

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

**ROLL CALL:** All Legislators were present with the exception of Mr. Haggard and Ms. Arquiett.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Ms. Terminelli moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiett).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Curran moved to approve the January 2nd meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiett).

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The following correspondence was read aloud by the Deputy Clerk:

1. Resolutions were received from the City of Ogdensburg, Town of Pierrepoint, and Town of Lisbon opposing any changes in the sales tax apportionment to local municipalities.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Will Gray of North Lawrence; Milo Pritty, Jr. of Potsdam; Dave Ellis of Hammond; Kenneth L. Putney of Lisbon; Bill Miner of Pitcairn; Darian Hines of Massena; Bob Giordano of Chase Mills; Dan Newtown of Helena; Joe Russell of Canton; and Wyatt Cole of Colton spoke in favor of St. Lawrence County becoming a sanctuary county.

Kevin Beary of Colton spoke about mental health in St. Lawrence County.

Patrick Green of Lisbon; Richard Bish of Hermon; Michael Ward; Dave Ellis of Hammond; Michael Burcume of Massena; John Cardinell of DeKalb; and Andy Kerr of Hammond spoke in favor of St. Lawrence County becoming a sanctuary county.

Mr. Lightfoot called a recess at 7 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 7:09 p.m.

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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

Operations Committee: 1-6-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NYS DIVISION OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICE OF  
INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FOR A FY19  
STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS FORMULA GRANT AND  
MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications has awarded a grant of \$848,652 to the Office of Emergency Services which concentrates on improving interoperability and operability of communication systems in New York State with a contract period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021, and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a FY19 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2020 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services, as follows, and to roll over remaining fund to future budgets until the grant is fully expended:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

X2Z36402 25000 19SI	OHS FY19 SICG Technical Equipment	\$748,652
X2Z36404 43007 19SI	OHS FY19 SICG Other Fees & Services	<u>100,000</u>
		\$848,652

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

X2Z43895 57000 HSEC	X FA Homeland Security	\$848,652
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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 31-2020, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, Mr. Fay, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).

Services Committee: 1-6-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, Public Health is responsible for expenses associated with the Immunization Program (IAP Grant), and

**WHEREAS**, there have been higher than anticipated contractual expenses within the Immunization Program, and

**WHEREAS**, there has been lower than anticipated personnel expenses within the Immunization Program,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for Public Health for the Immunization Program as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

PP040104 43007	P PREV Other Fees & Services	\$5,500
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**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

PP040101 11000	P PREV Direct Service Worker	\$5,500
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Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 32-2020, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).

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Services Committee: 1-6-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) FOR AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL ACT MOBILITY PROGRAM**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has an Intergovernmental Personnel Act Mobility Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Director is an epidemiologist with expertise in child health and developmental disabilities, and has played an integral role as Clinician Reviewer with the Developmental Disabilities Branch of the CDC, since 2016, and

**WHEREAS**, the knowledge and expertise of the Public Health Director in the area of the epidemiology of developmental disabilities will be an asset to this project, and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Director will spend approximately two percent (2%) of her time monthly to assist in the evaluation of medical data collected for epidemiological studies of children with cerebral palsy (CP) at CDC; conduct self-initiated or participate in collaboration studies; and enter record review (scoring) of data into ARCHE system, and

**WHEREAS**, this experience will provide the Public Health Director with the most current knowledge of the epidemiology of developmental disabilities and assist her in providing for people with disabilities and consulting in this arena for services offered in St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) agrees to reimburse two percent (2%) of the salary of the Public Health Director per month, and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement will cover the period January 28, 2020 through January 27, 2021,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for an Intergovernmental Personnel Act Mobility Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 33-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).

