

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

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

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

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>LEGISLATOR</b>
District 1	James E. Reagen
District 2	David Forsythe
District 3	Joseph Lightfoot
District 4	William J. Sheridan
District 5	Harry A. Smithers
District 6	Larry Denesha
<del>District 7</del>	<del>Rick Perkins</del>
District 8	Kevin Acres
District 9	Daniel Fay
District 10	Margaret I. Haggard
District 11	Suzanne Fiacco
District 12	John Burke
District 13	Tony Arquiett
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. Forsythe moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ms. Curran moved to approve the January 3, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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

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

1. A card was received from Mrs. Agnes Woodrow thanking the Board for the proclamation recognizing her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.
2. An email was received from Ron Bouchard of Ogdensburg asking the Board to not let the action of a few Ogdensburg officials dissuade them from passing the resolution to provide additional revenue to the City of Ogdensburg.

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3. An email was received from David Doty of Ogdensburg respectfully requesting the Board of Legislators to publicly support a resolution in support of securing medical manufacturing in Ogdensburg.
4. An email was received from Marty Fowler of Massena stating he believes there are incompetent people running the Country.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

William Roome, Madrid, asked the Board if they were here for the people or for the power. He said any investment the County makes regarding broadband should focus on 5G and towers. Mr. Roome made comments about mental illness, sexual assault, and the safety of children.

Zachary McGee, professor in the Department of Government at St. Lawrence University, and he would like to bring his group to a meeting in the near future.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

Operations Committee: 1-10-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE  
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET  
FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) has awarded \$615,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to St. Lawrence County to continue funding for the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program (CHRP 4), and

**WHEREAS**, these funds will be used to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to approximately twelve (12) eligible, income-qualified households in communities across the County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract, and all necessary documentation, with New York State Office of Community Renewal, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

N1080204 460GP NH54      N CDBG CHRP 4 Payments      \$615,000

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

N1049105 57000 NH54      N FA CHRP 4      \$615,000

**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. 33-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins)

Operations Committee: 1-10-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Justice requires the District Attorney's Office to file an annual Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Certification Report to be eligible to submit requests for federally forfeited property or proceeds, and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement is entered into by the United States Department of Justice, the County of St. Lawrence, and the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office (J4011654 49900 DEA),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report, and any subsequent amendments, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 34-2022, 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: 1-10-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2022

**RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a form of abuse in which force, fraud, or coercion is used to control victims for the purpose of commercial, sexual or labor exploitation, affecting individuals of all genders, ages, and backgrounds, and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking can occur in any industry, and is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world using violence and exploitive tactics to target vulnerable members of society, and

**WHEREAS**, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic exploitation, control and abuse, the crimes of human trafficking violates the privacy, dignity, security, and humanity of individuals, and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of human trafficking is wide-ranging, directly affecting foreign nationals, as well as citizens of the United States, and society as a whole with victims experiencing trauma, violence, manipulation, fraud, and coercion at the hands of their traffickers, and it is often the most vulnerable members of our communities who are affected by human trafficking, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, 109,216 victims of human trafficking were identified worldwide,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators recognizes January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all residents are encouraged to actively participate in the efforts to both raise awareness of, and to end, all forms of human trafficking in our communities, in the State of New York, and in the United States.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 35-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Services Committee: 1-24-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2022

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ACCEPT STOP-DWI HIGH VISIBILITY ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Community Services STOP-DWI Program has been awarded \$2,500 through the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee with a contract period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, an increase for 2020-2021, and

**WHEREAS**, the DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Funds (formally known as Crackdown) provides funding that will cover costs related to increased impaired driving saturation patrols during State-specified holidays, and engaging the public with educational materials, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Budget was prepared with an original budget of \$15,000 to cover these high visibility/saturation patrols,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Community Services to accept STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Funds from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A7133154 43007 GTSC	GTSC Other Fees and Services	\$2,500
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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

A7133895 56000 GTSC	A State Aid GTSC	\$2,500
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 36-2022, 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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Services Committee: 1-24-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH COUNTRY INITIATIVE FOR PROMISING PRACTICES FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, North Country Initiative (NCI) is a partnership of hospitals, independent physicians, and community providers working together to reform the healthcare system in the Tug Hill Seaway Region, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County Community Services Addictions and Mental Health Clinics are a qualified NCI Partner who are a member of the clinically integrated network within the counties of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services Addictions and Mental Health Clinics have proposed a project for incorporating virtual reality into the treatment process as part of the NCI DSRIP Promising Practice Fund, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services has received one-time grant funding from NCI Promise Practices Funds in the amount of \$23,900, and these funds will be used for the purchase of three virtual reality units as per Resolution No. 172-2021,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Cooperative Agreement with the North Country Initiative (NCI) for Promise Practices Funds, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 37-2022, 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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Services Committee: 1-24-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT AND A BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL NEW YORK HEALTH HOME NETWORK, INC.**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, Community Services has determined that securing care management services can be an effective and efficient means to offer quality of care to St. Lawrence County residents, and

**WHEREAS**, Central New York Health Home Network, Inc. (CNYHHN) is a collection of six (6) core services to assist high-risk and high-need individuals with complex combinations of chronic conditions and/or severe mental illness with Medicaid so that they can better utilize health care, social services, community, and natural supports, and

**WHEREAS**, these services will be provided by a Community Services Case Manager with CNYHHN handling the billing and any revenue generated will be reimbursed to St. Lawrence County Community Services (A3116205 55000 HHC),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract and Business Associates Agreement with Central New York Health Home Network, Inc., upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 38-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Acres and Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 1-24-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN 2022 CONTRACTS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the following organizations have appropriations in the 2022 Community Services Budget,

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**WHEREAS**, these contracts are modified annually and the timing occurs after the annual authorization provided in December each year and may be continuously updated throughout the year,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with each of the organizations listed, upon approval of the County Attorney:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Catholic Charities (CSS)	A4143224 465CC	\$226,747
Catholic Charities (CRV)	A4243224 465CC	\$119,498
North Country Freedom Homes	A2342504 46500	\$590,984
North Country Transitional Living Services (CRV)	A4243224 465TL	\$100,254
North Country Transitional Living Services (OFS)	A4443224 465TL	\$143,888
Northern Regional Center (OFS)	A4443224 465NR	\$168,312
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (CSS)	A4143224 465AR	\$212,613
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (CRV)	A4243224 465AR	\$59,096
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (OFS)	A4443224 465AR	\$247,113
Reachout, Inc. (CSS)	A4143224 465RO	\$50,846
Reachout, Inc. (CRV)	A4243224 465RO	\$275,668
Reachout, Inc. (CRV)	A4243224 465RO HLINE	\$27,000
Reachout, Inc. (CPP)	A4343224 465RO	\$33,739
Seaway Valley Prevention Council (SVPC)	A2442504 46500	\$1,076,057
St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center	A2142304 46500	\$164,366
STEP-BY-STEP (CSS)	A4143224 465SS	\$95,984
STEP-BY-STEP (CRV)	A4243224 465SS	\$95,561
STEP-BY-STEP (CPP)	A4343224 465SS	\$175,228
United Helpers (CRV)	A4243224 465UH	\$25,505
United Helpers (OFS)	A4443224 465UH	\$589,065

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 39-2022, 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. 40-2022

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING  
RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH  
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 to St. Lawrence County as 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 2021 Budget for Community Services for funding received from New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) as pass through funding to approved agencies, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A4243224 465CC	A CRV Catholic Charities	\$31
A4143224 465AR	A CSS ARC	29
A4243224 465AR	A CRV ARC Advances	103
A4443224 465AR	A OFS ARC Advances	68
A4143224 465RO	A CSS Reachout Advances	27
A4243224 465RO	A CRV Reachout Advances	579
A4343224 465RO	A CPP Reachout Advances	71
A4143224 465SS	A CSS Step By Step Advances	165
A4243224 465SS	A CRV Step By Step Advances	60
A4343224 465SS	A CPP Step By Step Advances	78
		<u>\$1,211</u>

