive with the lowest premiums, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators established a reserve in 2018 for high cost claims, which currently has a balance of \$1.5 million, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators has decided Stop Loss Insurance would allow St. Lawrence County to better manage the risk of high claim costs, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators proposes to use reserve funds to secure a Stop Loss Policy for coverage of specific claims over \$300K incurred between April 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for a premium of \$419,164, and

**WHEREAS**, the Stop Loss premium for 2022 will not be used to calculate 2023 Health Insurance Premium Equivalent rates, however; subsequent year premiums would be calculated into the Premium Equivalent rates due to the fact that it could provide savings and will provide assurance against claims in excess of the Stop Loss premium,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Excellus BC/BS to purchase Stop Loss Insurance, upon approval of the County Attorney, and



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**WHEREAS**, “Flat Rate” positions that have been allocated to a Management Bands receive annual wage increases according to CSEA negotiated annual wage increases and the identified Medical Provider positions do not receive annual wage increases, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes wage increases for positions categorized as Flat Rate medical providers, effective March 19, 2022.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 98-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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**RESOLUTION NO. 99-2022**

**AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO MODIFY THE PY21 WIOA BUDGET TO TRANSFER FORMULA FUNDS FROM DISLOCATED WORKER ACCOUNTS TO ADULT TRAINING ACCOUNTS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Notice of Authorization PY21-3 was issued with the remaining allocation of funding for Program Year 2021 WIOA Title IB Adult and Dislocated Worker programs, and

**WHEREAS**, a transfer of funds would provide more flexibility and ensure that WIOA is able to provide services to as many eligible participants as possible, and

**WHEREAS**, that all participants eligible for the Dislocated Worker program will be enrolled in the Dislocated Worker program, and no eligible participant will be denied services, including training services, due to transfer of funds, and

**WHEREAS**, WIOA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Section 683.130, grant LWDBs the authority to transfer one-hundred percent (100%) of a program year allocations between the Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs, and

**WHEREAS**, the LWDB authorized, with Resolution Number 22-A12-01, the transfer of funds from the Dislocated Worker to Adult,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the PY21 WIOA Budget to Transfer Formula Funds from Dislocated Worker Accounts to Adult Training Accounts, as follows:

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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

UA162924 461TU TRAN	Adult Training Tuition Fees	\$60,000
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**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

UE162911 11000	Disc Core Direct Service Worker	\$10,000
UE162911 14000	Disc Core Clerical	5,000
UE162914 430WI	WIB Expenses	2,234
UE162918 81000	Disc Core Retirement	2,972
UE162918 83000	Disc Core Social Security	1,551
UE162918 84000	Disc Core Workmen Compensation	537
UE162918 84500	Disc Core Group Life Insurance	29
UE162918 86000	Disc Core Hospital & Medical I	5,999
UE162918 86500	Disc Core Dental Insurance	243
UE162918 89000	U Vision Insurance	93
UE162924 461OJ	Disc Training OJT Employer Reimbursement	14,000
UE162924 461PM	Participant Travel	342
UE162924 461TU	Disc Training Tuition Fees	<u>17,000</u>
		\$60,000

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

UA147905 57000 TRAN	U FA Adult Training	\$60,000
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**DECREASE REVENUE:**

UE147905 57000	Dislocated Worker Revenue	\$60,000
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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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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 99-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Finance Committee: 2-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2022

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT  
IN RELATION TO SOLAR PROJECT ON PARCEL 64.002-6-1**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, Potsdam Community Solar 2, LLC (the “Company”) intends to build and operate a solar energy system as defined by the New York State Real Property Tax Law Section

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487 (the “Project”) located at US Highway 11 in the Town of Potsdam (Tax Parcel No. 64.002-6-1), and

**WHEREAS**, for those taxing jurisdictions that have not opted out of RPTL § 487; pursuant to RPTL § 487(9)(a), such a taxing jurisdiction could indicate its intent to require a PILOT Agreement with the developer, under which the developer, or any successor owner of the Project, will be required to make annual payments to the taxing jurisdiction for each year during the term of the PILOT Agreement, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County has directed the Industrial Development Agency (IDA) to manage the PILOT negotiation process for the County with developers of such solar energy systems, and

