

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

Ms. Curran moved to suspend the rules of procedure to allow attendance to the meeting to be held telephonically and to add a resolution as Item Number 41 to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present with the exception of Ms. Fiacco and Mr. Fay. Ms. Terminelli arrived at 7:48 p.m.

DISTRICT	LEGISLATOR
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
District 7	Rick Perkins
District 8	Kevin Acres
District 9	Daniel Fay
District 10	Margaret I. Haggard
District 11	Suzanne Fiaceo
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 – Ms. Curran moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution added as Number 41, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli). Mr. Perkins moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curran moved to approve the March 7th Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

COMMUNICATIONS: The Deputy Clerk read the following Communication:

1. A resolution was received from the Town of Brasher 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.

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2. An email was received from Dottie Spears requesting the Legislators read an article from February 15, 2011, written by Susan Mende of Johnson Newspapers, entitled “More Foster Parents Sought – Families Urge Others: St. Lawrence County Wants to Keep Children in Area.” A copy was emailed to the Legislators.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Francine Griffin of Madrid, Terri Watts of Macomb, Rachel Raven of Gouverneur, and Courtney Fantone, of Norwood.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Services Committee: 3-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2022

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH (OMH) WORKFORCE GRANT

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services receives funding modifications from New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) Workforce Grant, and

WHEREAS, OMH is distributing Federal Supplemental Community Mental Health Services Block Grant funding to eligible providers to enhance workforce, and

WHEREAS, the OMH Workforce Grant is administered and managed by OMH in New York State, and funding is to be utilized from March 31, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Community Services would use the funds for 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 New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) Workforce Grant Program, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A3143201 18000	A MHOC Direct Service Workers	\$8,000
A3143204 42000	Supplies and Materials	1,178
A3143204 41102	Education and Workshops	13,000
A3143208 81000	Employees Retirement	1,008
A3143208 83000	Social Security	612
A3143208 84000	Workers Compensation	<u>202</u>
		\$24,000

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INCREASE REVENUE:

A3134905 56000	OMH Workforce Grant	\$24,000
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 109-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Services Committee: 3-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 110-2022

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR NORTH COUNTRY INITIATIVE (NCI) PROMISE PRACTICES FUNDS

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, Community Services Addictions and Mental Health Clinics are a qualified NCI Partner who are members of the clinically integrated network within Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties, 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, Resolution No. 175-2021 approved one-time grant funding from NCI Promise Practices Funds in the amount of \$23,900 to be used to purchase three virtual reality units,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Community Services for North Country Initiative (NCI) Promise Practices Funds, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142504 43005	A CACD Advertising Fees & Expenses	\$1,138
A1142504 41901	A CACD Central Printing	<u>150</u>
		\$1,288

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1134865 56001	A SA Canton Chemical Dependency	\$1,288
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 110-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Services Committee: 3-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 111-2022

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR
COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
SITE-BASED (COSSAP) PROGRAM FUNDS**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, On October 16, 2020, the County received notice from the Office of Justice Programs that the application submitted by St. Lawrence County was successful and will receive funding opportunities entitled Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based (COSSAP) Program Award 2020-AR-BX-0076, and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2021, certain legal changes regarding the capability of the County operations have made it beneficial for the County to act as the provider for delivery of an Opioid Treatment Program, and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program Grant Manager/Policy Advisor has permitted the County to re-allocate that portion of the grant funding designated to the Opioid Treatment Program to the Request for Proposal (RFP) second-choice agency, St. Lawrence County Community Services, and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2021, Resolution No. 335-2021 named St. Lawrence County Canton Addictions Services Clinic the sub-award recipient to develop and operate the Opioid Treatment Program for the COSSAP Program, and, OASAS has issued the OTP clinic PRU 53606,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Community Services for Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Bases (COSSAP) Program Funds, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1442301 11000	A OTP Direct Services Worker	\$23,906
A1442301 12000	A OTP Supervisor/Admin	39,375
A1442302 21000	A OTP Furniture & Furnishings	32,844
A1442302 25000	A OTP Technical Equipment	7,140
A1442304 407HS	A OTP Human Services Building Rent	6,550
A1442304 408HS	A OTP Human Services Building Maintenance	5,910
A1442304 41102	A OTP Educational Workshops	850
A1442304 41401	A OTP Liability & Other Insurance	290
A1442304 414MM	A OTP Medical Malpractice Insurance	2,000
A1442304 41901	A OTP I/D Central Printing	200
A1442304 42000	A OTP Office Supplies & Expenses	13,690
A1442304 42004	A OTP Computer Software	35,700
A1442304 42101	A OTP I/D Copying Equipment	900
A1442304 42303	A OTP I/D Phone Charges	200
A1442304 423SS	A OTP Security System	14,607
A1442304 42402	A OTP I/D Postage	100
A1442304 43005	A OTP Advertising Fees	2,250
A1442304 43007	A OTP Other Fees & Services	4,800
A1442304 43015	A OTP Certification Fees	8,800
A1442304 43019	OTP Client Collection Fees	200
A1442304 44000	A OTP I/D Automotive Expenses	100
A1442304 44100	A OTP I/D Fuel Charges	100
A1442304 45100	A OTP Medical Supplies & Expenses	7,500
A1442308 81000	A Retirement	7,973
A1442308 83000	A Social Security	4,354
A1442308 84000	A Workmens Compensation	1,593
A1442308 84500	A Group Life Insurance	114
A1442308 86000	A Hospital & Medical Insurance	20,491
A1442308 86500	A Dental Insurance	709
A1442308 89000	A Vision Insurance	254
		<u>\$243,500</u>

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1416305 55000	A OTP Federal Grants	\$243,500
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 111-2022, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 112-2022

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR COSSAP
FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received funding from The Office of Justice Programs, and

WHEREAS, The Office of Justice Programs has authorized St. Lawrence County Community Services to modify the COSSAP 2020-AR-BX-0076 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the position of fiscal manager was not filled until seven (7) months into the award causing a reduction in payroll; the fringe for this position was originally calculated at the average County rate of 51.37%, however the position required family coverage with an actual cost of 70.37%, creating an increase of \$22,900 over the life of the grant; the sub-awardee expenses were reduced due to the delayed startup of grant activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Community Services for COSSAP funding from the Office of Justice Programs, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1542201 12000	A OPIOID REC Supervisory Admin	\$13,991
A1542204 42001	A OPIOID REC Computer Supplies	56
A1542204 42402	A OPIOID REC I/D Postage	25
A1542204 44000	A OPIOID REC I/D Automotive Expense	100
A1542204 44100	A OPIOID REC I/D Fuel Charges	96
A1542204 46500	A OPIOID REC Program Payment	15,557
A1542208 81000	A OPIOD REC Retirement	1,555
A1542208 84000	A OPIOD REC Workmens Comp	1,129
A1542208 89000	A OPIOD REC Vision Insurance	<u>199</u>
		\$32,708

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1542204 42000	A OPIOID REC Office Supplies	\$90
A1542204 44500	A OPIOID REC Other Travel Reimbursement	6,744
A1542208 83000	A OPIOID REC Social Security	98
A1542208 84500	A OPIOD REC Group Life Insurance	12
A1542208 86000	A OPIOID REC Hospital & Med Insurance	25,666
A1542208 86500	A OPIOD REC Dental Insurance	<u>98</u>
		\$32,708

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 112-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 113-2022

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR EPOCH HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC, FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BILLING PRACTICES

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 370-2021 authorized a contract with Epoch Health Solutions, LLC, and

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

WHEREAS, Community Services continues to improve its billing practices and is implementing a new Electronic Health Record, and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Department will be paying for this service with the use of unrestricted DSRIP funds (01TG0691 502A1),

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Community Services for Epoch Health Solutions, LLC, for improvements to billing practices, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

A3134905 56000 DSRP A DSRP Mental Health \$8,000

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 113-2022, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 114-2022

**ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM SEAWAY VALLEY PREVENTION COUNCIL
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES ADDICTION SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services Addiction Services has received a donation of three desks, a conference table, and three adjustable desk/computer stands from Seaway Valley Prevention Council, and

WHEREAS, the donation will allow for adequate furnishings to accommodate additional personnel that will be working in the Opioid Treatment Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting a donation from Seaway Valley Prevention Council for Community Services Addiction Services.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 114-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Services Committee: 3-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2022