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

A4134905 56000	A SA CSS Mental Health	\$221
A4234905 56000	A SA CR Other Mental Health Programs	773
A4334905 56000	A SA CPP Other Mental Health Programs	149
A4434905 56000	A SA OFS Other Mental Health Programs	68
		<u>\$1,211</u>

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 40-2022, 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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Services Committee: 1-24-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2022

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES  
FOR FUNDING FROM OASAS SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND  
TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL STABILIZATION FUNDS**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the SAPT Block Grant is administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and managed by OASAS in New York State, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services would use SAPT Funds for prevention, treatment, recovery support, and other supportive services, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services would use SAPT Funds to offset startup cost of expanding our Article 32 Outpatient Clinic to become an integrated OTP Clinic that will provide all forms of Medication Assisted Treatment,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Community Services for funding from the OASAS SAPT Block Grant Program, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A1Z42502 26000 STB	Other Equipment	\$39,297
A1Z42504 42001 STB	Computer Supplies	<u>4,000</u>
		\$43,297

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

A1Z44885 57000 STB	SAPT Block Grant II	\$43,297
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 41-2022, seconded by 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. 42-2022

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES  
FOR FUNDING FROM OASAS SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT (SAPT) BLOCK GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the SAPT Block Grant is administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and managed by OASAS in New York State, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services would use SAPT Funds for prevention, treatment, recovery support, and other supportive services, along with professional training, certification exams, application fees, educational materials, staff overtime to participate in training,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Community Services for funding from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Supplemental Workforce Development Funds, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A1Z42501 11000 TRAN	A Direct Service Worker	\$6,500
A1Z42508 81000 TRAN	Retirement	945
A1Z42508 83000 TRAN	Social Security	497
A1Z42508 84000 TRAN	Workers Comp	171
A1Z42508 84500 TRAN	Group Life Insurance	11
A1Z42508 86000 TRAN	Hospital & Medical Insurance	2,779
A1Z42508 86500 TRAN	A Dental Insurance	73
A1Z42508 89000 TRAN	Vision Insurance	26
A1Z42504 42000 TRAN	Supplies and Materials	2,000
A1Z42504 41102 TRAN	Education and Workshops	18,000
A1Z42504 43007 TRAN	Other Fees and Services	<u>3,100</u>
		\$34,102

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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

A1Z44885 57000 TRAN                      SAPT Block Grant I                      \$34,102

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

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 42-2022, 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. 43-2022

**PROCLAIMING JANUARY 23-29, 2022 AS SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK  
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee  
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4

**WHEREAS**, all children in St. Lawrence County should have access to the highest-quality education possible, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in St. Lawrence County to be successful adults, and

**WHEREAS**, quality education in St. Lawrence County is critically important to the economic vitality, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County is home to high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home, and

**WHEREAS**, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community, and

**WHEREAS**, the County has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children, and

**WHEREAS**, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators proclaims January 23-29, 2022 as School Choice Week in St. Lawrence County.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 43-2022, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Burke said he whole-heartedly supports parents having choices for their children, but the organization that is sponsoring this movement is funded by billionaires and has political undertones, so he will not support this resolution for that reason.

Mr. Acres said unfortunately school choice is not an option for children who are poor. By letting children have access to a variety of choices for their education may require funding. Education is the most important thing for children, and to create an equitable society. School choice week may be a solution for better choices for the poor and minority children.

Mr. Lightfoot said he will not support this resolution as there is not enough descriptive material in the resolution that states exactly what options are being considered. He would need more information before voting in favor of this resolution.

Resolution No. 43-2022 was carried by a roll call vote with nine (9) yes votes, five (5) no votes (Lightfoot, Haggard, Fiacco, Burke, and Arquiatt), and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 1-24-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2022

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WITH THE  
2022 THEME BEING, "BLACK HEALTH AND WELLNESS"**

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

**WHEREAS**, in 1776, people envisioned the United States as a new nation dedicated to the proposition stated in the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness . . .", and

**WHEREAS**, in the face of injustices, people of good will and of all races in the United States have distinguished themselves with a commitment to the noble ideals on which the United States was founded and have fought courageously for the rights and freedom of African Americans and others, and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month originated in 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period in February to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans in the United States, and

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**WHEREAS**, the contributions of African Americans from all walks of life throughout the history of the United States reflect the greatness of the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, each year the Association for the Study of African American Life and History designates a theme, and the theme set for this year focuses on black health and wellness, and is an opportunity to celebrate iconic doctors and physicians as well as acknowledging other wellness practitioners,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators proclaims the month of February as Black History Month in St. Lawrence County with the 2022 theme being, “Black Health and Wellness”, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators encourages all citizens throughout the County to participate in programs and activities celebrating Black History Month, and to reflect on the many contributions of African Americans to U.S. History.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 44-2022, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 45-2022

**OPPOSING THE POTENTIAL BAN ON WOOD BURNING IN NEW YORK  
AS PROPOSED BY THE CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee  
Co-Sponsored Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Sheridan, District 4;  
Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Arquiatt, District 13;  
and Ms. Curran, District 15

**WHEREAS**, on July 18, 2019, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act) was signed into law in New York State, and is considered among the most ambitious climate laws in the world and requires New York to reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions 40% by 2030, and no less than 85% by 2050 from 1990 levels, and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill S6599 and Assembly Bill A8429, “An act to amend the environmental conservation law, the public service law, the public authorities law, the labor law and the community risk and resilience act, in relation to establishing the New York State climate leadership and community protection act” was passed by the Senate and Assembly and signed by the Governor, and

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Action Council is researching ways to limit greenhouse gas emissions and achieve the goals of The Climate Act, and in a draft plan members of the advisory

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panel to the Climate Action Council describe scenarios where wood consumption decreases within that time frame, and this could mean a potential future ban on wood-burning stoves, and in an additional reduction effort, the possible elimination of natural gas hookups, and

**WHEREAS**, winters in Upstate New York are long and cold, and many people in St. Lawrence County and other rural communities rely on wood-burning stoves for heat, and taking away an affordable heating source could be detrimental to many families who depend on burning wood as the sole source of heat in their homes, and

**WHEREAS**, a ban on wood burning would have a major impact on many St. Lawrence County households, including the Amish population who rely on wood burning stoves for cooking and cost-effective energy,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators opposes the potential ban on wood burning in New York as proposed by the Climate Action Council, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Climate Actions Council will hold a 120 day public comment period, beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, and will hold at least six public hearings across the State, both in-person and virtual, and the Board of Legislators encourages St. Lawrence County citizens to voice their concerns at [www.nyserda.seamlessdocs.com/f/DraftScopingComments](http://www.nyserda.seamlessdocs.com/f/DraftScopingComments) or email [scopingplan@nyserda.ny.gov](mailto:scopingplan@nyserda.ny.gov) or by mail to: Draft Scoping Plan Comments, NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203-6399, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to New York State Climate Action Council Co-Chairs, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos and NYSERDA President and CEO Doreen M. Harris; Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 45-2022, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Forsythe said he is aware that it does not state there will be a ban on wood burning in the Bill, but legislation gets passed and then items could be added. It is important topic for St. Lawrence County as wood burning is a North Country necessity, and he hopes everyone will supports this resolution.

Mr. Reagen said he echoes the sentiments of Legislator Forsythe, and said there is a ban in New York City to hook up to natural gas lines. Unless we draw the line in the sand now and make the case that for some families burning wood is a financial impetrative, these kinds of measures are likely to come along by people who do not understand what life is like in the North County. We have several thousand Amish families in our communities who rely on burning wood for heat and cooking, along with many other citizens who rely on wood for their source of heat.