**WHEREAS**, the Company seeks to enter into a payment in lieu of tax agreement with St. Lawrence County pursuant to the following terms: (1) Fifteen-year payment in lieu of tax agreement pursuant to Real Property Tax Law, § 487, and (2) \$1,159 per MW payment to St. Lawrence County, increasing two percent (2%) annually during the term of the agreement,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the approval of payment in lieu of taxes agreement in relation to solar project on Parcel 64.002-6-1, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the IDA will finalize the execution of payment in lieu of tax agreement pursuant to the terms set forth and will administer the billing and collection for the County for the term of the PILOT, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 100-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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RESOLUTION NO. 101-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NCC SYSTEMS INC.  
FOR SECURITY SYSTEM EQUIPMENT, INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE  
FOR THE OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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



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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 41-2022 authorized \$23,393 of the SAPT Blog Grant funds to be used for the purchase of Comprehensive Security System Equipment, Installation, & Maintenance to manage the security needs for SLCCS Opioid Treatment Program located at the Human Services Center, 80 SH 310, Suite 1, Canton (A1Z42502 26000 STB), and

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

**WHEREAS**, funds from the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) will pay for the remaining balance in the amount not to exceed \$16,557 for the Security System Equipment, Installation, & Maintenance, and

**WHEREAS**, a competitive RFP was conducted to solicit bids for these services and upon review, NCC Systems is the successful bidder and is recommended for the award,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with NCC Systems Inc., for Security System Equipment, Installation & Maintenance for the Opioid Treatment Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 101-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Acres said the Opioid Treatment Program the County is developing will have a methadone treatment program which will allow people to get their doses as needed, and not have to travel hundreds of miles. This is a big step for people in need in St. Lawrence County.

Resolution No. 101-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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RESOLUTION NO. 102-2022

**IN SUPPORT OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AND SNOWMOBILE ACCESS  
ON THE RECENTLY ACQUIRED NEW YORK STATE CONSERVATION  
EASEMENT LANDS KNOWN AS THE SOUTH BRANCH GRASSE RIVER  
TRACT AND THE CRANBERRY FOREST**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee  
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 3; Mr. Perkins, District 7;  
Mr. Burke, District 12; Mr. Arquiatt, District 13; and Ms. Curran, District 15

**WHEREAS**, since 2006, St. Lawrence County (hereafter, “County”) has worked to develop an established a county-wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System with connecting corridors for community access, and

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

**WHEREAS**, since 2014, the Board of Legislators has worked to expand access on the Multi-Use Trail Recreational System by more than doubling the size of available trails and connections for recreational opportunities, and

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

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the State of New York announced that it had acquired 947 acres to be added to the Adirondack Forest Preserve and another 7,000 acres were acquired to be placed under a conservation easement, and

**WHEREAS**, the nearly 8,000 acres along the South Branch of the Grasse River in the towns of Colton and Clifton were purchased for \$4.3 million, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Environmental Conservation bought the parcels known as the “South Branch Grasse River Tract and the Cranberry Forest” from The Conservation Fund, an environmental nonprofit, and

**WHEREAS**, the easement acquisition connects several DEC easements, including the Conifer-Emporium, Grasse River, Seveys, Silver Lake, and Tooley Pond tracts, and

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**WHEREAS**, the State of New York has specifically identified that the acquisition of the land in easement was for public recreational opportunities and has been supportive of recreational motorized vehicles use within the Grasse River Tract associated with the multi-use trail system before, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators envisions an opportunity whereby the Towns of Colton, Clare, and Clifton could be connected through a new Community Connector associated with the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to make such a vision reality, the State of New York would need to include motorized recreational vehicles, which includes all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles, in the recreational offerings of the newly acquired parcel, and

**WHEREAS**, in recent study conducted by Jefferson Community College and Camoin Associates of Saratoga Springs, researchers found that ATV riders spend \$6.6 million yearly in Lewis County associated with their trail system, and

**WHEREAS**, at a time when the economy is weakened as a result of months of Pandemic response, the expansion of Multi-use recreational opportunities in an area of the State largely supportive of the activities, would hasten economic recovery,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators supports All-Terrain Vehicle and snowmobile access on the recently acquired New York State conservation easement lands known as the South Branch Grasse River Tract and the Cranberry Forest, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators urges the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation to designate recreational motor vehicles, which include snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, in their recreational planning associated with the South Branch Grasse River Tract and the Cranberry Forest to permit the development of a community connector between the Towns of Clifton, Colton, and Clare associated with the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System, 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 DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos.