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Services Committee: 1-6-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER OF GLOVERSVILLE, NEW YORK, CONTRACT**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 5-2020, adopted January 2, 2020, authorized the Chair to sign a contract with The Family Counseling Center of Gloversville, New York, for mental health and chemical dependency services, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services is required to provide mental health and chemical dependency services to individuals with mental illness and/or substance and alcohol abuse problems, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department is experiencing unprecedented difficulty providing continuity of care for these individuals due to unanticipated leaves by more than one provider, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services is responsible for providing continuity of care for those individuals admitted to the Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Clinics for the delivery of services in accordance with the rules and regulations made by and established by the Commissioners of OMH and OASAS respectively, and

**WHEREAS**, when necessary Community Services will be entering into contractual agreements with behavioral health agencies in order to secure prescribers to provide essential services until such time that permanent staffing can be pursued and secured, and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to modify the 2020 Budget for Community Services to meet the appropriations for the Family Counseling Services of Gloversville contract,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for Community Services for The Family Counseling Center of Gloversville, New York, contract as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A3143204 43007	A MHOC Other Fees & Services	\$50,960
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**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A3143201 17000	A MHOC Regular Part-Time	\$49,140
A3143201 19000	A MHOC Temporary and Part-Time	<u>1,820</u>
		\$50,960

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Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 34-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).

Finance Committee: 1-13-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENTS FOR  
WINTER MAINTENANCE ON THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the agreement for winter maintenance on the County road system have been negotiated with the Towns, and the County Highway Superintendent is authorized and directed to enter into such agreements with such towns for and on behalf of the County as provided in Section 135 and Section 135A of Highway Law, and

**WHEREAS**, the new agreement shall cover three (3) plowing seasons, beginning on or about October 1, 2020 and ending June 1, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of this agreement calls for a one and one-third percent (1.33%) increase in 2020-2021, a one percent (1%) increase in 2021-2022, and a one percent (1%) increase in 2022-2023, and

**WHEREAS**, the Towns will be divided into tiers with the Towns of Clifton, Fine, Piercefield, and Pitcairn being Tier II, and the other towns being Tier I, and

**WHEREAS**, in return for the performance of such work for the 2020-2021 winter season, the County will pay to the Towns the sum of \$5,050 per mile for Tier I and \$5,511.41 for Tier II (HC051424 40500), and

**WHEREAS**, of the 32 towns in St. Lawrence County, 26 are currently under similar agreements with the County for winter maintenance (the Towns of Canton, Clare, Pierrepont, Lisbon, Potsdam, and Russell are not participants of this agreement),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign multi-year agreements for winter maintenance on the County road system, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 35-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).

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Finance Committee: 1-13-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN ANNUAL CONTRACTS AND MODIFYING  
THE 2020 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the following organizations have appropriations in the 2020 Budget for Community Services,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign annual contracts for Community Services, as follows, and upon approval of the County Attorney:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Catholic Charities (CSS)	A4143224 465CC	\$225,059
Catholic Charities (CRV)	A4243224 465CC	\$114,530
North Country Freedom Homes	A2342504 46500	\$570,779
North Country Transitional Living Services (CRV)	A4243224 465TL	\$99,507
North Country Transitional Living Services (OFS)	A4443224 465TL	\$132,721
Northern Regional Center for Independent Living (OFS)	A4443224 465NR	\$137,897
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (CSS)	A4143224 465AR	\$212,719
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (CRV)	A4243224 465AR	\$48,065
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (OFS)	A4443224 465AR	\$236,584
PEOPLE, Inc. (CSS)	A4143224 465RC	\$25,352
PEOPLE, Inc. (CRV)	A4243224 465RC	\$3,110
Reachout, Inc. (CSS)	A4143224 465RO	\$50,467
Reachout, Inc. (CRF)	A4243224 465RO	\$267,804
Reachout, Inc. (CPP)	A4343224 465RO	\$38,164
Seaway Valley Prevention Council	A2442504 46500	\$1,059,531
St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center	A2142304 46500	\$126,804
STEP-BY-STEP (CSS)	A4143224 465SS	\$75,202
STEP-BY-STEP (CRV)	A4243224 465SS	\$90,023
STEP-BY-STEP (OFS)	A4343224 465SS	\$171,559
United Helpers (CRV)	A4243224 465UH	\$24,411
United Helpers (OFS)	A4443224 465UH	\$578,238

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that if updates are received by the County, a budget modification will be brought forward for consideration by the Board of Legislators, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2020 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A4443224 465NR	A OFS NRCIL Advances	\$137,897
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**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A4443224 465CC	A OFS Catholic Charities Advances	\$137,897
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 36-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).