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Ms. Haggard said climate change is real and it is a problem. She is not against people using wood heat but we do need make a stand and make hard choices. She said she has a hard time voting on something that has not happened. She understands the argument, but to reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions 85% by 2050 from 1990 levels, we have to make sacrifices in order to put a stop to our planet being polluted beyond repair.

Mr. Acres said the planet is cleaner than it ever has been; the water and air are both cleaner. Natural gas in New York State provides 50% of energy needs, and it is much cleaner than coal or diesel for heating sources and much more efficient for cooking. The individuals that have sponsored this Bill have no idea about living in the North Country. He whole-heartedly supports this resolution and believes that although it is not in the Bill at this time, items continue to get added to the legislation.

Mr. Reagan said he would like to point out that to improve greenhouse gas emissions, other industrialized nations across the planet need to adopt the same kind of measures that the United States already has. Until folks start to focus on where the real problems lie, things such as burning wood will be discussed and not the real problems of where the carbon footprint actually is in the world.

Ms. Haggard said Mr. Reagen is correct, it is a world problem that has to be addressed by everyone.

Mr. Sheridan said in 1978 he was the assistant to David Martin who was a legislator in this Chambers at one time. He then became an Assemblyman and they conferred over a vote that he was about to make offered by another Assemblyman from Brooklyn, who was 23 years old. He offered a resolution to decriminalize small amounts of marijuana. There was a concern of many that it would lead to someday legalizing marijuana, and here we are; it is now legalized. He said his point is that this Bill could be the beginning of something that in time would evolve.

Resolution No. 45-2022 was carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes vote, and one (1) absent (Perkins). Ms. Haggard voted Present.

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RESOLUTION NO. 46-2022

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS  
FOR THE NORTHUMBERLAND STREET BRIDGE OVER MORRISTOWN BAY,  
BIN 3341380**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

**WHEREAS**, funds were appropriated in the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways for the Northumberland Street Bridge Project, BIN 3341380, under the State



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Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Grant, and

**WHEREAS**, the project will continue into 2022, requiring additional funds appropriated to complete the project, and

**WHEREAS**, with the release of the Executive Budget and Bridge NY not having funding the County Route 35 Bridge over Trout Brook Project will be under budget in 2022, and construction will not occur as originally planned this year,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways for the Northumberland Street Bridge over Morristown Bay, BIN 3341380, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HM651204 465CO REDI	H REDI Subcontracts	\$300,000
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**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HM651204 465CO 2035	H 2035 Subcontracts	\$300,000
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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

HM035915 56000	H SA Highway Capital Projects	\$285,000
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**DECREASE REVENUE:**

HM035915 560MA	H SA Marchiselli Aid	\$45,000
HM045975 57000	H F/A Transportation Capital Projects	<u>240,000</u>
		\$285,000

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 46-2022, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot 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. 47-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH J.E. SHEEHAN CONTRACTING CORPORATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF A BOX CULVERT ON COUNTY ROUTE 62 IN THE TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for the replacement of a large box culvert, HM-62-01-0.88-BC, on County Route 62 in the Town of Piercefield, and

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

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

Contractor: J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corp.

Contract Title: CR 62 Large Culvert  
HM-62-01-0.88-BC, Town of Piercefield

Contract Amount: Not to Exceed \$281,260  
HM551124 465CO C8

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chair is authorized to execute all necessary contracts and documents to progress the project, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 47-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 48-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL, AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE WILDLIFE SERVICES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the Department of Highways to maintain safe roadways in St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, beaver activity has caused significant damage to County roads, including flooding of roads, erosion of roadbeds, blocked road culverts, and other related property damage as well as indirect threats to human health and safety, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Highways has requested assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (APHIS WS) to reduce damage caused by beavers at a cost not to exceed \$7,000 (HM351104 43007), and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Inter-governmental Agreement is to establish and administer a cooperative program between the Department of Highways and APHIS WS to reduce roadway damage along with the risk to human health and safety from beavers, and

**WHEREAS**, to mitigate damage caused by beaver, APHIS WS may install and maintain water control structures to reduce flooding and prevent beaver dams from restricting water flows where appropriate, as well as reduce local, site specific beaver numbers at locations where beaver activities are causing or threatening to damage roads or other properties managed or identified by the Department of Highways, and

**WHEREAS**, this cooperative agreement shall become effective on March 1, 2022, and shall expire on December 31, 2022,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal, and Plant Health Inspection Services Wildlife Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 48-2022, 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. 49-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN INTER-MUNICIPAL  
COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS  
AND THE TOWN OF FINE FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE YOUNGS ROAD LARGE  
CULVERT/BRIDGE IN THE TOWN OF FINE**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Youngs Road large culvert/bridge in the Town of Fine is in need of replacement, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Fine has limited resources to complete the project, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of the tax payers of the Town of Fine and St. Lawrence County to share resources in the undertaking of the replacement of this structure, and

**WHEREAS**, an inter-municipal agreement may be made pursuant to General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, and

**WHEREAS**, upon completion of the project, the ownership of the Youngs Road large culvert/bridge shall remain the property of the Town of Fine,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes an inter-municipal cooperation agreement between the Department of Highways and the Town of Fine for replacement of the Youngs Road large culvert/bridge in the Town of Fine, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 49-2022, seconded by Mr. Denesha.

Mr. Denesha said he appreciated the support of the Board and the Highway Department for this intermunicipal agreement to allow the project to go forward.

Resolution No. 49-2022 was carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 50-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH DELTA ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS & LAND SURVEYORS, DPC, FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR SKATE CREEK ROAD OVER OSWEGATCHIE RIVER, BIN 3340930, TOWN OF FINE**

By Mr. Acres, Finance Committee

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

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Highways has solicited qualifications for consultant services, and

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

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

Consultant:	Delta Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, DPC
Contract Title:	Skate Creek Rd over Oswegatchie River, BIN 3340930 Town of Fine Not to Exceed \$39,170
Engineering & Design Fee:	HM551124 430ED B26

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Delta Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, DPC, for Engineering and Design Services for Skate Creek Road over Oswegatchie River, BIN 3340930, Town of Fine, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 50-2022, 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. 51-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT  
WITH BROOKS WASHBURN, ARCHITECT FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING  
AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR SALT/SAND AND MOTOR EQUIPMENT  
STORAGE FACILITIES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 261-2019 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Brooks Washburn, Architect, for the design, bid document preparation and cost estimates for new salt/sand and motor equipment storage facilities for an amount not to exceed \$161,932, and

**WHEREAS**, an additional \$5,000 is needed to cover fuel design and miscellaneous unanticipated issues for the three (3) outposts,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators approves a supplemental agreement for additional engineering and design services to:

Consultant:	Brooks Washburn, Architect
Contract Title:	Salt/Sand & Motor Equipment Storage Facilities
Additional Engineering & Design Fee:	Not to Exceed \$5,000 HR051304 430ED

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a supplemental agreement with Brooks Washburn, Architect for Additional Engineering and Design Services for Salt/Sand and Motor Equipment Storage Facilities, upon Approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 51-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 52-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE TOWN OF POTSDAM**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 184-2021 authorized the acquisition of a parcel of land and permanent easement on the adjoining property for construction of a County Highway Facility in the Town of Potsdam, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 287-2021 authorized the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways for the acquisition and construction of an equipment garage and sand/salt storage building in the Town of Potsdam, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for the construction of these facilities, and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsible bidders for these projects have been determined,

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

General Contractor: Lawman Heating & Cooling  
Not to Exceed \$1,937,533

Plumbing Contractor: ENI Mechanical  
Not to Exceed \$160,100

Mechanical Contractor: ENI Mechanical  
Not to Exceed \$231,173

Electrical Contractor: Watson Electric  
Not to Exceed \$202,910

Contract Title: Highway Storage Facilities, Town of Potsdam

Equipment Storage Building  
Not to Exceed \$1,507,005  
HM651974 465CO POP

Salt Storage Building  
Not to Exceed \$968,767  
HM651974 465CO PSS

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for construction of the Highway Storage Facilities in the Town of Potsdam, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 52-2022, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Mr. Acres said this is a great step forward for the County, allowing the facilities to be moved out of the village of Canton.