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Mr. Arquiett moved to adopt Resolution No. 102-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Arquiett said New York State purchased 8,000 acres of land in the heart of St. Lawrence County near the Multi Use Trail System and this resolution will formally request to utilize portions of that land for the Multi-Use Trail System and recreational purposes.

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Resolution No. 102-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

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**RESOLUTION NO. 103-2022**

**MODIFYING THE 2022 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**, Resolution No. 28-2022 authorized a 2021 budget modification to purchase a plate cutter; however, the purchase was not complete so a budget modification is required to allow the purchase to occur in 2022,

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 28-2022 appropriated 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 2022 Budget for the Clerk's Office for a license plate cutter for the Department of Motor Vehicles, as follows:

**DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$9,000
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$9,000
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

K1614104 42000	K NYDS DMV CC Office Supplies	\$9,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 103-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers.

Mr. Lightfoot said the cost is exorbitant and he will not support this resolution.

Ms. Curran said there is a companies that buys destroyed, cut-up license plates from counties to make funny signs to sell if there was interest in seeing how much the destroyed plates are worth.

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Mr. Acres said he agrees this seems like a lot of money, but the County cuts approximately 2,000 license plates a month which requires a lot of time. This equipment is safety oriented and can do multiple plates at a time saving a lot of time and energy. Mr. Acres recognized Dale Grant, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor. Mr. Grant said his staff cuts approximately 2,000 plates a month, and two people spend an average of six (6) hours a week shearing plates. It is time consuming for the staff.

Mr. Denesha said he does not look at this as an expense, he looks at it as a safety issue.

Mr. Forsythe said if this helps deter injuries, it is worth the cost.

Mr. Burke said he will support this resolution as the head of Buildings and Grounds is endorsing this piece of equipment for his department.

Resolution No. 103-2022 was adopted by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, two (2) no vote (Lightfoot and Sheridan) and one (1) absent (Reagen).

RESOLUTION NO. 104-2022

**AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6 and Mr. Fay, District 9

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

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

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

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

<b><u>Department/Unit:</u></b>	<b><u>Title:</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Duration</u></b>	<b><u>Timeline</u></b>
Sheriff/Jail	Sergeant	603200001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff/Jail	Corporal*	603300004	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff/Jail	Physician	502100001	PT	Per-Diem	Immediate

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Sheriff/Jail	Nurse Practitioner	501800006	PT	Per-Diem	Immediate
Sheriff/Criminal	Deputy Sheriff	605000023	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Sheriff/Criminal	Detective	605500006	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff/Criminal	Sergeant	605100001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Sheriff/Criminal	Deputy Sheriff	605000052	FT	Permanent	Immediate
District Attorney	Secretary I	005100028	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Registered Professional Nurse*	501000071	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Public Health Specialist*	504300008	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Community Health Nurse*	502000028	PT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Community Health Nurse*	502000029	PT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/ Prevent	Keyboard Specialist	003100046	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Caseworker	815200004	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Caseworker	815200012	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Caseworker	815200014	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Caseworker	815200017	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Caseworker	815200028	FT	Contingent	Immediate
One Stop Career Center	Employment & Training Counselor*	701000028	FT	Permanent	30 days
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000006	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Mechanic	308100002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Buildings & Grounds	Custodial Supervisor*	303100002	FT	Permanent	Immediate

\*new positions

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following positions be abolished: Position No. 603000050, Correction Officer, in the Sheriff’s Office; Position No. 304700002, Head Building Maintenance Worker, in Buildings and Grounds; and Position No. 303000001, Custodial Worker, in Buildings and Grounds, and

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

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 104-2022, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Denesha moved to amend the resolution to remove the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor position from the resolution, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Resolution No. 104-2022 was adopted, as amended, by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

**RESOLUTION NO. 105-2022**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2022-2023 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (ATI) SERVICE PLAN CONTRACT**

By Mr. Burke, District 12

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board approved an extension of the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Plan, Contract No. CL17-1038-D06/C523950, for St. Lawrence County for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and

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**WHEREAS**, these pre-trial services were funded in the prior year 2021-2022 contract in the amount of \$28,421, and

**WHEREAS**, the pre-trial services will be funded with ATI funds in the amount of \$28,421 (Q1033105 56000 ATI), and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of the ATI Program for 2022 is \$103,742, of which \$28,421 is ATI grant funded, leaving a County cost of \$75,321,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2022-2023 Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Services Plan Contract, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Burke moved to adopt Resolution No. 105-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Doyle welcomed the government class from St. Lawrence University, and said she was happy they were attending the meeting tonight.