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RESOLUTION NO. 37-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FUNDS FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2015 – DECEMBER 31, 2017**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 53-2012 provided the transition process and authorized the rollover of funds until expended for the Indigent Legal Services Funds, and

**WHEREAS**, this contract will provide funding to St. Lawrence County to assist with the five-year transition and will continue to provide funding to improve representation for the indigent population in St. Lawrence County that requests or is appointed counsel for legal matters that qualify, and

**WHEREAS**, funding in the amount of \$170,435, annually for three (3) years (IA030255 56000), will total \$511,305,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the provision of Indigent Legal Services funds for the contract period of January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 37-2020, seconded by Mr. Fay, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).



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Finance Committee: 1-13-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County provides life insurance coverage to the active employees and to the retiree population and additional dependent coverage may be purchased by the enrollee, and

**WHEREAS**, the current carrier contract will expire February 1, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County has experienced an increase in claims during the current contract period with Guardian resulting in an increase in monthly rates of twenty-three percent (23%) (\$0.15/\$1,000 coverage) for the first year and \$0.03 each year thereafter, and

**WHEREAS**, Burnham Benefit Advisors, SLC Benefit Consultants, has solicited and reviewed several quotes from other insurers and recommends continuation with Guardian based on their renewal rates, and

**WHEREAS**, the following rates will apply:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Individual &amp; Retirees</u>	<u>Dependents</u>
2020	\$0.80 per \$1,000 per month	\$2.50 per month
2021	\$0.83 per \$1,000 per month	\$2.50 per month
2022	\$0.86 per \$1,000 per month	\$2.50 per month, and

**WHEREAS**, the result being a projected increase of \$1,616/month for contract year 2020,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Guardian Life Insurance Company as our Group Life Insurance carrier starting February 1, 2020 through February 1, 2023, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 38-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).

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RESOLUTION NO. 39-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR REAL PROPERTY FOR FUEL CHARGES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Real Property Office has exceeded the budget in the I/D Fuel Charges account for 2019, and

**WHEREAS**, there are remaining funds in other accounts in the Real Property office budget to cover these overages,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2019 Budget for Real Property for fuel charges, as follows:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

R1013551 14000	R Clerical	\$200
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

R1013554 44000	R I/D Fuel Charges	\$200
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 39-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiett).

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RESOLUTION NO. 40-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE POLICE FOR SPACE AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the original lease for space with New York State Police (NYSP) dated June 8, 1993 was renewed on March 1, 2004 by the adoption of Resolution No. 107-2004 to continue the lease of space in the Public Safety Complex located at 48 ½ Court Street, Canton for an additional ten years and expired in 2014, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 243-2015 provided a five (5) year lease (2015-2020) with annual lease cost of \$53,168 per year (T2024105 550SP) for 3,323 square feet of office space,

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and this lease expires March 31, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, through negotiations with the New York State Police, the County Administrator is recommending a renewal of the lease for the term April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2025, to include an annual increase of three percent (3%) from the base of \$53,168 beginning in 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, the premises rent will be paid as follows:

\$54,763 per annum for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021;  
\$56,405 per annum for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022;  
\$58,097 per annum for the period April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023;  
\$59,839 per annum for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024;  
\$61,634 per annum for the period April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, for over twenty-seven years, the colocation of the New York State Police in the St. Lawrence County Public Safety Complex has provided for a positive professional relationship and has created benefits for the County and the Agency,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Police for space at the Public Safety Complex, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 40-2020, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 1-13-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE  
FOR COSTS OF SERVICES FOR COURT-ORDERED PATIENTS AT STATE  
OPERATED MENTAL HYGIENE FACILITIES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County has incurred substantial expenses related to court-

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ordered placement of two (2) individuals from St. Lawrence County courts at this time for an indefinite period of time,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2019 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for costs of services for Court-ordered patients at State operated mental hygiene facilities, as follows:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$100,000
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

BL010104 43007	B Other Fees & Services	\$100,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 41-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiett).