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RESOLUTION NO. 53-2022

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS  
AND AMENDING THE HIGHWAY FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED TO THE  
2021 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET FOR THE POTSDAM EQUIPMENT  
AND SALT STORAGE FACILITIES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 287-2021 was adopted on October 4, 2021 which authorized the process of decentralizing highway equipment and storage operations with the construction of three outpost facilities with plans to begin construction in 2021 and to be complete in 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Outpost Capital Project in Russell was completed and occupied in late 2021; Lisbon was substantially completed and will be finished in the Spring of 2022; and an outpost will be constructed in Potsdam in the Summer/Fall with occupancy expected before the end of 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, the County issued financing in the form of bond anticipation notes (BANs) for construction of two facilities in the Towns of Lisbon and Russell, and

**WHEREAS**, the County will utilize County Road (Fund 3) and Road Machinery (Fund 4) fund balances to pay for the construction of the facilities in Potsdam, and

**WHEREAS**, minimizing the debt service associated with new projects and demonstrating a responsible approach to allocating funds is always a priority for the Board of Legislators, and

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition of land in the Town of Potsdam is now complete and plans are moving forward to construct the Equipment and Salt Storage Facilities this year, and

**WHEREAS**, in the review of both Funds 3 and 4 following the 2021 purchase of equipment and supplies, there is a change recommended by the Treasurer's Office to ensure each fund has the appropriate levels available to fund the Capital Project,



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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways and amending the highway fund balance appropriations to the 2021 Capital Projects Budget for the Potsdam Equipment and Salt Storage Facilities as follows:

**DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

03TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved, Unappropriated	\$1,000,000
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

03TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved, Appropriated	\$1,000,000
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HM299019 90400	CR Transfers to Road Machinery	\$1,000,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 53-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and 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. 54-2022

**AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALLERGAN FINANCE, LLC, AND ALLERGAN LIMITED AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO AN ACTION RELATING TO THE OPIOID CRISIS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, St. Lawrence County, through its law firm Simmons, Hanly, Conroy, P.C. joined a class action lawsuit with numerous other municipal entities against Pharmaceutical companies, drug manufacturers and distributors, which included Purdue Pharma, and

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

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County has already reached terms of an agreement with manufacturer Purdue Pharma, and

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**WHEREAS**, in addition to the settlement reached with Purdue Pharma, St. Lawrence County has already reached terms of an agreement with manufacturer Johnson & Johnson (also known as “Janssen”), McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, PSS World Medical, Inc., Kinray, LLC, Bellco Drug Corporation, and American Medical Distributors, Inc. (the “Distributors”), and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Action is against several defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies, and

**WHEREAS**, the Action alleges several causes of action against defendant Allergan Finance, LLC (f/k/a Actavis, Inc., which, in turn was f/k/a Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc.) and Allergan Limited (f/k/a Allergan plc, which, in turn, was f/k/a Actavis plc) based on claims that Allergan and its subsidiaries contributed to the opioid epidemic by failing to comply with their obligations under the federal Controlled Substances Act and the New York Controlled Substances Act to implement adequate measures to prevent diversion of the prescription opioids they distributed to pharmacies and others in St. Lawrence County, all of which contributed to a public health crisis in St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, Allergan has offered to settle the St. Lawrence County claims against them by paying the one-time direct payment to St. Lawrence County of \$246,891, half of which may be used in an unrestricted manner and the other half which must be used in a restricted manner on approved uses only, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the County of St. Lawrence to resolve this matter with respect to Allergan without further litigation and enter into the proposed Agreement as it shall settle all allegations against Allergan and avoid protracted litigation, retroactive to January 12, 2022,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair, or his designee, to sign a settlement agreement between Allergan Finance, LLC, and Allergan Limited and St. Lawrence County with respect to an action relating to the opioid crisis, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 54-2022, seconded by Mr. Forsythe 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. 55-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SPILL COMPENSATION FUND AND COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE, NEW YORK, REGARDING CERTAIN TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTIES OWNED BY KENDRICK B. GRIMSHAW SR. & NANCY J. GRIMSHAW, WILLIAM H. WILSON, BRUCE GALLOWAY & TAMARA GALLOWAY, AND GRANT'S GAS & GROCERY, LLC**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the sites were identified as requiring environmental remediation before they can be conveyed via auction, and

**WHEREAS**, the County of St. Lawrence ("County") has commenced an action against properties located in the Town of Russell due to tax delinquency by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 4, 2019, for unpaid ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the following properties located in St. Lawrence County (hereinafter referred to as the "Grimshaw Sites"):

"Grimshaw Sites"

- Owner: Kendrick B Grimshaw Sr. & Nancy J Grimshaw
- Addresses: 309 Pyrites Russell Rd & 305,307 Pyrites Russell Rd, Russell, NY
- Tax ID #: 132.004-2-26 & 132.004-2-27
- DEC Spill No: 04-85018
- Spill Status: Open

**WHEREAS**, the County of St. Lawrence ("County") has commenced an action against properties located in the Town of Massena due to tax delinquency by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 4, 2019, for unpaid ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the following properties located in St. Lawrence County (hereinafter referred to as the "Wilson Sites"):

"Wilson Sites"

- Owner: William H Wilson
- Addresses: 372 S Main St & McCluskey Ave, Massena, NY
- Tax ID #: 9.083-3-9.1 & 9.083-3-10
- DEC Spill No: 98-08888
- Spill Status: Open

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**WHEREAS**, the County of St. Lawrence (“County”) has commenced an action against a property located in the Town of Hammond due to tax delinquency by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 4, 2019, for unpaid ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the following properties located in St. Lawrence County (hereinafter referred to as the “Galloway Site”):

“Galloway Site”

- Owner: Bruce Galloway & Tamara Galloway
- Addresses: 64 S Main St, Hammond, NY
- Tax ID #: 126.068-1-3.1
- DEC Spill No: 21-07777
- Spill Status: Open

**WHEREAS**, the County of St. Lawrence (“County”) has commenced an action against a property located in the Town of Potsdam due to tax delinquency by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 13, 2018, for unpaid ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the following properties located in St. Lawrence County (hereinafter referred to as the “Grant’s Site”):

“Grant’s Site”

- Owner: Grant’s Gas & Grocery, LLC
- Addresses: 6759 USH 11, Potsdam, NY
- Tax ID #: 75.002-2-6
- DEC Spill No: 210315
- Spill Status: Open

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

**WHEREAS**, the Fund is seeking to perform cleanup of petroleum contaminants at the Grimshaw Sites, the Wilson Sites, the Galloway Site and the Grant’s Sites (collectively, the “Sites”), and

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

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement between the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund and County of St. Lawrence, New York, regarding certain tax delinquent properties owned by Kendrick B. Grimshaw Sr. & Nancy J. Grimshaw, William H. Wilson, Bruce Galloway & Tamara Galloway, and Grant's Gas & Grocery, LLC

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 55-2022, 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. 56-2022