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING
FROM RFMH/OASAS NEW YORK STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services received funding modifications from New York State Opioid Response (SOR), and

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

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WHEREAS, due to inability to prepay expenses related to the implementation of the new electronic health record and a reduction in the funding by RFMH/OASA, actual expenses are lower than budgeted, and

WHEREAS, this one-time adjustment is to match expenditure and close out grant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for Community Services for funding from RFMH/OASAS New York State Opioid Response Grant, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1Z42501 11000	A SOR Direct Service Worker	\$18,085
A1Z42501 12000	A SOR Supervisory/Admin	1,273
A1Z42508 81000	Retirement	2,815
A1Z42508 83000	Social Security	1,399
A1Z42508 84000	Workmens Compensation	510
A1Z42508 84500	Group Life Insurance	45
A1Z42508 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	5,107
A1Z42508 86500	FB Dental Insurance	317
A1Z42508 89000	Vision Insurance	<u>110</u>
		\$29,661

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1Z42504 42004	A SOR Computer Software	\$78,526
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DECREASE REVENUE:

A1Z42505 57000	A SOR FA Chemical Dependency	\$48,865
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 115-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 116-2022

**AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is required to have a Medical Director to oversee the Article 28 Clinic and Communicable Disease Program, and

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WHEREAS, the current rate is \$5,000/annually with benefits, and this rate has not been increased since 2009, and (Account Number PP040101 12000), and

WHEREAS, due to the increase of work duties and no change to salary over the past thirteen (13) years, an increased rate of \$5,000 to \$10,000/annually is being requested,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes an increase in rate to \$10,000 for the Public Health Department Medical Director.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 116-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Services Committee: 3-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A REQUEST FOR REVOCABLE PERMIT
WITH SUNY POTSDAM FOR A BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY TRAINING**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for the Opioid Epidemic Grant Funding which is part of the Emergency Preparedness Program, and

WHEREAS, Public Health, in conjunction with the St. Lawrence County Partners 4 Substance Use Prevention Task Force, has scheduled a Bridges Out of Poverty Training to be held on April 13, 2022, at SUNY Potsdam, and

WHEREAS, costs associated with rental of the space and personnel needed for the day of the event will be \$175 (PPZ40104 43007 OP), and

WHEREAS, this training lead by Jim Ott of AHA! Process, Inc. will cover topics such as Mental Models, Causes of Poverty, Hidden Rules, Language and Storytelling, Resources and Strategies for using the Bridges Out of Poverty Construct, and

WHEREAS, Bridges Out of Poverty Training is designed to teach a deeper understanding of poverty and what it is like for those facing it, and how to empathize and a better understand the challenges faced by people living in poverty, and

WHEREAS, the training provides a general overview of poverty and addresses strategies for finding feasible solutions, and is intended to educate local leaders, clergy, community groups, local agencies, and volunteers on the issues many people encounter daily,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Request for Revocable Permit with SUNY Potsdam for a Bridges out of Poverty Training, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 117-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Services Committee: 3-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 118-2022

**APPROVAL OF RATES FOR RELATED SERVICES FOR THE
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department engages the services of several individuals and agencies to provide the needs of Preschool Special Education Program, and

WHEREAS, the rates paid to providers for related services (PK040504 47700) are set by the County and reflect cost from the agency providing services,

WHEREAS, there is no change to the rates from 2021,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the following rates for related services for the Pre-School Special Education Program for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

<u>Service:</u>	<u>Maximum Rate per Half Hour:</u>
Audiology	\$75
Counseling	\$64
Teacher of Hearing Impaired	\$58
Occupational Therapy	\$69
Physical Therapy	\$61
Speech Therapy	\$63
Group Rates (OT, PT, ST – per child)	\$45
Teacher of Visually Impaired	\$50
1:1 Aide	\$14
Interpreter	\$16
Teaching Assistant	\$15
Psychological Services	\$60
1:1 Medical Aide	\$17
Orientation & Mobility	\$66

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Parent Training	\$64
School Health Services/Nurse	\$55
School Social Work	\$64
Coordination 2 or more related services	\$64
Assisted Technology Service	\$54
Nutritional Services Home Visit	\$60

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 118-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 119-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
SAMARITAN MEDICAL CENTER FOR MORGUE AND LABORATORY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department oversees the Coroners' Program, and

WHEREAS, one of the current contracted Pathologists traveled to three (3) individual hospitals within St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, when the Pathologist is unavailable to travel to St. Lawrence County, there is a need to have alternate locations available for morgue and laboratory services, and

WHEREAS, Samaritan Medical Center has agreed to receive cases from St. Lawrence County in the absence of the current Pathologist and/or provide for services when a forensic autopsy is required (PC011854 45100 and PC011854 407MF),

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

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 119-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 120-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES
FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department engages the services of several individuals and agencies to provide services for the Preschool Special Education Program, and

WHEREAS, the Preschool Special Education Program Contracts cover the following services: Center-Based Program (PK040504 46502), Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) (PK040504 47700), Evaluation (PK040504 48600) at rates set by the New York State Education Department, and Related Services (PK040504 47700) at rates set by St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the contracts cover the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for services for the Preschool Special Education Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 120-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 121-2022

PROCLAIMING APRIL 4th – 10th, 2022 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is observing National Public Health Week April 4th – 10th, 2022 and becoming part of a growing movement to create the healthiest nation in one generation, and

WHEREAS, the 2022 theme is “Public Health is Where You Are” with focus on particular public health topics each day of the week, and

WHEREAS, rural communities face a range of health disparities, from higher burdens of chronic disease to limited access to primary care and prevention services, and

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WHEREAS, compared to people living in urban areas, rural Americans face a greater risk of death from the five leading causes of death – heart disease, cancer, unintentional injury, chronic lower respiratory disease, and stroke, and

WHEREAS, during this week we will celebrate the power of prevention, advocate for healthy and fair policies, share strategies for successful partnerships and champion the role of a strong public health system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims April 4th – 10th, 2022 as National Public Health Week.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 121-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 122-2022

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL
AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

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

WHEREAS, in 1983, then President Ronald Reagan, declared April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month,” and each year, the President of the United States issues a proclamation announcing April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious threats to the children of our Nation, and

WHEREAS, children who have been abused or neglected have a higher risk of developing various health conditions as adults, including alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, eating disorders, obesity, suicide, and

WHEREAS, all children of St. Lawrence County have the right to being raised in a safe and secure environment that prepares for them for a future of opportunity; sadly, child abuse and neglect threaten the lives and health of many children in St. Lawrence County who are subjected to verbal, sexual, emotional, and physical abuse, exploitation, and neglect, and

WHEREAS, it is essential for communities to create partnerships among families, human service agencies, schools, law enforcement, and businesses that provide supportive resources and reinforce protective measures to ensure the health and well-being of children and families to reduce incidences of child abuse and neglect, and

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WHEREAS, providing community-based prevention services to those families can help avoid the on-going need for protective services, law enforcement, the judicial system, foster care, and the treatment of adults recovering from abuse as children, and

WHEREAS, during National Child Abuse Prevention Month, observed each April, all individuals are encouraged to direct their attention to this critical issue and to support programs that promote the safety and security of children; we also take the opportunity to acknowledge the many dedicated caseworkers who devote countless hours to ensuring the welfare and well-being of our children,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 122-2022, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Operations Committee: 3-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 123-2022

DECLARING APRIL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence, and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Campaign theme continues to focus on Building Safe Online Spaces, and

WHEREAS, sexual harassment, assault, and abuse can happen anywhere, including online spaces, and as we connect online we can learn how to practice digital consent, intervene when we see harmful content or behaviors, and ensure that online spaces – whether they be workspaces, classrooms, social media platforms, or otherwise – are respectful and safe, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House provides St. Lawrence County with services which range from prevention, crisis intervention, counseling, and advocacy and includes a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program, and

WHEREAS, sexual assault is a serious and widespread problem, and St. Lawrence County can highlight sexual violence as a major public health, human rights, and social justice

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issue and reinforce the need for prevention efforts by working together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions, all of which are centered on respect, inclusion, and safety, and

WHEREAS, through the month of April, events are planned throughout St. Lawrence County to highlight Sexual Assault Awareness Month,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators declares April Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages all citizens of the County to join advocates and communities across the Country in playing an active role to raise awareness to help prevent sexual assault.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 123-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Operations Committee: 3-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2022

PROCLAIMING EARTH DAY IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has traditionally emphasized the preservation and improvement of the quality of the natural and the man-made environment within the County, and

WHEREAS, April 22, 2022 marks the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day, and since 1970, Earth Day has increased awareness of the planet we live on, pollution, climate change, endangered species, and many other environmental issues, and

WHEREAS, since its establishment by the Board of Legislators in 1971, the Environmental Management Council (EMC) has worked to advise the Board of Legislators about, and to foster public understanding of, environmental matters affecting the County, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with "Earth Day", the EMC will sponsor and encourage public participation in environmentally responsible activities and educational programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims April 22, 2022 to be Earth Day in St. Lawrence County, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators does hereby encourage all persons throughout the County to participate in programs and activities, on Earth Day and throughout the year, that promote a healthy environment in conjunction with a stronger economy, and that improve awareness about the interactions between people and the environment.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 124-2022, seconded by Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Acres recognized Lance Rudiger of the Environmental Management Council to speak to the resolution.