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2020

**AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES  
AND MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6 and Mr. Burke, District 12

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 369-2019 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:

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<u>Department/Unit:</u>	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Position No.:</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Community Services / Mental Health	Behavioral Health Clinician	506500005	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services / Clinic	Chemical Dependency Counselor	510400016	PT	Per Diem	Immediate
Public Health / Fiscal	Principal Fiscal Officer	101000005	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services / TA SNAP	Social Welfare Examiner	814000047	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services / Children's Services	Senior Caseworker (new)	815100013	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services / Child Support	Support Investigator	813000011	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services / CPS	Caseworker/CPS	815200025	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services / Legal	General Counsel to Dept. of Social Services (new)	818200001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff / Correctional Facility	Correction Officer	603000031	FT	Permanent	90 days
Governmental Services / B&G	Custodial Worker	303000018	FT	Permanent	90 days
Treasurer	Senior Account Clerk	100200015	FT	Contingent-Permanent	Immediate
Treasurer	Account Clerk	100100033	FT	Contingent-Permanent	Upon Vacancy

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following positions be abolished: Position No. 101000007, Temporary Principal Fiscal Officer; Position No. 002400010 Senior Clerk; Position No. 818000002, Social Services Attorney; and Position No. 303000021 Temporary Custodial Worker, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution No. 30-2020 authorized filling of vacancies at the January Full Board Meeting, but neglected to abolish a position when Planner II was created, therefore, the following position will be abolished: Position No. 400400001, Planner I, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the funding is eliminated, Position No. 510400016, Chemical Dependency Counselor, will be abolished, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2020 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A1Z42501 19000                      A SOR Temporary and Part-Time                      \$8,925

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A1Z42501 11000                      A SOR Direct Service Worker                      \$8,925

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

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 42-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2020

**SUPPORTING THE STATIONING OF THE FOURTH ARMY CORPS  
HEADQUARTERS AT FORT DRUM, NEW YORK**

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the North Country – Fort Drum Community was designated as a Great American Defense Community and later in the year local community organizations were recognized with an Army Community Partnership Award, and

**WHEREAS**, from the initial stationing in Watertown in 1985, Fort Drum has grown from ten thousand (10,000) soldiers to fifteen thousand (15,000) by 2005 and the North Country has unwaveringly supported the needs of families and soldiers at the Installation, and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Drum is currently one of thirty-one installations being considered for the stationing of a fourth corps headquarters that would include 630 soldiers with an additional 200 soldiers on rotational operational command post in Europe, and

**WHEREAS**, the requirements for selection include the ability to “effectively station the corps headquarters on the needed operational timeline, an installation must currently have or make rapidly available; appropriate command group and corps staff administrative facilities; sensitive compartmented information facilities; a battalion headquarters for the Special Troops Battalion; company operations facilities for the Headquarter and Headquarters Company; and support facilities such as tactical equipment maintenance facilities, vehicle hardstand, equipment storage, and arms rooms” which could be met by the Army at Fort Drum, New York and

**WHEREAS**, the Installation previously supported over 20,000 soldiers stationed at Fort Drum and quickly expanded in the areas of “housing, healthcare, education, infrastructure, community services, and commercial/retail sectors” demonstrating the ability to meet the needs in a timely manner to support readiness,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators supports the stationing of the fourth Army Corps Headquarters at Fort Drum, New York, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Kristen Gillibrand, Senator Charles Schumer, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Patty Ritchie, Assemblyman

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Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, and Thomas H. Carman, Chair of Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization.

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Mr. Forsythe moved to adopt Resolution No. 43-2020, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Acres, Ms. Curran, Ms. Terminelli, and Mr. Leader, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiett).

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2020

**APPOINTING A DIRECTOR OF THE YOUTH BUREAU  
FOR ST. LAWERNCE COUNTY**

By Ms. Terminelli, District 14  
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1 and Ms. Curran, District 15

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Bureau Director retired on August 9, 2019, and

**WHEREAS**, there was an outstanding pool of local talent interested in the Position making the work of the Search Committee very challenging, and

**WHEREAS**, the Search Committee has interviewed qualified applicants and made its recommendation for the Youth Bureau Director Position to the Board of Legislators,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Alexa Backus as the Director of the Youth Bureau for St. Lawrence County at a salary of \$60,821, to being no later than March 2, 2020.

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Ms. Terminelli moved to adopt Resolution No. 44-2020, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiett).

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Ms. Doyle thanked the Board for confirming the appointment of Alexa Backus to the position of Director of the Youth Bureau.

Ms. Doyle reported one (1) transfer of funds: \$1,675 in Community Services for compliance training.

Seven Legislators and three staff attended the New York State Associations of Counties (NYSAC) Conference. St. Lawrence County has six (6) representatives serving on various standing committees for NYSAC.