**APPROVING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY  
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AS PREPARED BY  
THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Industrial Development Agency has been the Economic Development Agent for St. Lawrence County since 2010, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 301-2017 adopted the first Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy as prepared by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (SLCIDA), and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators prioritized the development of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and believes it is necessary for St. Lawrence County as well as its communities, businesses, and organizations to qualify for funding from the Economic Development Administration and other similar grant and economic/community development funding sources, and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency and a valuable number of organizations and partners in the County have worked to create a new and comprehensive strategy for the County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency reviewed feedback from a variety of stakeholders including local, county and regional organizations, studies, planning documents and initiatives in creating the new CEDS, including:

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- The 2021 Annual Report and Strategic Update of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council outlining the impacts of the pandemic on the region with new opportunity to drive investment in the region and more fully realize strategic goals.
- The 2019 progress report and implementation agenda of the North Country Regional Economic Development.
- The Downtown Revitalization Strategic Plan for \$10M awarded to the Village of Potsdam in the 2019 funding round by New York's Empire State Development along with strategies submitted for DRI funding consideration by core County communities like Canton, Massena, and Ogdensburg.
- The Brownfield Redevelopment studies and development strategies for the Town and Village of Canton, Newton Falls, City of Ogdensburg, and former General Motors Facility in Massena.
- In partnership with NYPA, SBDC, St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, and other local partners, the SLCIDA has participated in monthly virtual and outdoor networking events with area business leaders to identify and address hurdles created by the pandemic, including workforce issues and opportunities.
- Arconic Business Park Feasibility Study to create a comprehensive, cohesive strategy for developing 2,500 acres as a mixed-use industrial, technology, commercial, clean energy, agri-business park.
- The Common Ground Alliance of the Adirondacks Blueprint for the Blue Line.
- The St. Lawrence County Agricultural Development Plan adopted by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators on December 5, 2016.
- Data developed by Ben Winchester, Senior Research Fellow U of MN Extension, Center for Community Vitality and presented at the May 27, 2021 "Resident Recruitment in Rural America" and June 17, 2021 "Moving In, Moving Out, and Moving Over: The Future of Rural Housing" conferences by the North Country Symposium of St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York.

**WHEREAS**, the CEDS will provide a road map for future economic development activities and growth in the County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators approves the St. Lawrence County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy as prepared by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 56-2022, seconded by Mr. Reagen and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Finance Committee: 1-31-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2022

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE TREASURER’S OFFICE FOR  
ADDITIONAL SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer’s Office has received more sales tax revenue than budgeted for the fiscal year 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, a budget modification is necessary in order to pay additional shares to the municipalities and the City of Ogdensburg,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Treasurer’s Office for additional sales tax distribution, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

T3019854 465ST	T Distribution of Sales Tax	\$5,230,000
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**INCREASE REVENUE:**

T3011105 55000	T LR Sales and Use Tax	\$5,230,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 57-2022, seconded by Mr. Forsythe 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. 58-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO SHARE A PORTION OF THE  
ADDITIONAL ONE (1%) PERCENT OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES  
WITH THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG FOR SALES TAX COLLECTED WITHIN  
THE TAXING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, St. Lawrence County was one of few remaining counties in the State that had not previously increased its sales tax over the three (3%) percent sales tax authorized by Tax Law Section 1210, and

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**WHEREAS**, subparagraph (iii) of the opening paragraph of Tax Law Section 1210 was amended effective July 31, 2013 to include St. Lawrence County in the group of counties authorized to impose sales and compensating use taxes at a rate that was one (1%) percent additional to the three (3%) percent rate for a two year period, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County, by authority of Chapter 191 of the Laws of 2013, increased the sales tax rate for the period beginning December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2015, granted an extension from December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2017, granted an additional extension from December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2020 and most recently from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to this enabling legislation, St. Lawrence County adopted implementing resolutions imposing the increase of 3% to 4% beginning on December 1, 2013 and will continue collecting the additional one (1%) percent through November 30, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, traditionally a two year extension had been granted to counties, in 2017 an additional year was added to the extension to make it three years; in the NYS Executive Budget presented on January 18, 2022, permanency of the home rule legislation related to sales has been included which would allow St. Lawrence County to make a determination on the merits of need locally rather than awaiting approval from Albany, and

**WHEREAS**, according to a 2020 NYS Comptroller Report, 46 of the 57 counties outside New York City share sales tax collections in New York, which includes St. Lawrence County who shares sales and compensating use taxes collected in the County with the towns, villages, and the City of Ogdensburg, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the City of Ogdensburg initiated the process to collect its own or pre-empt a portion of county sales tax for the first time since 1999, which provides the City with one-half of the first three (3%) percent that is collected within the taxing jurisdiction of the City, but does not make any provision for any portion of the additional one (1%) percent without additional State Legislation, and

**WHEREAS**, the County is currently assisting the City in the transition process by voluntarily extending the terms and conditions beyond the expiration of the amended agreement for three additional months (December 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022) to provide

Ogdensburg the opportunity to complete the proper notification process and preparations to collect their own sales tax revenue, and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators would like to provide some additional assistance to the City in an effort to help alleviate the recent reductions in critical staffing levels for public safety, and

**WHEREAS**, the City indicated that due to the lack of sales tax collections from the County, it has been required to eliminate four (4) positions within the fire service and three (3) positions from law enforcement from the City Budget, and



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**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes the importance of providing for the safety and security of the citizens of Ogdensburg and would like to support efforts to ensure that the citizens receive adequate minimum staffing levels of both the Fire Department and the Police Department in the City of Ogdensburg, and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to ensure access to adequate staff of fire and law enforcement personnel, the County would like to share one-half (1/2) of the portion of sales tax collected on the additional one (1%) percent within the taxing jurisdiction of the City of Ogdensburg with the City of Ogdensburg on a quarterly basis similar to the first three (3%) percent allowed by law, and

**WHEREAS**, this additional revenue should assist in supporting the safety of the citizens of the City of Ogdensburg and address the public safety needs of its residents,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to share a portion of the additional one (1%) of the sales and compensating use taxes with the City of Ogdensburg collected within the taxing jurisdiction of the City of Ogdensburg beginning March 1, 2022, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County will distribute one-half (1/2) of the additional one (1%) percent of sales and compensating use taxes collected within the taxing jurisdiction of the City of Ogdensburg with the City on a quarterly basis, similar to the first three (3%) percent allowed by law, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the sales tax jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Ogdensburg utilized by the County shall be the same as established by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance in the calculation of the distribution of sales tax collected on the initial first half of the 3% sales tax pursuant to Tax Law § 1224, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this additional revenue be provided to assist the City with their efforts to improve fiscal health while not compromising public safety, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the balance of the additional one (1%) percent of sales and compensating use taxes collected in the taxing jurisdiction of the City be retained by the County similar to the allowance for the first (3%) percent collected by the City of Ogdensburg, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County reserves the right to modify, amend, and/or terminate this allocation of county sales tax revenue to the City of Ogdensburg should the New York State adopt legislation that grants an alternative allocation to the City of Ogdensburg, or if the City Council takes alternative action to repudiate the receipt of these funds, or if the Board of Legislators takes alternative action by resolution or local law, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the County supports the City of Ogdensburg in their efforts to have Home Rule Legislation adopted to receive fifty percent (50%) of the one percent (1%) of sales tax generated within the tax jurisdiction of the City of Ogdensburg.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 58-2022, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Forsythe moved to make a friendly amendment to add a be it further resolved to state "Upon approval of the New York State Comptroller, this sharing agreement shall be adopted," seconded by Mr. Reagen and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Button said this is not subject to an agreement, but is at the benevolence of the Board itself; therefore, the wording is not necessary for this resolution.

Mr. Forsythe withdrew his motions and Mr. Reagen and Ms. Curran withdrew their second.