Resolution No. 124-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Operations Committee: 3-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 125-2022

DESIGNATING APRIL 2022 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, April 11, 1968, marked the signing of the Fair Housing Act into law, which proclaims a national policy of equal housing opportunity for all citizens without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability, and

WHEREAS, since the Board of Legislators established the St. Lawrence County Fair Housing Task Force in 1991, the Task Force has implemented a variety of activities to promote equal access to housing for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, disability (physical or mental), creed, age, sexual orientation, marital status, or military status,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators designates April 2022 as Fair Housing Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators reaffirms its commitment to promote equal access to housing so that all County residents are given the opportunity to live in safe, decent housing of their choice.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 125-2022, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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Operations Committee: 3-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 126-2022

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE RURAL LAW CENTER OF NEW YORK FOR INDIGENT APPELLATE REPRESENTATION

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, since 2014, the Rural Law Center has worked in collaboration with the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction, as the Committee created a unique Pro Bono Appeals Program that provides attorneys for appellate services in the Third and Fourth Judicial Department which includes work for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the Rural Law Center (RLC) of New York is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3), legal services organization that provides legal services to low income New Yorkers residing in rural counties, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County currently funds appellate representation for indigent criminal and family court litigants for assignments from the Appellate Division, Third Department, and the St. Lawrence County Court Judges, for appeals from local courts to County Court, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 81-2014 established the relationship with the RLC and Resolution No. 161-2017 authorized the continuation of their work at a reduced amount conscious of the change in caseloads at that time and last, and

WHEREAS, the RLC has experienced appellate attorneys on staff with extensive criminal and family law appellate expertise, and employs experienced appellate support staff capable of providing high quality appellate representation for up to 60 appeals per year at an annual total cost to St. Lawrence County (IA011704 430AC) of 180,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the Rural Law Center of New York for the provision of indigent appellate representation, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Lawrence County will pay the Rural Law Center \$180,000 for the provision of appellate services with payments being made in quarterly installments of \$45,000 with continued quarterly reports continuing to be provided to the County Administrator for one year with two, one (1) year extensions with annual review and adjustment to the number of appeals and appropriations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional appellate work regarding parole may be a future inclusion in this agreement and a resolution will be brought forward for consideration of amending the agreement under the new funding from New York State.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 126-2022, seconded by Mr. Acres.

Ms. Curran moved to amend the resolution to change the number of appeals per year from 80 to 60 cases, and to change the dollar amount for the cost from \$200,000 to \$180,000, and change the quarterly installment amount from \$60,000 to \$45,000 seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Resolution No. 126-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 3-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 127-2022

ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE NEW YORK SYSTEMS CHANGE AND INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK (NY SCION) INITIATIVE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06 states that each Local Workforce Development Area must have at least one Disability Resource Coordinator on staff, and

WHEREAS, each Local Workforce Development Board will receive up to \$100,000 annually for three (3) consecutive years to assist with the implementation, and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board has been awarded the first-year funding of \$81,403 to administer the initiative known as the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NY SCION), and

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-C09-05 authorized the execution of the agreement to accept the funding for the NY SCION Initiative, and was approved at the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board meeting on March 9, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to be used from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to establish the Budget for the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NY SCION) Initiative, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UR062901 12000	Supervisory/Administrative	\$2,647
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UR062901 19501	Longevity Pay	45
UR062904 40700	Rent Building & Property	75
UR062904 41400	Insurance	15
UR062904 42000	Office Supplies & Expense	10
UR062904 42002	Copying Expense	5
UR062904 42300	Telephone	10
UR062904 430WI	WIB Expenses	3,874
UR062904 47800	DP Charges	150
UR062908 81000	Retirement	8
UR062908 83000	Social Security	199
UR062908 84000	Workers Compensation	69
UR062908 84500	Group Life Insurance	3
UR062908 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	995
UR062908 86500	Dental Insurance	24
UR062908 89000	Vision Insurance	11
UR062911 11000	Direct Service Worker	36,302
UR062914 40700	Rent Building & Property	2,647
UR062914 41100	Professional Education	4,635
UR062914 41400	Insurance	74
UR062914 41901	Commercial Printing	113
UR062914 42000	Office Supplies & Expense	2,213
UR062914 42002	Copying Expense	33
UR062914 42300	Telephone	220
UR062914 42400	Postage	35
UR062914 43000	Medical Fee (Staff)	45
UR062914 430WI	WIB Expenses	1,027
UR062914 44300	Mileage Reimbursement	2,000
UR062914 44500	Other Travel Reimbursement	250
UR062914 47800	DP Charges	2,977
UR062918 81000	Retirement	5,082
UR062918 83000	Social Security	2,777
UR062918 84000	Workers Compensation	944
UR062918 84500	Group Life Insurance	75
UR062918 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	11,092
UR062918 86500	Dental Insurance	509
UR062918 89000	Vision Insurance	213
		<u>\$81,403</u>

INCREASE REVENUE:

UR047905 57000	NY SCION Revenue	\$81,403
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 127-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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Finance Committee: 3-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2022

**MODIFYING THE PY20 BUDGET FOR THE
WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is the designated Grant Recipient for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds and establishes budgets in accordance with obligations received, and

WHEREAS, the Local Workforce Development Area has been awarded Round 2 funding under the Employment Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant (ER-NDWG), and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Obligational Authority is in the amount of \$16,572 and the funds are available to use until September 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board Resolution 22-C09-06 approved modifying the Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the PY20 Budget for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UE062901 12000 ERDW	Supervisory/Administrative	\$999
UE062901 19501 ERDW	Longevity Payments	17
UE062908 81000 ERDW	Retirement	120
UE062908 83000 ERDW	Social Security	72
UE062908 84000 ERDW	Workers Compensation	26
UE062908 84500 ERDW	Group Life Insurance	1
UE062908 86000 ERDW	Hospital & Medical Insurance	406
UE062908 86500 ERDW	FB Dental Insurance	10
UE062908 89000 ERDW	Vision Insurance	4
UE062911 11000 ERDW	Supervisory/Administrative	2,299
UE062918 81000 ERDW	Retirement	273
UE062918 83000 ERDW	Social Security	172
UE062918 84000 ERDW	Workers Compensation	60
UE062918 84500 ERDW	Group Life Insurance	5
UE062918 86000 ERDW	Hospital & Medical Insurance	549
UE062918 86500 ERDW	FB Dental Insurance	32
UE062918 89000 ERDW	Vision Insurance	13

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UE062924 461OJ ERDW	OJT Employer Reimbursement	9,979
UE062924 461TU ERDW	Training Tuition Fees	<u>1,535</u>
		\$16,572

INCREASE REVENUE

UE047905 57000 ERDW	Federal Aid	\$16,572
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 128-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 3-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2022

REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW CORRECTION/CANCELLATION OF VOID TAXES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Section 558 of the Real Property Tax Law allows for certain corrections/cancellation of voided taxes to be made with regard to the assessment and tax rolls, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Real Property Tax Office has investigated and determined that a cancellation of voided taxes should occur pursuant to Section 558 of the Real Property Tax Law, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Real Property Tax Office has provided a list of such corrections, which shall be known as Correction/Cancellation Of Voided Taxes - Real Property Tax Law List # 1 for the Year 2022, and