COVID-19 updates will no longer be provided at the Board Meetings, unless something changes that would warrant the need for the updates again. Plans to provide the towns, villages, and City with additional COVID-19 supplies are underway. There will be further distribution plans in the future. The dates and places of the testing clinics will change. The State of Emergency set by the County will expire today. Although the County is no longer mandating masks, the Courts are still requiring masks are social distancing of three (3) feet.

On March 3, the County celebrated its 220th anniversary with a luncheon and program at the Freight House in Ogdensburg. Proclamations were received from State representatives.

Staff are gearing up for the opening of the Multi-Use Trails on May 15<sup>th</sup>, and will be working with local business to train them to sell the trail passes.

The Vacancy Review Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow at noon to consider fourteen (14) positions.

There will be no meeting next week due to the NYSAC Conference in Albany.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

1. Resolution No. 69-2022, "Amending the Existing Health Insurance Buyout Plan for St. Lawrence County Employees" (Pages 46-47) (Note: This would require a motion to reconsider for the resolution to be replaced on the floor by a voice vote. A separate action on the measure has to be taken.)

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Mr. Forsythe made a motion to reconsider the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Acres:

**RESOLUTION NO. 106-2022 -FAILED**

**AMENDING THE EXISTING HEALTH INSURANCE BUYOUT PLAN FOR  
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

By Mr. Acres, District 8

**WHEREAS**, effective April 1, 2017, for the first time, St. Lawrence County established a Health Insurance Buyout Plan for County Employees to opt out of the County Health Insurance coverage and

**WHEREAS**, the Health Insurance Buyout Plan was developed at the recommendation of the County Health Insurance Committee who worked closely with the County Union Representatives to develop the Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Buyout Plan established at that time did not provide for employees hired prior to April 1, 2017 who were not covered under the County Health Insurance Plan to qualify for the Buyout unless they enrolled in the Health Insurance Plan for one year, and

**WHEREAS**, the Buyout Plan has the following eligibility and rules:

1. The employee must complete, sign and return waiver form by March 10, 2017 in order to receive initial buyout offering effective April 1, 2017. (Newly eligible employees complete the waiver once eligible for benefits)
2. The employee must provide proof that he/she is enrolled in other non-St. Lawrence County health coverage. (For example, a copy of a health identification card)
3. Current employees must be enrolled in St Lawrence County's health plan on March 31, 2017 in order to qualify for the initial buy-out offer. New employees may enroll in buy-out upon eligibility for health insurance.
4. Only upon qualifying event and /or open enrollment can an employee re-enroll on the County's health plan mid-year. Qualifying event election must be made within 30 days of the event date. Buyout payment will be pro-rated for the time not enrolled on the plan.
5. Buyout payment will be pro-rated and paid each pay period. Payments made to an employee under the provisions of this buy-out option are excluded from NYS Retirement System earnings calculations.
6. Buyout payments are taxable.



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7. Buyout payment is based upon enrollment & coverage status as of March 31, 2017:
  - Individual - \$2,000/year (pro-rated based on April 1, 2017)
  - Family - \$4,000/year (pro-rated based on April 1, 2017)
8. Newly hired employees or employees who experience a mid-year qualifying event, will receive payment based on a pro-rated amount, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators authorizes the Health Insurance Buyout Plan, upon completing a waiver form, be offered to those employees who were employed with the County before April 1, 2017, and are still employed with the County as of the date this resolution is adopted, and who provide proof that he/she has been and still is currently enrolled in other non-St. Lawrence County health coverage since April 1, 2017, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that employees who become eligible and decide to take advantage of the Buyout plan at this time will receive pro-rated cash payments for the remainder of 2022 and full waiver amounts in future years as long as they continue to meet eligibility requirements and rules as set forth herein, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Health Insurance Buyout Plan will be updated to reflect the change in the policy by the Board of Legislators.

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Resolution No. 106-2022 failed by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Ms. Haggard said March 9, 2022 is International Woman's Day, and the theme this year is "Gender equality leads to stainability."

Mr. Denesha said he received an email regarding financial disclosure forms for 2022, and asked if advisory board members, who are not on policy making boards, would need to fill out the forms. County Attorney Button said last year an audit required the Board of Ethics to obtain financial disclosure forms from all advisory board member, but an exemption was granted to those members who were not on policy making boards. Mr. Button said the local law will need to be modified to continue this exemption, but in the meantime, another exemptions can be requested for this year.