Resolution No. 58-2022 was adopted by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Resolution No. 59-2022

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS CALLS UPON  
GOVERNOR KATHERINE HOCHUL TO CONSIDER KEEPING THE OGDENSBURG  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OPEN AND RELOCATING INMATES FROM RIKERS  
ISLAND TO 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. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Denesha, District 6; 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**, 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

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**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, and

**WHEREAS**, with the anticipated closure of Rikers Island Prison in 2027, located in New York City, the Board of Legislators requests the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility remain open and be considered to relocate the population of 500 inmates to the facility in Ogdensburg, and

**WHEREAS**, the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility has a number of positive attributes including an impressive safety record, a reliable workforce, its proximity to the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, recent multi-million dollar infrastructure improvements, and would provide a safe place where inmates could be treated with dignity and respect while they serve their sentences,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators calls upon Governor Katherine Hochul to consider keeping the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility open and relocating inmates from Rikers Island to 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.

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Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 59-2022, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran.

Ms. Haggard said she will support this resolution to keep the prison open and to give the people at Rikers Island a better place to serve their sentences.

Mr. Reagen said the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility is considered an outstanding facility in New York State. If New York State is looking to close correctional facilities, the facilities that should be considered are ones where conditions are dangerous, inmates are being injured, and the staff does not have a good track record. The Ogdensburg Correctional Facility is recognized as one of the best facilities in New York State. The inmates wrote letters to the Governor asking that the facility remain open. He asked Governor Hochul to reverse this bad decision.

Mr. Smithers said the reason stated for closing the prison is low inmate population, which tends to be cyclical. It was not long ago that there was overpopulation in the prisons, but due to bail reform, it has declined. This will change again in the near future so it does not make sense to close this prison. He will support this resolution.

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Ms. Curran said she will support this resolution. There is research regarding post-traumatic stress disorder that inmates get based on where they serve their sentence, and most times due to overpopulated inner-city jails that have crime and gang violence. The Ogdensburg Correctional Facility is really effective at keeping inmates safe, and educating and teaching skills for a better life when they are released.

Mr. Arquiatt said he agrees with the previous speakers, and he will be supporting this resolution. He asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Resolution No. 59-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 60-2022

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

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

**WHEREAS**, in 2020 an administrative change was made by New York State to the payment structure for these costs which shifted a former shared expense of fifty percent (50%) cost to the State and fifty percent (50%) cost to the County to a one-hundred percent (100%) county cost, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 337-2021 was adopted on November 1, 2021, modifying the 2021 budget for costs associated with court-ordered treatment for bills through July, and the anticipation of bills to be received through 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, due to the difficulty in accurately projecting the number of individuals receiving treatment each month, the budget needs to be increased once again to pay the remaining bills through December 2021,

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

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**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

B1019904 49700                      B SPEC Contingency Account                      \$700,000

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

BL010104 43007                      B Other Fees & Services                      \$700,000

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 60-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Mr. Acres asked County Administrator Doyle to give a total cost to the County for 2021. Ms. Doyle said the December bill has not been received, but the County will eclipse a million dollars for the year.

Resolution No. 60-2022 was adopted by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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**RESOLUTION NO. 61-2022**

**URGING NEW YORK STATE TO HONOR THE TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT AGREEMENT WITH ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND PROVIDE WITHHELD PAYMENTS AND REMAIN CURRENT IN THE FUTURE**

Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee  
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4;  
Mr. Smithers, District 5; and Mr. Arquiett, District 13

**WHEREAS**, signed in 1993 and amended in 1999, New York State has a long standing Tribal-State Compact Agreement with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and as a part of that Agreement quarterly payments are made to St. Lawrence County who share a portion of that revenue with the Towns of Brasher and Massena, and

**WHEREAS**, in the first quarter of 2020, New York State declared a Disaster State of Emergency as a result of the Global COVID-19 Pandemic and simultaneously without notice ceased payments on the Tribal-State Compact Funds, and

**WHEREAS**, during the initial stages of the pandemic, New York State withheld many types of revenue, including State Aid from municipalities until a determination could be made on the economic viability of the State and until federal action was taken to assist in the recovery efforts associated with the impact of the pandemic on the economy, and

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**WHEREAS**, the State released ‘withholds’ of revenue for counties in 2021 and provided the much needed revenue for municipalities across the State, and

**WHEREAS**, it is now January 2022 and New York State has continued to ‘withhold’ revenue associated with their obligation under the Tribal-State Compact Agreement and furthermore has not provided any explanation or timeline associated with the release of these funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the last full year of payments made to the County was 2018 and totaled approximately \$2.5M and the payments of \$630K to each of the towns of Brasher and Massena, utilizing that total now two years later, the total could be close to \$5M, which would bring an additional \$2.5M to the County and close to \$1M to each of the towns,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators urges New York State to honor the Tribal-State Compact Agreement with St. Lawrence County, the Town of Brasher, and the Town of Massena to settle withheld payments and remain current in the future, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-2022, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Smithers.

Mr. Acres said he is certain that the tribe has continued to make payments to the State, because if not, they would lose their gambling license, but New York State has not been giving the County its share of the money as predetermined.

Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Smithers asked to be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

Resolution No. 61-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 62-2022

**RECOMMENDING THE 2022 NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND REQUESTING TIMELY REIMBURSEMENT**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County is a \$260.6 million dollar municipal corporation doing business within and for New York State and much of the work of the County is directed by a combination of state and federal mandates and locally preferred services, which its constituents expect to be delivered in an efficient and cost-effective manner, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, St. Lawrence County began an effective practice of preparing an annual Legislative Agenda for Representatives of the County in the Senate and the Assembly and these Agendas were adopted by the Board of Legislators in Resolution Nos. 149-2016, 192-2017, 121-2018, 103-2019, and 48-2020, and

**WHEREAS**, a 2021 Legislative Agenda was not prepared due to the COVID pandemic but rather an opportunity to review the success of the first five years of the Agenda and determine if it made sense to continue, and

**WHEREAS**, in the first five years of Legislative Agendas there were thirty-nine (39) requests made, excluding duplicate requests the County has seen a fifty (50%) percent success rate of combined immediate and successive legislative session action, and fifty (50%) percent that will required additional attention

**WHEREAS**, the importance of reviewing the agenda annually and updating the requests listed is critical to address current issues facing the County and a valuable way to measure the efforts of elected representatives in the Senate and Assembly on behalf of their districts in St. Lawrence County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators recommends the 2022 New York State Legislative Agenda for St. Lawrence County that addresses the following three priority groups in a beneficial way for the County:

Primary Priorities (5):

- Making Local Sales Tax Rate Authorization **Permanent** Up to Four (4%) Percent;
- End the Practice of Sales Tax Diversion and **Resume** the Provision of Providing the Aid to Municipalities (AIM) from State Appropriations Instead of the Diversion of County Sales Tax Revenue as Proposed in the SFY 2023 Executive Budget;
- Provide **Funding** for the Implementation of Mandated Assessment/Treatment/Transition Services of Medical Assisted Therapy (MAT) Program for Inmates in the Correctional Facility;

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- **Support** ConnectALL Broadband Initiative (Bills A4197/S1863, A6538-B/S6288-B, and A8287/S7494) while opposing bills that would prevent successful development and installation in the County;
- **Opposing** College Campus Polling Locations in instances of colleges/universities having 300 or more students registered to vote.