WHEREAS, the list is on file in the Clerk of the Board of Legislators' Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes Real Property Tax Law correction/cancellation of void taxes, as follows:

List #1 for the Year 2022

<u>Name</u>	New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation
St. Lawrence County	Town Of Clifton
Tax Roll Year	2020
Tax Map #	226.000-1-1
Original Bill	\$7,669.71
Corrected Bill	\$0
Reason	NYS bought this Parcel 2/11/2019 – 2020 Town and County Tax lien date was after the purchase –

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	Pursuant to Section 558 of RPTL this tax needs to be cancelled
Refund	
Chargeback Total	\$7,669.71
<u>Name</u>	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
St. Lawrence County	Town of Depeyster
Tax Roll Year	2019 - 2022
Tax Map #	114.004-1-1
Original Bill	\$2,250.81
Corrected Bill	\$0
Reason	NYS bought this Parcel 9/27/2018 – 2019-2022 Town and County tax lien date was after the purchase – pursuant to Section 558 of RPTL this tax needs to be cancelled
Refund	
Chargeback Total	\$2,250.81

<u>Name</u>	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
St. Lawrence County	Town of Hopkinton
Tax Roll Year	2020 - 2022
Tax Map #	79.001-1-8.11
Original Bill	\$13,837.83
Corrected Bill	\$0
Reason	NYS bought this parcel 11/6/2019 – 2020-2022 Town and County tax lien date was after the purchase – pursuant to Section 558 of RPTL this tax needs to be cancelled
Refund	
Chargeback Total	\$13,837.83

<u>Name</u>	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
St. Lawrence County	Town of Rossie
Tax Roll Year	2016 - 2019
Tax Map #	172.003-1-1
Original Bill	\$2,027.28
Corrected Bill	\$0
Reason	NYS bought this parcel 12/30/2015 – 2016-2019 Town and County tax lien date was after the purchase – pursuant to Section 558 of RPTL this tax needs to be cancelled
Refund	
Chargeback Total	\$2,027.28

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be provided to the Director of Real Property Tax Services and St. Lawrence County Treasurer which includes the certified List #1 so that the appropriate correction can be processed.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 129-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Mr. Acres said if St. Lawrence County loses property due to the DEC or any other State agency, the County should be compensated for its loss.

Resolution No. 129-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 130-2022

**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
TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTIES OWNED BY FLEET TECHNIQUES, INC.
AND ROSALYN SALAMACHA**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, with assistance of Gary Bowitch, Esq., St. Lawrence County 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 property located in the Town of Potsdam due to tax delinquency by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 1, 2020, for unpaid ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the following property located in St. Lawrence County (hereinafter referred to as the “Fleet Site”):

“Fleet Site”

- Record Owner: Fleet Techniques, Inc.
- Site Address: 1 North Main Street, Norwood (Town of Potsdam), New York
- Tax ID #: 42.066-6-33
- Delinquent Taxes Owed - \$152,279.33

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- DEC Spill No: 2109966
- DEC Spill Cleanup Status: Open

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

“Salamacha Site”

- Record Owner: Rosalyn Salamacha
- Site Address: 18 S Main Street, Hammond, New York
- Tax ID #: 127.053-3-1
- Delinquent Taxes Owed - \$14,908.55
- DEC Spill No: 2109158
- DEC Spill Cleanup 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 Fleet and Salmacha Sites (collectively, “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, an agreement between the Fund and the County would require the State of New York, through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, to perform all necessary environmental remediation at the Sites after 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 wants to enter into an agreement with the Fund wherein the Fund would release its potential claims against the County, for past and future cleanup and removal costs incurred by the State, including interest thereon and applicable penalties prior to the County taking title to the Sites through tax foreclosure, and

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

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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 the County of St. Lawrence, New York, regarding certain tax delinquent properties owned by Fleet Techniques, Inc. and Rosalyn Salamacha, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of the agreement, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 130-2022, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 131-2022

APPROVING RATES FOR THE CORONERS PROGRAM FOR FUNERAL HOMES FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, area funeral homes provide transportation of decedents to the morgue, funeral home, and crematorium, and

WHEREAS, transportation costs include transport fees, mileage rates for loaded mile transportation, and/or current IRS mileage rate for unloaded mile transportation within the County and outside the County, and these rates have not changed since 2015, and

WHEREAS, changes in available pathologists have led to increased costs for funeral homes, including distance traveled, time spent on one case, and cost of living increases, and

WHEREAS, transportation costs will be itemized into in-County transports and out-of-County transports, and an RFP will go out with an option for out-of-County transports when the initial funeral home is not able to transport out,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves rates for the Coroners' Program for funeral homes for transportation services, as follows:

Initial Transfer (Removal):

- In-County Autopsy \$200
- Loaded Mile Transportation Rate \$2.50/mile
- Unloaded Mile Transportation Rate Current IRS Mileage Rate

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Secondary Transfer:

- Secondary Transfer – per trip \$100
- Loaded Mile Transportation Rate – per trip 2.50/mile
- Unloaded Mile Transportation Rate – per trip Current IRS Mileage Rate

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$133,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PC011854 46500	P COR Other Payments	\$133,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 131-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 3-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2022

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 2022 AS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Ms. Haggard, District 10; Ms. Fiacco, District 11; Mr. Burke, District 12; Mr. Arquiatt, District 13; Ms. Terminelli, District 14; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress declared March as National Women’s History Month to recognize and spread awareness of the importance of women in the history of the United States, and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, men and women have worked together to build this nation, but too often the women were unsung and their contributions sometimes went unnoticed, but the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well, and

WHEREAS, American women have been and continue to be leaders in the forefront of the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions; led the efforts to secure suffrage and equal opportunities for women; and also served in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, labor movements, civil rights movements, and other causes to create a more fair and just society for all, and

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WHEREAS, the history of America is full of pioneers, and listed are a few of the remarkable accomplishment by trail-blazing women in American history:

- Julia Morgan earned a degree in civil engineering from Berkeley in 1898, where she was the only female engineering student becoming the first woman to practice architecture
- Edith Wharton is the first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize in 1921 for her novel the Age of Innocence
- Alice Paul, Activist, proposed the Equal Rights Amendment for the first time in 1923 and finally succeeded in 1972
- Amelia Earhart is the first woman to cross the Atlantic in an airplane in 1928
- Frances Perkins became the first female member of a Presidential cabinet serving as Secretary of Labor for Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933
- Katherine Graham becomes the first woman to become a Fortune 500 CEO in 1972
- Sandra Day O'Connor was the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court in 1981
- Madeleine Albright became the first female Secretary of State in 1997 making her the highest-ranking woman in federal government history
- Hillary Clinton became the first female presidential nominee of a major party in 2016
- Kamala Harris becomes first female, first Black, and first South-Asian Vice President in U.S. history in 2021

WHEREAS, the history of women of St. Lawrence County is equally impressive:

- Myrtle B. Hitchcock was the first female to serve as St. Lawrence County County Clerk from 1817-1818 and again from 1821-1825
- Helen Rich of Richville was the first woman from St. Lawrence County to advocate for woman's suffrage in 1862
- Dr. Lucia Heaton of Canton was the first woman physician in St. Lawrence County
- Grace Robinson Hale of Gouverneur was the first woman attorney in Northern New York
- Rhoda Fox Graves was a suffragist, woman's right activist, and early female Republican politician from St. Lawrence County, and the first woman to serve in the New York State Senate beginning in 1925, the first woman to hold office in both the upper and lower legislative houses in New York State, and first woman to chair a New York Senate Committee
- Betty H. Bradley was elected to the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators in 1974 serving District 14 as the first female Legislator of St. Lawrence County, and first female Chair of the Board in 1992
- Ruth Garner was a pioneer for women in leadership as the first woman to be elected to the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees in 1973 and six years later elected as the first female Mayor
- Karen St. Hilaire was the first female to hold the title of St. Lawrence County Administrator beginning in 2007
- Renee Cole became the first female Treasurer of St. Lawrence County in 2017