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Negotiations for CSEA will begin tomorrow and continue through Thursday. Negotiations for Indigent Defenders will begin the following week.

A meeting is scheduled with the City of Ogdensburg on February 12<sup>th</sup> regarding sales tax negotiations.

Ms. Doyle requested a Special Board Meeting be held on February 24th.

Two work sessions are planned on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> for the Legislative Agenda. Ms. Doyle would like to have the agenda delivered to Albany as early as possible.

Ms. Doyle would like to bring a resolution to the Finance Committee regarding Home Rule requesting a sales tax extender.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Ms. Curran said she heard from the Emergency Services Advisory Board that they are having problems getting ambulances to attend calls in a timely manner, and partially because of funding cuts as they no longer pay for overtime. Ms. Curran would like to have further discussion regarding this at the upcoming Services Committee.

#### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Acres said in 2013 the Sheriffs' Association was vocal and came out against the SAFE Act, and he asked Sheriff Bigwarfe what the Sheriffs' Association's stance was on the issue of sanctuary counties. Sheriff Bigwarfe said he supports the second amendment. He said he has a lot of personal opinions, but as an elected official he sometimes has to put those personal opinions aside. As the Sheriff of the County, he has to abide by the law. He said he was not able to attend the Sheriffs' Conference this year, but he did talk with other Sheriffs who attended and learned the Sheriffs' Association does not support counties becoming second amendment sanctuary counties. The reasons are: (1) The SAFE Act is law and whether you like it or not, and agree with it or not, it is still the law in New York State. Multiple cases that were brought against the SAFE Act on appeals were struck down. (2) As an elected official and Sheriff of the County, he said he cannot pick and choose what laws he is going to enforce; he does not have that power. If the chief elected official does not abide by the law and follow the law, Sheriff Bigwarfe said the County would be in big trouble, and (3) Since the SAFE Act took effect, there have been no arrests made in St. Lawrence County due to the SAFE Act, and people are not routinely having their firearms confiscated. The only time firearms are removed is if there is a mental health issue, a Family Court order, or a Supreme Court order by a Judge. Those are the reasons the Sheriff's Office takes weapons; it is not because of a SAFE Act violation. Again, Sheriff Bigwarfe said that he has to set aside his own personal opinions on this matter. He takes his role and the responsibilities of being Sheriff of St. Lawrence County very serious, and he must abide by the laws of the State of New York.

Mr. Pasqua said he echoes much of what the Sheriff says. He took an oath to uphold the constitution and to uphold the laws of the State of New York and the Constitution of the United



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States. He said he may have more discretion than the Sheriff does, but he said what the Sheriff said is on point. There have been very few cases, if any, made because of the SAFE Act. He will continue to enforce all the law of New York State to the best of his ability and to use his discretion and judgement on each case. The people of St. Lawrence County tasked him with that duty and he will continue to uphold his oath in St. Lawrence County as he had done since the beginning of 2018.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 7:33 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Open Session at 9:26 p.m., seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).

Mr. Denesha moved to appoint the following individuals to the **St. Lawrence County Planning Board** (Terms to expire: 12/31/2022), seconded by Mr. Perkins, carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).

Julia Rose, 36 Leary Drive, Brasher Falls 13613 (Replacing Dawn Maloney);  
Cheryl (Cherie) Shatraw, 303 Chapman Point Drive, Morristown 13664; (Replacing Renee Hotte)

Mr. Denesha moved to reappoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Planning Board** (Term to expire: 12/31/2022), seconded by Mr. Perkins, carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).

Kenneth Bellow, 19 Churchill Avenue, Massena 13662

Mr. Sheridan moved to appoint the following individual to the **Community Services Board/Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee** (Term expires: 12/31/2022), seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and N. Arquiatt).

Gena Chiasson, 389 County Route 37, Massena 13662

**CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS:** Chair Lightfoot made the following appointments:

A. Commissioner of Social Services Search Committee: Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Acres (Chair)

Mr. Lightfoot appoint Mr. Reagen to the Audit Committee, and Mr. Burke to the Census Complete Count Committee as Chair.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Lightfoot adjourned the February 3, 2020, Full Board Meeting at 9:27 p.m., as there was no further business.