No Cost Priority Items (3):

- **Designate** Emergency Services as Essential Services and **Allow** Direct Insurance Reimbursement for Volunteer Ambulance Services;
- Shift the Responsibility for **Preschool** to School Districts away from counties;
- Increase the Definition of **All-Terrain Vehicles** to Include Vehicles up to two thousand (2,000) Pounds

Secondary Priorities (4):

- **Return** the 50/50 Split between State and County of the cost of Court Ordered Committed Individuals (CPL 730) and **Reform** the Process for Making Amendment
- **Support** the Small Business Plan and Tax Relief as well as Childcare Investments as proposed in the SFY Executive Budget
- Review the Proposed **Sharing Formula** of the Sales Tax Collected on Adult Use Cannabis **Revenue**
- Utilize the Tenet of the Environmental Bond Act to Address the Impact of **Milfoil** on the Environment and the Economy

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the one of the main concerns in all areas where funding is provided, is that New York State be more cognizant of the critical nature of timely payment for reimbursement associated with expenses incurred to carry out the Programs required by New York State, this is an important component when the average in overdue payments due is in excess of \$10M and that would provide stability to counties implementing State Mandated Programs, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators would also request opposition be raised to the following Bill A7412/S5117 that would complicate the development and installation of broadband in the County, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes and directs staff to work on the narratives to include specific language, establish relevance and recommendations, and to develop a summary of related items that require action by New York State, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators would like to express their appreciation for all items of successful continuing efforts from the first five New York State Legislative Agendas, the Senate and Assembly Representatives of St. Lawrence County were successful and a complete list will be included with the Agenda, and



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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that while State Representatives of St. Lawrence County have been successful in some key areas, the Board of Legislators believe there are many that remain and will require continued effort to building on the success as issues related to funding local government continue to evolve, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to select a group of representatives from the County to travel and meet with appropriate State Representatives to deliver the 2022 Legislative Agenda and seek input on additional areas that would reduce the burden on the taxpayers in St. Lawrence County.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-2022, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Arquiett said he has confirmed the weight limit of the all-terrain vehicles should be listed at two thousand pounds (2,000).

Ms. Haggard moved to amend the resolution to change the wording on the last item of primary priorities to state "300 or more students registered to vote", seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Resolution No. 62-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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**RESOLUTION NO. 63-2022**

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE UPGRADE OF MUNIS SOFTWARE AND CLOSING THE ERP CAPITAL PROJECT**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 48-2012 authorized the Chair to sign an agreement between St. Lawrence County and Tyler Technologies for the acquisition of MUNIS Software Solutions, and

**WHEREAS**, MUNIS is the integrated financial system that the County relies on for budgeting, financial reporting, purchasing, and human resources and payroll functions, and

**WHEREAS**, currently the County is utilizing MUNIS version 11.3 which is scheduled for product retirement in October 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to maintain regular upgrades for any software in order to keep up with the latest technology, useful features, new enhancements, and security features, and

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**WHEREAS**, upon the original acquisition of MUNIS Software, a Capital Project was created, which has a current balance of \$5,530, and

**WHEREAS**, the remainder of the funds in Capital Project will be utilized for the upgrade and the Capital Project will be closed, and

**WHEREAS**, the County has received a quote for \$8,000 for the upgrade, requiring funds beyond what is remaining in the Capital Project,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for Information Technology for the upgrade of MUNIS Software, as follows:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$2,470
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the closure of the ERP Capital Project (T1019894 ERP) created for the Project.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Mr. Acres moved to remove the following resolution from the table, seconded by 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. 64-2022 - TABLED**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 17-2021,  
"NEWSPAPER DESIGNATION ROTATION SCHEDULE"**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, Section 214, Subdivision 2, of the New York State County Law, requires that the Board of Legislators annually designate at least two (2) newspapers published within the County as official newspapers for the publication of all local law notices and other matters required by law to be published, and

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**WHEREAS**, said section requires that the designation take into consideration two major political parties, and

**WHEREAS**, a new edition of the *Ogdensburg Journal* has been created and legal notices are now allowable making it possible to add this newspaper to the designation rotation schedule, and

**WHEREAS**, to remain competitive, newspapers are implementing new technologies and changing the way people access information, and

**WHEREAS**, the amended schedule is requested to be five (5) years to provide an opportunity to review the newspapers still in circulation in 2026 and make a determination at that time,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes amending Resolution No. 17-2021 "Newspaper Designation Rotation Schedule" as follows:

	<u>Concurrent Resolutions</u>	<u>Election Notices</u>	<u>Official Canvass</u>
2022	Watertown Daily Times	Watertown Daily Times	Watertown Daily Times
2023	Tribune Press	Tribune Press	Tribine Press
2024	Courier Observer	Courier Observer	Courier Observer
2025	Ogdensburg Journal	Ogdensburg Journal	Ogdensburg Journal
2026	North Country This Week	North Country This Week	North Country This Week

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is a rotation schedule of Republican newspapers; it should be understood that in those cases where publication in two (2) newspapers are required, the Watertown Daily Times is to be used as the official publication of the Democratic Party, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the type size for all of St. Lawrence County's legal notices will be 6.5-point type.

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Mr. Forsythe moved to do away with the rotation schedule resolution and draft a resolution to designate Tribune Press, and North Country Now to Republican official newspapers and Johnson Newspapers as the Democratic official newspaper, seconded by Mr. Reagen, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot.

Mr. Reagen agreed that the rotation schedule of newspapers is antiquated and instead all the newspapers should be used as official newspaper to reach all the citizens of the County.

Mr. Button said if the desire is to abolish the rotation schedule, this resolution becomes unnecessary and the only resolution needed would be the following resolution that designates the official newspapers for the year.

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Mr. Forsythe withdrew his motion, and Mr. Lightfoot removed his second motion, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Mr. Acres withdrew the motion to remove the resolution from the table, and Ms. Curran withdrew her second motion, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Mr. Acres moved to remove the following resolution from the table, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Finance Committee: 12-20-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2022

**NEWSPAPER DESIGNATION**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, Section 214, Subdivision 2, of the New York State County Law, requires that the Board of Legislators annually designate at least two (2) newspapers published within the County as official newspapers for the publication of all local law notices and other matters required by law to be published, and

**WHEREAS**, said section requires that the designation take into consideration two major political parties,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators hereby designates the following newspapers for various publication purposes for the year 2022:

**LOCAL LAWS AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED**

Johnson Newspapers

North Country This Week

Gouverneur Tribune Press

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Mr. Forsythe moved to amend the resolution to designate Johnson Newspapers, North Country This Week, and Gouverneur Tribune Press, seconded by Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Reagen said this resolution will be an annual resolution.

Mr. Smithers said he agree with Legislator Terminelli in that if the newspapers have to be designated republican or democratic, that they all are listed for each party.

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Mr. Burke asked if the Johnson Newspapers would include all their papers, and Mr. Reagen said yes, it would and that all ads will be placed in the appropriate newspapers.

Ms. Curran called the question, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Motion carried on the amended resolution by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Resolution No. 65-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

RESOLUTION NO. 66-2022

**AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES**

By Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Mr. Burke, District 12

**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:

<u>Department/Unit:</u>	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Public Health	Keyboard Specialist	003100109	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Keyboard Specialist	003100100	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services/OTP	Clinic Manager*	512800001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Community Services/OTP	Medical Director*	510900004	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services/ Addiction Services	Chemical Dependency Counselor*	510400017	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Conflict Defender	Legal Secretary*	005300017	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/ Employment	Senior Employment and Training Coordinator	703100001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/	Medical Services Supervisor*	817000004	FT	Permanent	Immediate

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Medicaid/Medical Services					
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000012	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Laborer*	306000126	FT	Temporary	Immediate

\*new position

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Position No. 510900003, Part-Time Medical Director, be abolished in Community Services, and Position No. 306000126 will be abolished by or before October 15, 2022 in Highway, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Community Services Opioid Treatment Program Positions be filled within 30-45 days of the clinic opening, 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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Ms. Haggard moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-2022, seconded by Mr. Fay.