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- Marion Sanger Frank of Ogdensburg was one of the leaders of the fight for women's right to vote, was a newspaper communist and suffragette. She marched in the New York City suffrage parade
- Sally James Farnham of Ogdensburg was the leading woman sculptor of major public monuments at the turn of the century in America. She competed with men for commissions and created important public sculptures in Central Park in NYC, Library Park in Ogdensburg, the Organization of American States Building in Washington, D.C., the Bronx, NYC, San Fernando, California, and Louisville, Kentucky, to name a few
- Sister Dorothy Kirby came to Ogdensburg in 1863 with seven (7) other members of the Gray Nuns. Under her leadership they operated several schools, the first general hospital in St. Lawrence County, which eventually became Claxton Hepburn Medical Center, the first orphanage and first nursing home in St. Lawrence County
- Sister Mary Patrick, a member of the Grey Nuns, became the first woman administrator of the Ogdensburg City Hospital and Orphan Asylum in 1865. The orphanage served more than 4,600 children over its eighty (80) year history
- Sister S. Susan, a member of the Grey Nuns, was the first woman administrator of a tuberculosis hospital in Northern New York, St. John's Hospital on the Black Lake Road
- Josephine Callahan helped open the first non-psychiatric nursing school in the North Country under the auspices of the Grey Nuns at the Ogdensburg City Hospital
- Mother Immaculata founded Mater Dei College in Ogdensburg in 1960. She also founded twelve (12) elementary schools across Northern New York, including schools in Gouverneur, Massena, Norwood, as well as Tupper Lake and Dannemora to name a few
- In 1909, Mary Williamson Averell Harriman was the richest woman in the world when her husband railroad tycoon, E. H. Harriman, died leaving her \$100 million dollars. As a young woman she helped found the Society of United Helpers, the first non-Catholic orphanage and nursing home in Ogdensburg. She later became a major philanthropist, helping to expand the New York City Boys Clubs, establish Bear Mountain State Park, Harriman State Park, Letchworth Development Center, and helped to save Yosemite Park, to name a few of her major projects
- The thousands of women from across the Country who serves as nurses, enlisted, non-commissioned officers and officers in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard
- Eleanor Bellinger Harwell of Ogdensburg was a pilot and the first woman air traffic controllers at LaGuardia Field in New York City
- Lavinia York of Ogdensburg, one of the earliest pioneer settlers and wife of War of 1812 hero Sheriff Joseph York, marched across the frozen St. Lawrence River after the British captured the community to demand the return of her husband who had been taken prisoner

WHEREAS, approximately half the workforce of the United States is women, and specifically in St. Lawrence County Government women represent sixty percent (60%) of the workforce, and

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WHEREAS, the 2022 National Woman’s History Theme is “Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope,” and is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during the ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators proclaims March 2022 as Woman’s History Month in St. Lawrence County.

Ms. Haggard moved to adopt Resolution No. 132-2022, seconded by Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Reagen moved to amend the resolution to include Marion Sanger Frank of Ogdensburg was one of the leaders of the fight for women’s right to vote, was a newspaper communist and suffragette. She marched in the New York City suffrage parade; Sally James Farnham of Ogdensburg was the leading woman sculptor of major public monuments at the turn of the century in America. She competed with men for commissions and created important public sculptures in Central Park in NYC, Library Park in Ogdensburg, the Organization of American States Building in Washington, D.C., the Bronx, NYC, San Fernando, California, and Louisville, Kentucky, to name a few; Sister Dorothy Kirby came to Ogdensburg in 1863 with seven (7) other members of the Gray Nuns. Under her leadership they operated several schools, the first general hospital in St. Lawrence County, which eventually became Claxton Hepburn Medical Center, the first orphanage and first nursing home in St. Lawrence County; Sister Mary Patrick, a member of the Grey Nuns, became the first woman administrator of the Ogdensburg City Hospital and Orphan Asylum in 1865. The orphanage served more than 4,600 children over its eighty (80) year history; Sister S. Susan, a member of the Grey Nuns, was the first woman administrator of a tuberculosis hospital in Northern New York, St. John’s Hospital on the Black Lake Road; Josephine Callahan helped open the first non-psychiatric nursing school in the North Country under the auspices of the Grey Nuns at the Ogdensburg City Hospital; Mother Immaculata founded Mater Dei College in Ogdensburg in 1960. She also founded twelve (12) elementary schools across Northern New York, including schools in Gouverneur, Massena, Norwood, as well as Tupper Lake and Dannemora to name a few; In 1909, Mary Williamson Averell Harriman was the richest woman in the world when her husband railroad tycoon, E. H. Harriman, died leaving her \$100 million dollars. As a young woman she helped found the Society of United Helpers, the first non-Catholic orphanage and nursing home in Ogdensburg. She later became a major philanthropist, helping to expand the New York City Boys Clubs, establish Bear Mountain State Park, Harriman State Park, Letchworth Development Center, and helped to save Yosemite Park, to name a few of her major projects; the thousands of women from across the Country who serves as nurses, enlisted, non-commissioned officers and officers in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard; Eleanor Bellinger Harwell of Ogdensburg was a pilot and the first woman air traffic controllers at LaGuardia Field in New York City; and Lavinia York of Ogdensburg, one of the earliest pioneer settlers and wife of War of 1812 hero Sheriff Joseph York, marched across the frozen St. Lawrence River after the British captured the community to demand the return of her husband who had been taken prisoner, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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Resolution No. 132-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 3-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 133-2022

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

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

County Administrator	\$165,000
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Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 133-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha.

Mr. Acres said Ms. Doyle has done a wonderful job as County Administrator. It is a challenging job to oversee twenty-six (26) departments, and handling the demands of the entire county. He said he is please that Ruth Doyle is doing this very complicated job of keeping the wheels of the county rolling, and that she is well-deserving of this raise.

Resolution No. 133-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 134-2022

**OPPOSING NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S8415 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A9563
IMPOSING AN EXCISE TAX ON THE SALE OF AMMUNITION**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Arquiett, District 13; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, protects the inalienable and individual right of the people to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in the *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), “[t]he Second Amendment...is the very product of an interest balancing by the people...(which) surely elevates above all other interests the rights of law-abiding, responsible citizens to use arms in defense of hearth and home.”, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to “keep and bear arms,” as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the “infringement by the States”, and

WHEREAS, since 2015, the Board of Legislators adopted a local law and additional resolutions that demonstrate the fundamental and individual right to bear arms under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, on or about March 1, 2022, New York State Senator Andrew Gouardes and Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy called for an excise tax on ammunition production in New York to generate funding for gun violence research; this measure would impose an excise tax on ammunition production between two (\$0.02) and five (\$0.05) cents per round of ammunition sold, and

WHEREAS, lawmakers backing the bill profess that the purpose of the bill is to bolster funding for the newly created research fund in New York for studying gun violence, which is part of the New York State Department of Health and the State University of New York, and

WHEREAS, the implicit impact of the imposition of a tax on the acquisition of ammunition is to reduce the amount of ammunition and weapons sold within the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, over the past several years certain State lawmakers have sought to reduce gun ownership through various limits on ammunition to include proposals that would criminalize the acquisition of ammunition under certain circumstances, and

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WHEREAS, gun ownership, of which ammunition purchases are incidental thereto, have long been associated with a traditional way of life in northern New York State, and

WHEREAS, the imposition of a tax upon ammunition sales for ammunition manufactured out of state likely imposes unreasonable restrictions on interstate commerce and is yet another attempt by the State of New York to impose restrictions upon the free exercise of the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators opposes New York State Senate Bill S8415 and Assembly Bill A9563, imposing an excise tax on the sale of ammunition, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators commits to continue to actively engage in legal resistance to proposed legislation designed to infringe upon the rights granted to United States citizens and New York State citizens under the United States Constitution, New York State Constitution, Federal law, and State law to protect the Second Amendment rights of all lawful gun owners in the state, and not just in St. Lawrence County, 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, Senator Andrew Gounardes, Senator Alessandra Biaggi, and Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 134-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Smithers.

Mr. Acres thanked Legislators Perkins for bringing this resolution forward. He said New York State is undergoing challenges to the second amendment rights on a daily basis, and it may seem innocuous as it is a small amount of money, but the real purpose is to take away guns. St. Lawrence County will continue to fight for the second amendment rights for all citizens.

Mr. Denesha said he views this as a tax to law abiding citizens.

Mr. Forsythe said it starts out as a .02 cent increase, but will no doubt increase yearly from there. He is opposed to this tax.

Ms. Haggard said she supports the second amendment and all the amendments, but believes they are not without limits. She has faith that the money collected from this tax will go to research on gun violence. She said she will vote no to this resolution.