Ms. Terminelli said last year the County did lose some members of the advisory boards due to the requirement of filing financial disclosure forms. The advisory board members are volunteers and they do not procure goods and services through the County; they simply make recommendations to the Board of Legislators, and volunteer to serve the residents of the County. Ms. Terminelli said she would support a resolution for the exemptions.

Mr. Perkins suggested the Board update the local law to correct this.

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Ms. Curran said in February this Board passed a resolution opposing the ban against wood burning for heating and cooking. A new Bill is coming forward that require all new builds to require electric heat only for heating source. Ms. Curran said the Board should look at this mandate.

Mr. Denesha said over the last ten (10) years a quarter of a million acres of farmland has been lost to solar arrays. Prime farmland and crop land is being used to build solar arrays on, along with the clearcutting of forests for solar arrays.

Ms. Haggard said she understands the concerns, but essentially we cannot tell people who to sell their land to and for what purposes.

Mr. Arquiett said the County will not tell people what to do with their own land.

Mr. Acres said it is correct that we do not want tell farmers that they cannot lease their land; It provides them with a nice income. There has been 200 acres of land within a four mile radius of his place has been lost to solar.

Mr. Perkins said he does not agree to turn farmland to wind or solar, but there was a resolution today to have solar put on property. It is the person's choice.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There were no committee reports.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board moved to Open Session at 8:58 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 107-2022

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A  
(NO.   ) FOR THE YEAR 2022, "SETTING THE SALARY FOR  
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR"**

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

**WHEREAS**, proposed Local Law A (No.   ) for the Year 2022 will "Set the Salary for the County Administrator," and

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

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that a public hearing on proposed Local Law A (No. \_\_) for the Year 2022 will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

**ADOPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A (NO. \_\_) FOR THE YEAR 2022,  
“SETTING THE SALARY FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR”**

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

Section 1. For the Year 2022, following a performance appraisal of the County Administrator, the salary for the following title shall be increased to the amount listed below and the increase will be retroactive to January 1, 2022.

County Administrator \$160,000

Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 107-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Fay.

Mr. Arquiett asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Resolution No. 107-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Mr. Lightfoot moved to appoint the following individual to the **Community Services Board (Terms to expire: 12/31/2025)**, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Elizabeth Turner, 362 Peru Street, North Lawrence 12697 (Replacing Linda Scagel)

Mr. Lightfoot moved to appoint the following individual to the **Community Services OPWDD Subcommittee (Terms to expire: 12/31/2025)**, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Howard W. Ganter, 610 Main Street, Glen Park 13601 (Replacing Danny Scaggs)

Mr. Lightfoot moved to appoint the following individuals to the **Youth Advisory Board (Terms to expire: 1/31/2024)**, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Lindsey Best, Post Office Box 283, 150 County Route 26, Harrisville 13648 (Replacing Karen Bage)

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Patti Fisher, 3084 County Route 14, Madrid 13660 (Replacing Scott Quinell)  
Michael Hammond, 3 West Front Street, Rensselaer Falls 13680 (Replacing Michelle James)  
Tricia Snyder, 82 Buck Street, Canton 13617 (Replacing Pam Lewis)  
Kerri TenEyck, 366 Tallman Road, Ogdensburg 13669 (Replacing Teri Gilmour)

Mr. Acres moved to appoint the following individual to the **Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6**, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Greg Howe, 916 Farnes Road, Canton 13617 (Term to expire 12/31/2023) (Replacing Walt Paul)

Mr. Acres moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6**, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Rita Curran, 9 Coventry Drive, Massena 13662 (Term to expire 12/31/2023)

Mr. Acres moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **Fisheries Advisory Board (Terms to expire 12/31/2026)**, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

Robert G. Flavin, 116 Ogden Street, Ogdensburg 13669  
Donald Lucas, 18 Richards Street, Massena 13662  
Michael J. Seymour, 475 Miner Street Road, Canton 13617

**CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS:** Chair Sheridan appointed to following to the City of Ogdensburg Riverfront Property Committee: Joe Lightfoot (Chair), Jim Reagen, Dave Forsythe, Dan Fay, and Bill Sheridan (ex-officio)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Sheridan adjourned the meeting, as there was no further business.