Mr. Denesha moved to amend the resolution to withdraw the B&G supervisor position from the resolution, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Resolution No. 66-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

RESOLUTION NO. 67-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PENSKI, INC. FOR THREE TEMPORARY POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Acres, District 8

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Department is in need of additional staff to assist with the COVID-19 Pandemic surge and State of Emergency in place,

**WHEREAS**, Penski, Inc. is a staffing firm based in Potsdam that has been serving northern New York for over thirty years, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Penski, Inc. for three temporary positions in the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 68-2022

**REAPPOINTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS  
FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Smithers, District 5

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 87-2018 appointed Donald Chambers to the term of office for Superintendent of Highways for St. Lawrence County that expires March 16, 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, the work of the Superintendent and the Highway Department is critical to the safety of the staff as well as everyone who travels on the roads and bridges in St. Lawrence County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators reappoints Donald Chambers as Superintendent of Highways for St. Lawrence County effective March 17, 2022 to serve a four (4) year term expiring March 16, 2026.

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Mr. Smithers moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-2022, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran, Mr. Fay, Mr. Acres, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Denesha, Ms. Terminelli, Mr. Burke, Mr. Arquiatt, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Forsythe.

Mr. Acres said he will defer to Mr. Denesha and Mr. Smithers, as members of the Highway Committee, and he said that he has nothing but complimentary thing to say about the Highway Superintendent, Mr. Chambers.

Mr. Denesha said he is very pleased to be able to reappoint Mr. Chambers as Superintendent of Highways. He has done an outstanding job, performs quality work and keeping an eye on the budget. He has done an exemplary job and the County is lucky to have him.

Mr. Smithers said in the short time that he has known Mr. Chambers, he has been a good person to work with and he is please he is willing to continue.

Mr. Sheridan said he agrees with everything said about Mr. Chambers and he is a stand up man who is easy to work with.

Resolution No. 68-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 69-2022

**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.
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)



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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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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Forsythe.

Mr. Forsythe said an individual brought this to his attention and this resolution will correct the Health Insurance Buyout Plan.

Resolution No. 69-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2022

**CELEBRATING THE 220<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, District 4

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Denesha, District 6; 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**, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor and commemorate the proud and distinguished history of the County of St. Lawrence, and

**WHEREAS**, the County of St. Lawrence was established on March 3, 1802, and included the Towns of Lisbon, Madrid, Massena, and Oswegatchie, and

**WHEREAS**, the original location of the county seat was in Oswegatchie, and was moved to Canton in 1828, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County is the largest county in geographical size in New York

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State, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County is rich in scenic natural beauty and spans from the Northwest Adirondack Mountains to the great St. Lawrence River, for which it was named, and

**WHEREAS**, a celebration will be held on March 3, 2022, in Ogdensburg to commemorate this great event,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby recognizes and celebrates the 220th Anniversary of the County of St. Lawrence.

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Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 70-2022, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Curran and Mr. Lightfoot.

Mr. Reagen said this resolution will mark the celebration of the 220<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Lawrence County. He said the history of St. Lawrence County is often forgotten, and it is important to remember the role St. Lawrence County had in North American, New York, and the North Country history. Mr. Reagen said County Administrator Doyle is hoping to hold an event to remind people across the County that we have a historic county.

Resolution No. 70-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2022

**RECOGNIZING MASSENA NATIVE JONNY GUSTAFSON FOR  
EXCELLENCE AND OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN REPRESENTING THE  
UNITED STATES AT THE XXIV WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES**

By Ms. Terminelli, District 14

**WHEREAS**, Massena native Jonny Gustafson will be one of the three men representing Team USA in singles luge at the Winter Olympics in Beijing, China, and

**WHEREAS**, a culmination of years of dedication to the sport, beginning with a tryout as a kid at SUNY Canton where he discovered the sport of luge, led to his incredible success as an athlete,

**WHEREAS**, the 24 year old, 2015 graduate of Massena Central School, was a two time bronze medal winner in the World Champion Race, a gold medal winner in the America Pacific Championship, and is currently the top-ranked American man on the World Cup circuit, and

**WHEREAS**, taking part in the Olympic Games requires huge amounts of determination and years of training just to be eligible to participate in the renowned event, and every athlete that reaches the goal of becoming an Olympian deserves the utmost respect, and

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators and all of St. Lawrence County is very proud of the accomplishments of their Olympian athlete for devoting time and energy, and putting forth tremendous effort to represent the United States in the 2022 Winter Olympics, thereby bringing honor and credit to St. Lawrence County,

**WHEREAS**, it is with great pride that the Board of Legislators recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of Jonny Gustafson, Olympian,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators recognizes Jonny Gustafson for excellence and outstanding achievements in representing the United States at the XXIV Winter Olympic Games.

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Ms. Terminelli moved to adopt Resolution No. 71-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Acres, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Fay, Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Arquiett.

Mr. Reagen said he was once a member of the U.S. Olympic luge Association, and he went down the luge once as an honorary member and it was not as easy as it looks on television. St. Lawrence County contributes heavily to the Olympics as there have been many different people competing at the Olympics throughout the years.

Ms. Fiacco said several student athletes and alumni from St. Lawrence and Clarkson Universities are competing in the 2022 Winter Olympics.

Mr. Arquiett said it is an amazing achievement to succeed at that level, and to become an Olympian is a tremendous achievement.

Resolution No. 71-2022 carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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

Ms. Doyle said more test kits have been received and arrangements will be made to disperse them. A new version of COVID-19 reporting is put together and will be provided. The County requested additional masks and have received the KN95 masks; a drive-thru event to distribute will be held. St. Lawrence County did extend the State of Emergency through March 7th.

There will be a program and luncheon on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to commemorate the 220<sup>th</sup> year of St. Lawrence County.

County Offices will be closed, and there will be no meeting scheduled on February 21<sup>st</sup> in recognition of Presidents Day.

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**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Acres said people are not going to be happy if the mask mandate is extended for an additional 30 days. Ms. Curran said it is time to have a discussion on masks and policies of unvaccinated people working when they come in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Mr. Acres asked what the purpose was for extending the State of Emergency. He asked if it would provide for ambulances, additional manpower, or additional money. Ms. Doyle said the main reason for a State of Emergency is for awareness. There are no emergency orders issues at this time, and it can make the County eligible for funding.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There were no Committee Reports.

Ms. Haggard moved to go to Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 9:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Mr. Lightfoot moved to appoint the following individual to the **Community Services Board (Term to expire: 12/31/2024)**, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Ellen Pluta, 8366 State Highway 58, Heuvelton 13654 (Replacing Sherri Hewitson)

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

Jennifer Sibley, 210 Court Street, Suite 107, Watertown 13601 (Replacing Lori Murray)  
James Williams, Post Office Box 166, Colton 13625 (Replacing John Mikolay)

Mr. Lightfoot moved to reappoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Board of Health (Term to expire: 12/31/2027)**, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Nancy Potter, 639 Parmenter Road, Potsdam 13676

Mr. Acres moved to appoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board (Term to expire 2/7/2025)**, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Brian Bush, 2881 County Route 14, Canton 13617 (Replacing Don Hooper)

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Mr. Acres moved to appoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (Term to expire 12/31/2024)**, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Mark Hall, Post Office Box 96, 28 Youngs Road, Star Lake 13690

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. Curran and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Patrick Smith, 34 Farmer Street, Canton 13617

**CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS:** Chair Sheridan said all appointments to the Committees, Boards, and Councils will remain the same except for the following:

Margaret Haggard was appointed to the Community Services Board, replacing Rita Curran.

Lynn Blevins was appointed to the Off-Track Betting Board, replacing Don Hooper.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Sheridan adjourned the February Full Board Meeting at 9:43 p.m., as there was no further business.