Mr. Sheridan said he is a strong believer in the second amendment and that amendment specifically says the right to own firearms will not be infringed. He supports this resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO. 136-2022

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BEARDSLEY DESIGN ASSOCIATES FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX RENOVATION PROJECT AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, changes in scope of County services has altered the operational and space needs of County departments that occupy the Public Safety Complex, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has recommended that the County analyze the best use of space in the Building, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has determined that in order to meet the needs of the public, now and in the future, efficiencies need to be achieved through the reconfiguration of certain congruent County departments, and

WHEREAS, appropriations are available in targeted contingency of the 2022 Budget to fund the architectural service needs of the Project, and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations will be necessary upon the conclusion of the architectural design and competitive bid phase of the Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Beardsley Design Associates for architectural services for the Public Safety Complex Renovation Project, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for a Capital Project in the County Administrator’s Office, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700 B SPEC Contingency Account \$41,501

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199509 90600 T IFT GF Transfer to CP \$41,501

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG619974 43007 PSC Public Safety Complex Facility \$41,501

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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6650319 90100 T IFT CP Transfers from GF \$41,501

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 136-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 137-2022

AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE TO REMOVE APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX RENOVATION CAPITAL PROJECT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 268-2018 authorized the Chair to sign a contract for the Courthouse Project relating to new doors and entrances in the amount of \$160,000, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 382-2018 modified the 2018 Budget for Governmental Services associated with capital infrastructure for the following projects and amounts:

Elevators – Court House	\$50,000
Relining of Boiler – Court House	\$15,000
Renovations of Treasurer’s Office – Court House	\$10,000
Fire Alarm System – PSC	\$8,000

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 458-2019 modified the 2019 Budget for Governmental Services for capital infrastructure for the following projects and amounts:

Chiller Overhaul – H.B. Smith Building	\$100,000
Waterline Upgrades – H.B. Smith Building	\$7,500
Roof Replacement – Old Jail	\$25,000
Rain Gutters – PSC & Sears Building	\$15,000

WHEREAS, the aforementioned projects were appropriated by their respective resolution to the account, and

WHEREAS, the following projects have been completed (BG619974 43007 2306) with the associated net financial performance:

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Project	Appropriations	Remaining
Courthouse Entrance Project – Court House	\$160,000	9,117.01
Relining of Courthouse Boiler – Court House	15,000	586.00
Renovations of Treasurer’s Office – Court House	10,000	(569.76)
Fire Alarm System – Public Safety Complex	8,000	8,000.00
Chiller Overhaul – H.B. Smith Building	100,000	(1,810.00)
Roof Replacement – Building & Grounds Office	<u>25,000</u>	<u>17,171.90</u>
Total	\$318,000	\$32,495.15

WHEREAS, the rain gutters at the Public Safety Complex & Sears Building Project yet to be completed, but will be addressed as part of the renovation project, and

WHEREAS, review of the Courts Facilities Improvement Capital Project Account has identified \$11,002.95 in available funds in addition to remaining amounts from capital projects to be closed, and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Complex Renovations Capital Project is being established and the opportunity exists to appropriate remaining funds earmarked for the aforementioned capital projects to be closed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the closure of capital projects for Buildings and Grounds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office to close capital projects out completely, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG619974 43007 2306	County Facilities Improvement	\$79,248.10
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG619974 43007 PSC	PSC Facility Improvements	\$58,498.10
BG619974 43007 EM	Elev Maint Co Facility Improvements	13,250.00
BG619974 43007 BDUP	Bldg Upgrades Co Facility Improvements	<u>7,500.00</u>
		\$79,248.10

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the closure of the following Capital Projects: The Courthouse entrances, relining the courthouse boiler, renovations of the Treasurer’s Office, Public Safety Complex fire alarm, chiller overhaul - H.B. Smith Building Project, roof replacement - Buildings & Grounds Office, and rain gutters – PSC & Sears Building Projects is authorized.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 137-2022, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 138-2022

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE FOR ADVERTISING EXPENSES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, traditionally newspapers have been designated on a rotational, annual basis by the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 65-2022 designated newspapers for various publication purposes for the year 2022 and transitioned from the rotational designation previously employed in favor of broadening advertising in an effort to reach all County citizens and businesses, and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office is required to advertise legal notices for certain County solicitations of bids and requests for proposals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for advertising expenses in the County Administrator’s Office, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$4,500
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BR013454 43005	Purchasing Advertising Fees	\$4,500
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that quarterly updates on the appropriations will be provided to the Board of Legislators.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 138-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 139-2022

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN MAINTENANCE AND SOFTWARE AGREEMENTS FOR A FOLDING/INSERTING SYSTEM IN THE CENTRAL PRINTING AND MAIL AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Central Printing and Mail provides service to all County departments for print requests with mailing services, and

WHEREAS, for the 2021 town/county, village, and school tax cycles alone, the Central Printing and Mail folded, inserted, and sealed 111,631 pieces of mail; with an additional 32,000 plus pieces completed through the system for other various projects, and

WHEREAS, the folding/inserting system currently in use was put in service in 2007 and is reaching end of serviceable life, and

WHEREAS, funds were appropriated in targeted contingency in the 2022 Budget to replace the folding/inserting system in the Central Printing and Mail, and

WHEREAS, due to the substantial use of the system for tax purposes, funds are budgeted in the Treasurer’s Office (T3013254 42100) for maintenance and software costs, which will now decrease under the new agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign maintenance and software agreements for a folding/inserting system in the Central Printing and Mail, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700 B SPEC Contingency Account \$33,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BM016702 22000 B CM Office Equipment \$33,000

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 139-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 3-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 140-2022

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 chargebacks 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, Resolution No. 60-2022 was adopted on February 7, 2022, modifying the 2021 budget for costs associated with court-ordered treatment for bills through December, and 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:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$170,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL010104 43007	B Other Fees & Services	\$170,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 140-2022, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 141-2022

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
COLIN MACKEY FOR ASSISTANCE AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Position No. 101200001, Fiscal Manager, was vacated on December 17, 2021, due to a resignation, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 388-2021 authorized creating and filling an Accounting Supervisor in Social Services, Accounting Unit, to replace the Fiscal Manager Position, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 397-2021, adopted at a Special Board Meeting on December 20, 2021, authorized a contract with Colin Mackey for assistance and additional training in the Department of Social Services, and thus far \$2,636.01 has been spent on these services, and

WHEREAS, this position is responsible for all of the fiscal operations for the Department of Social Services, including staff who handle all payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, and financial analysis for the agency,

WHEREAS, if training were not provided, the provision of direct supervision, leadership, and preparation of the budget for the Department of Social Services could be compromised and may result in very serious claiming problems and revenue losses, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services needs additional training during the transition to a new Account Supervisor Position and the person who was the previous Fiscal Manager is available to be paid contractually at his current rate for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days, for a term of April 1, 2022 - May 15, 2022 (DAA60101 12000),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Colin Mackey for assistance and additional training in the Department of Social Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 141-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 142-2022

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ADIRONDACK ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FOR PREPARATION OF A NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES DISTRICT NOMINATION APPLICATION AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, a request for proposal (RFP) was issued to solicit interest in completing a National Register of Historic Places District Nomination application for the St. Lawrence County Government Buildings District, and

WHEREAS, following the review, five (5) proposals have been received and reviewed, and a recommendation for Adirondack Architectural Heritage to be selected due to their strong background working with other municipalities to successfully complete the National Register of Historic Places Nomination process, experience and expertise with historic preservation, and knowledge of the area, and

WHEREAS, the services provided during the term of the eighteen (18) month contract will include undertaking of all necessary historical research site work, photography, and preparation of a National Register District nomination form in accordance with the National Register Bulletin 16A,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizing the Chair to sign a contract with Adirondack Architectural Heritage for preparation of a National Register of Historic Places District Nomination Application, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B10199014 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$6,500
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1M75104 43007	B Historian	\$6,500
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 142-2022, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 3-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 143-2022

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ALLIED WORLD INSURANCE FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR COUNTY-EMPLOYED MEDICAL PROVIDERS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County government is comprised of twenty-six (26) departments with three (3) departments that currently operate with a statutory and legal obligation to render medical care, and

WHEREAS, Public Health, Community Services, and the Sheriff's Office employ licensed medical professionals to render care to members of the public, and

WHEREAS, there are twenty-seven (27) medical professionals in Community Services (A1142504 414MM; A1242504 414MM; A1342504 414MM; A164250 414MM; A3143201 414MM; A3143204 414MM; A3243204 414MM; A3343204 414MM; A3743204 414MM) nine (9) medical professionals in the Sheriff's Office (S4031504 414MM), and ten (10) medical professionals in the Public Health Department (PE040594 414MM; PP040104 414MM) that require medical malpractice insurance to insure the County against any loss or liability associated with their practice areas, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Attorney, by and through insurance broker Rose and Kiernan, secured quotes for the provision of medical malpractice insurance coverage, and

WHEREAS, Allied World Insurance was identified as the lowest, most reasonable bidder for the professional services, and

WHEREAS, the County has the ability to renew coverage through the extension of the original contract for medical malpractice coverage in the amount of \$179,686,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Allied World Insurance for medical malpractice insurance coverage, and any other documents necessary, for County-employed medical providers, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 143-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

RESOLUTION NO. 144-2022

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3 and Ms. Curran, District 15

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>
Social Services/Employment	Senior Employment & Training Counselor	701500003	FT	Contingent	90 days
Social Services /HEAP	Social Welfare Examiner	814000060	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services /Child Support	Support Investigator	813000009	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Public Health	Public Health Nurse	504100001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Registered Professional Nurse	501000023	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Emergency Services	Dispatcher	612100006	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff /Civil	Chief Civil Enforcement Officer*	601100001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Clerk	DMV Clerk*	009100031	PT	Permanent	Immediate
Planning	Planner III*	400800001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
County Administrator	Buildings & Grounds Supervisor*	303200002	FT	Permanent	Immediate

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 400600002, Planner II, be abolished in the Planning Office, and Position No. 304700002, Head Building Maintenance Worker, be abolished in the County Administrator's Office, and

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

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 144-2022, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

RESOLUTION NO. 145-2022

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CRAWFORD AND STEARNS, ARCHITECTS AND PRESERVATION PLANNERS, PLLC

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, A Request for a Proposals was issued to solicit interest in completing a Limited Building Conditions Assessment for the (Former) Sheriff's House, Canton, NY, and

WHEREAS, following the review of proposals, it is recommended that Crawford and Stearns would be the best choice because of a strong successful background with other similar historic building restoration projects, the proposed fee, and the timeline for completion, and

WHEREAS, services would include undertaking of all necessary site work, floor plan conditions, letter report, illustrative floor plans for reuse, recommendations for treatment, overall rehabilitation costs, and a virtual attendance at a St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators meeting to discuss findings and recommendations, and

WHEREAS, services would be provided for a fee of \$5,000 (B1M75104 43007) during the term of a one hundred twenty (120) day contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Crawford and Stearns, Architects and Preservation Planners, PLLC, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 145-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2022

PROCLAIMING MARCH 2022 AS MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCERS' MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Perkins, District 7 and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, New York State is home to one of the largest resources of tappable maple trees within the United States, and over 2,000 maple sugar makers; and as an abundant and

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sustainable crop, New York's gourmet maple industry is vibrant and growing on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS, the unique climate and forestry in New York State make it naturally perfect for maple syrup production; this pure, additive-free sweetener is made simply by removing water from the sap to concentrate the natural sugars and nutrients made by the tree, and

WHEREAS, Maple production tends to be a community endeavor, many times involving the entire extended family working together to accomplish one common goal: to produce a pure and all-natural maple syrup that they can take pride in calling their own, and

WHEREAS, Pure Maple Syrup is one (100%) percent natural and unrefined, retaining the inherent nutritional value of the sap obtained from the maple tree, making it a smart choice as a topping or as a flavorful ingredient in baking and cooking, and

WHEREAS, Native North Americans were the first to recognize Pure Maple Syrup as a source of nutrition and energy. Researchers have since shown that Maple Syrup has a higher nutritional value than all other common sweeteners, and

WHEREAS, Anyone with an interest, a little knowledge and the proper equipment can try their hand at maple syrup production, assuming they live in a maple syrup-producing region such as the northeastern United States or eastern Canada; Maple syrup is considered one of the oldest natural food products in North America, and

WHEREAS, the amount of sap one tree can produce will depend on a few things, including weather conditions and the size, age and health of the tree and on average, a mature tapped maple will produce ten (10) to twenty (20) gallons of sap per tap, and

WHEREAS, as long as a tree remains healthy, it should continue to produce sap for years if not decades. In fact, some trees have been producing sap for more than 100 years! A healthy tree, when properly tapped, should not suffer any adverse health effects and should be able to produce sap for many years to come, and

WHEREAS, keep in mind that it takes approximately forty (40) gallons of sap to produce just one gallon of fresh maple syrup and the sugar concentration of the sap can vary from 1 percent to as high as 5 percent, and this will drastically impact how much sap it takes to produce a gallon of syrup. For example, two (2%) percent sap takes 40 gallons to make one gallon of syrup – but you seldom get a tree that makes that; it tends to vary through the season, also, with sugar concentration falling lower as the season progresses, and

WHEREAS, information on producing maple syrup is available through organizations such as The New York State Maple Producer's Association or your local Cornell Cooperative Extension, and

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WHEREAS, throughout the month of March, maple farms across the State are opening their doors to the public to offer tours and pancake breakfasts, sell maple products, and demonstrate the syrup-making process, which includes the traditional system of hanging buckets on trees or more modern methods of production using vacuum systems to increase the yield of sap per tree; Maple Weekends will take place at more than 140 maple farms and museums, boosting agritourism across New York. A searchable list of Maple Weekend events is available at <https://mapleweekend.nysmaple.com/>, and

WHEREAS, many love maple syrup and it is more than just syrup, when talking about maple products, here are a few additional maple products that you can try, and

- Maple granulated sugar
- Maple molded sugar confections
- Maple filled chocolate drops
- Maple coated almonds, peanuts, cashews, sunflower seeds, walnuts, pretzels
- Maple granola, Maple yogurt
- Maple spread (cream), Maple apple butter, Maple jelly
- Maple walnut ice cream topping
- Maple BBQ sauce
- Maple coffee
- Maple fudge, Maple milkshakes, Maple ice cream
- Maple hard candy, Maple cotton candy
- Maple snow cone, Maple slushie

WHEREAS, supporting the local Maple Sugar Producers helps our local Business', economy and Sales Tax revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims March 2022 as Maple Syrup Producers' Month in St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Perkins moved to adopt Resolution No. 146-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers.

Mr. Perkins said there are over 2,000 sugar makers in New York State. Pure maple syrup is 100% natural and was first made and used by Native Americans. It is more than just a past time, and it helps the economy.

Resolution No. 146-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 147-2022

REAPPOINTMENT OF THE REPUBLICAN ELECTION COMMISSIONER

By Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, the current term for the Republican Commissioner of Elections expires December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Republican Committee of St. Lawrence County held a meeting on February 23, 2022, pursuant to the provisions of the Election Law and Rules of the County Committee, and by majority vote recommended Thomas A. Nichols as suitable and qualified for re-appointment to the office of Commissioner of Elections,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby reappoint Thomas A. Nichols as the Republican Commissioner of Elections to a four (4) year term to begin on January 1, 2023 at a salary of \$71,801.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 147-2022, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Acres, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2022

**APPOINTING A DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Ms. Terminelli, District 14; Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the Position of Director of Public Health for St. Lawrence County became vacant in March 2021, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 67-2021 appointed Deputy Director Jolene Munger to Interim Director of Public Health and Resolution No. 267-2021 affirms the designation following a search, and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of Legislators and the Board of Health appointed a Search Committee inclusive of members of the Board of Health and the Board of Legislators,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Jolene Munger as the St. Lawrence County Director of Public Health effective no later than April 5, 2022, at a salary of \$106,359 (Band VII, Step 3), and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jolene Munger has been credentialed and approved by the New York State Department of Health.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 148-2022, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Acres, Ms. Haggard, and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Acres said Ms. Munger has been holding this position as interim for quite some time and without the assistance of a deputy. He said he was thankful for the mass vaccination clinics she set up and organized for farm workers. She also has had a very positive relationship with the schools throughout the pandemic. He said he wholeheartedly supports her appointment.

Ms. Haggard said Ms. Munger rose to the occasion of filling the role of interim Public Health Director.

Ms. Curran said the role Ms. Munger took on was pretty incredible. She went from being Deputy Public Health Director for a short time to filling the role as the Public Health Director during a pandemic. She will support this resolution.

Mr. Lightfoot said the County is lucky to have Ms. Munger, especially at this time with going through a pandemic. She has handled the task with grace and proficiencies, and has the background, skillset, and knowledge to run the Department. Mr. Lightfoot said she is doing a fine job, and there have been no issues with Albany regarding her qualifications. He supports the appointment of Ms. Munger as Public Health Director for the County.

Resolution No. 148-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

PRESENTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2022

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OPPOSE
THE 2022 COURT CONSOLIDATION PROPOSAL**

By Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2022, New York Chief Judge Janet DiFiore introduced a proposal to consolidate the New York State Trial Court System, and

WHEREAS, the general proposal would recommend that the Court of Claims, County Court, Family Court, and the Surrogate Court would consolidate into a single statewide Supreme Court, and

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WHEREAS, the proposal does not assure that an appropriate number of judges are assigned in venues to handle caseloads, also it would permit unlimited discretion to assign resident elected judges to handle cases without regard to geographic limitation or relevant professional experience, and

WHEREAS, the potential for the proposal to disenfranchise voters' rights to select judges who are uniquely qualified for specific courts while appearing to unduly concentrate power in the "Chief Administrator of the Courts," an unelected bureaucrat causes concern, and

WHEREAS, the proposal does not solve the inequitable distribution of resources; money, personnel, and technology that would further aggravate an already overburdened and under-resourced court system, and

WHEREAS, the proposal also endangers the independence of the judiciary, while it appears to be retrogressive and dilutes the voting rights of minority voters, it appears silent on ensuring the same level of justice services is available for low income residents and people of color,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators, having considered the proposed 2022 Court Consolidation Proposal, opposes any such legislation in an effort to amend the existing court structure as set forth in Article 6 of the New York State Constitution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators determined any such consolidation proposal does not accomplish the stated purpose of 'consolidation', and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposal ignores the reality that the Office of Court Administration already possesses administrative tools it can use to renovate and resolve the issues it cites for the expensive, unnecessary constitutional amendment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator and the County Attorney be authorized to enact the will of the Board of Legislators through activities that would support the opposition of this proposal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be shared with Governor Kathy Hochul, Chief Judge Janet DiFiore, Chief Administrative Judge for the 4th Judicial District Felix Catena, Senator Patty Ritchie, Senator Joe Griffo, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Marc Walczyk, Assemblyman Billy Jones, and Assemblyman Robert Smullen.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 149-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Reagen.

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Mr. Sheridan said the proposal to consolidate the New York State Trial Courts imperils diversity, may constitute constitutional voting right act violations, transfers power for the selection of judges from voters to appointing officials, provides an inadequate number of judges in less populated counties, fails to correct the imbalances of resources among courts, and it does not consolidate or simplify the court system, it merely renames the various courts as divisions.

Mr. Button said the proposal by New York Chief Judge Janet DiFiore does not accomplish what she is proposing. It is not a consolidation of positions or a reduction in position, but rather a reclassification of positions. Under this proposal the traditional structure of the courts would be abandoned.

Mr. Reagen said one of the most important points to keep in mind is the current systems requires judges to seek re-election every ten (10) years, and changing the structure to make all judges supreme court justices would mean they would be in office for fourteen (14) years before voters would get a chance to weigh in on if the judge had provided justice and fairness to the people.

Resolution No. 149-2022 was adopted by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fiacco, Fay, and Terminelli).

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle reported on two transfers of funds: \$2,633 for automotive expenses and \$2,075 for the purchase body cameras for Sheriff's Office.

There were 125 Covid cases reported over the weekend with twelve (12) individuals being hospitalized. The positivity rate is 4.5%. The vaccinated rate of fully vaccinated is 60.8%. St. Lawrence County community level is reported as low. The County will move to reporting on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Governor's Executive Order allowing the attendance of meetings remotely is in place until April 15th, unless extended.

The Vacancy Review Committee will meet tomorrow to consider fifteen (15) vacancies.

The newly appointed Commissioner of Social Services, Joseph Seeber, will begin tomorrow.

Ms. Doyle said she is grateful the Board approved the contract with Colin Mackey as he is helping to finishing up 2021 financials for Social Services, and it is her hope to fill the position of accounting supervisor soon.

The City of Ogdensburg made an additional payment of \$137,000 to the outstanding balance of property taxes.

At the May Board Meeting there will be a recognition ceremony for those folks who have gone above and beyond for meritorious service.

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Resolutions of interest to St. Lawrence County from the NYSAC Conference will be submitted at upcoming committees.

Ms. Doyle said she has been appointed to a National Association of Counties programs and services standing committee for a one year term.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Denesha said he fully understands the position of the Union and the desire to seek any additional compensation that may be available. He also values the contributions of each and every St. Lawrence County employee at every level. It has not been easy and they have stepped up and done whatever was asked of them. However, he said unaware of any County employee that lost their job as a direct result of the COVID pandemic. If employees had suffered financial distress as a result of the pandemic, he said he would have a different viewpoint. When staffing numbers were required to be reduced in some departments to meet social distancing requirements, etc., not one person lost their job; in fact, many still received a paycheck even while there were not working. As an example, the Highway Department instituted staggered work weeks. County employees, along with most every other citizen were recipients of three economic stimulus checks. The first in April 2020, which was \$1,200 in addition to \$500 for each eligible dependent under the age of 16. The second in December 2020, which was \$600 in addition to \$600 for each eligible dependent under 16. The third was March 2021, which was \$1,400 in addition to \$1,400 for each dependent regardless of age. Mr. Denesha said it was his belief that the ARPA funds would be better spent across the County on projects that will affect the greatest number of people. If the Board truly wants to give money away as a humanitarian effort, he feels it should be given to the 4,200 people in St. Lawrence County who actually lost their jobs.

Ms. Haggard said one of the reason she brought this idea forward was to offer it as an incentive to retain employees. She requested the County Administrator to bring forward some incentives on retaining the County workforce.

Mr. Acres said if you look at surveys as to why employees leave jobs, money ranks very low on the list of reasons. He said the average County employees make \$55,000 in salary with a benefit package of 58% of their pay, along with twelve (12) paid holidays. The average income in St. Lawrence County as shown on the 2020 Census is \$49,000 which may not even include benefits. With that said, he does not feel like compensation is the problem with workforce retention.

Ms. Curran said she received emails from constituents that were not happy with the idea of County employee receiving bonus pay from the ARPA Funds.

Mr. Smithers said he wanted to stay within the parameters of the ARPA Act. He agreed with Legislator Acres that the County offers reasonable pay and benefits as compared to many private employers. Many employers are having troubles finding employee and with turn-over of staff. He asked the County Administrator to provide information on turn-over rates of employees from other counties and private industries.

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Ms. Terminelli arrived at 7:48 p.m.

Ms. Haggard said she received many calls from employees, not just unions. She said if the ARPA Funds are not used, maybe another funding source could be used for retention of staff.

Mr. Denesha said he has received phone calls from some Highway employees saying they were against bonuses from ARPA funds as they were thankful they did not lose their jobs through the pandemic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports.

Mr. Smithers moved to go to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel and appointments, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Fay).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Acres moved to go into Open Session at 8:21 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Fay).

Mr. Lightfoot moved to appoint the following individuals to the **Youth Advisory Board (Terms to expire: 4-4-2024)**, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Fay).

Elif Cetinkaya, 6 Circle Drive, Potsdam 13676 (Replacing Abigail Hughes)
Connor Jenack, 406 State Highway 3, Harrisville 13648 (Replacing Andrew Demers)
Johannes Richter, 20 Smith Road, Potsdam 13676; Email: (Replacing Cynthia Snyder)

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Planning Board (Terms to expire: 3-7-2025)**, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Fay).

Laura Foster, 662 County Route 19, Hermon 13652 (Replacing David Duff)

Mr. Acres moved to appoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board**, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Fay).

Jack Backus, 9511 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg 13669 (Term to expire: 4-4-2025)

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: There were no Chair's appointments

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Sheridan adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m., as there was no further business.