St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators St. Lawrence County Fair Full Board Meeting Monday, August 1, 2022 6:00 p.m.

\*\*PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11.8, IN EFFECT UNTIL AUGUST 13, 2022, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWS THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE\*\*

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

Mr. Peck welcomed the Board of Legislators to the St. Lawrence County Fair.

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

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

#### PRAYER FOLLOWED BY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Mr. Smithers moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Curran moved to approve the July 11<sup>th</sup> Full Board minutes, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

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

- 1. A thank you card was received from Dylan Beldock of Canton Central School for the Off-Track Betting Scholarship awarded to him from the Board of Legislators. He said he will remember the generosity for years to come.
- 2. An email was received from Jeffry Wilson of Massena stating that the Board votes against Governor Hochul and any Democratic policies, and emotionally react to policies they personally are offended by. This email was forwarded to the Legislators, via email, in its entirety.
- 3. A letter was received from Michael Phillips, Esq. regarding St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services, Bonadio Group, and Hancock Estabrook. The letter was forwarded to the Legislators, via email, in its entirety.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: There was no citizen participation.

#### PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 7-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 249-2022

#### MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ACCEPT A 2020 STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office has been awarded program funding in the amount of \$9,544 through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Department, and

WHEREAS, this 2020 SCAAP (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program) provides funding to cover costs related to the Correctional Facility (7/1/18 to 6/30/19), and

WHEREAS, the Correctional Facility would like to purchase additional body cameras to provide transparency, liability and safety enhancements for officers in the facility,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to accept a 2020 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Funding from the Bureau of Justice Department, as follows:

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

S4Z31502 25000 S4Z31504 43007	S SCAAP Technical Equipment S SCAAP Other Fees & Services	\$7,444 <u>2,100</u> \$9,544
	<b>INCREASE REVENUE:</b>	•
S4Z43895 57000	S SCAAP Federal Aid	\$9,544

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 249-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Operations Committee: 7-18-2022

#### RESOLUTION NO. 250-2022

#### MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO PURCHASE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been notified that unanticipated revenue will be received from New York State regarding individuals sentenced by the court to a State prison term, but not yet transferred, also known as "State Readies", and

WHEREAS, the Correctional Facility would like to purchase additional body cameras to provide transparency, liability, and safety enhancements for officers in the facility, and

WHEREAS, funds were not budgeted in the 2022 Sheriff's Office Budget for this recording equipment, but funds from this unexpected revenue could be used to cover the costs,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for additional revenue to purchase technical equipment for the Sheriff's Office Correctional Facility, as follow:

#### **INCREASE REVENUE:**

S4022645 550SR

S LR Jail State Readies

\$10,400

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

S4031502 25000

S CRIM Technical Equipment

\$10,400

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 250-2022, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Operations Committee: 7-18-2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 251-2022** 

## MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR A FY22 CTZ-8 RED TEAM EXERCISE GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a FY22 CTZ-8 Red Team Exercise Grant from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Offices, and

WHEREAS, this grant provides for overtime costs related to area law enforcement personnel performing exercises to educate the public and businesses of potential terrorist activities,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for a FY22 CTZ-8 Red Team Exercise Grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Offices, as follows:

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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S1Z31101 11000 RT2	S CRIM RT Salary	\$1,172
S1Z31101 18000 RT2	S CRIM RT Overtime	4,034
S1Z31108 81000 RT2	S CRIM RT Retirement	656
S1Z31108 83000 RT2	S CRIM RT Social Security	390
S1Z31108 84000 RT2	S CRIM RT Workers Com	131
S1Z31108 84500 RT2	S CRIM RT Group Life Insurance	2
S1Z31108 86500 RT2	S CRIM RT Dental Insurance	13
S1Z31108 89000 RT2	S CRIM RT Vision Insurance	5
		\$6,403
	INCREASE REVENUE:	
S1Z43895 57000 RT	S RT Federal Aid	\$6,403

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 251-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Operations Committee: 7-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. <u>252-2022</u>

## AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO ACCEPT FY22 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PREPAREDNESS GRANT AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded funding in the amount of \$157,910 to support regional preparedness efforts with a contract period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, this funding will be split between Office of Emergency Services (\$110,537) and the Sheriff's Office (\$47,373) in order to facilitate the ability of St. Lawrence County to support the NYS Homeland Security Strategy and to assist law enforcement terrorism prevention activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with New York State Office of Homeland Security to accept FY22 State Homeland Security Preparedness Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services and Sheriff's Office, as follows:

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

X2Z36402 25000 22HS	X 22HS Technical Equipment	\$18,415
X2Z36404 42004 22HS	X 22HS Computer Software	72,122
X2Z36404 43007 22HS	X 22HS Other Fees and Services	20,000
S1Z31104 42300 22HS	S 22HS Other Communications Services	27,000
S1Z31104 45300 22HS	S 22HS Uniforms and Clothing	20,373
	Ç	\$157,910
	<b>INCREASE REVENUE:</b>	•
X2Z43895 57000 HS	X FA Homeland Security	\$110,537
S1Z43895 57000 HS	S FA HS Federal Aid	47,373
		\$157,910

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

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 252-2022, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Operations Committee: 7-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 253-2022

## ENCOURAGING DEVELOPERS TO PURCHASE AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT FOR SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES THAT ARE CONSTRUCTED IN NEW YORK STATE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, since 2014 the St. Lawrence County Planning Board has reviewed 33 solar energy facilities that are projected to generate more 170 megawatts of renewable energy, and

WHEREAS, the leased land for these facilities encompass more than 991 acres and will be sited on clear, dry, and arable land that was primarily used for agricultural production, and

WHEREAS, the conversion of agricultural lands into non-farm uses reduces the money-multiplier effect of the agricultural industry on the local economy in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, once constructed, most solar energy facilities yield few local employment opportunities as they only require periodic maintenance checks,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators encourages developers to purchase American-made equipment for solar energy facilities that are constructed in New York State, and

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

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 253-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Services Committee: 7-18-2022

#### RESOLUTION NO. 254-2022

#### PROCLAIMING AUGUST AS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department is observing National Immunization Awareness Month in August to highlight the importance of vaccinations for people of all ages, and

WHEREAS, providing children the vaccines recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention before their second birthday is the best way to protect against fourteen (14) serious and potentially deadly diseases, and

WHEREAS, vaccines recommended for individuals are based on age, health conditions, job, lifestyle or travel habits, and

WHEREAS, some childhood vaccines can wear off over time making it necessary for adults to keep vaccinations up-to-date to help protect themselves and others, and

**WHEREAS,** it is essential for pregnant women to receive vaccinations, not only to protect themselves, but to create protective antibodies that will be passed on to her baby providing short-term protection, and

WHEREAS, vaccinations are one of the most convenient and safest preventive care measures available,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators proclaims August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 254-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Services Committee: 7-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 255-2022

#### MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HEALTH CORPS (NYSPHC) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH), through a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sponsored cooperative agreement for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) for Infectious Diseases awarded funding to local health departments (LHDs) for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program in 2021, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOH will work with local health departments (LHDs) and community partners to recruit and deploy NYSPHC fellows across the state (excluding New York City), who will commit to a full-time, paid position and at least a one-year term, and

WHEREAS, this program will support up to ten (10) fellows annually, of which up to one (1) would be Graduate Fellows, and a local Coordinator to help build public health capacity to support COVID-19 response operations and increase preparedness for future public health emergencies, and provide support for coordination and maintenance of the program, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 236-2021 authorized the signing of a contract with Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, and

**WHEREAS**, Public Health is eligible to receive \$1,532,660 (PPZ44895 57000 PHC) in funding over two (2) years (\$766,330 annually), but due to the COVID-19 epidemic in 2021 this program was unable to be put in place,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Public Health Department for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, as follows:

#### **INCREASE REVENUE:**

PPZ44895 57000 PHC	P PHC Federal Aid	\$47,220
	<b>INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:</b>	
PPZ40101 12000 PHC PPZ40104 42000 PHC	P PHC Direct Services Workers P PHC Office Supplies and Expenses	\$20,000 1,000

PPZ40102 22002 PHC	P PHC Personal Computers	10,000
PPZ40104 44000 PHC	P PHC I/D Automotive Expenses	2,000
PPZ40104 44100 PHC	P PHC I/D Fuel Charges	2,000
PPZ40104 44300 PHC	P PHC Mileage Reimbursement	1,000
PPZ40108 81000 PHC	P PHC Retirement	2,520
PPZ40108 83000 PHC	P PHC Social Security	1,377
PPZ40108 84000 PHC	P PHC Workers Compensation	505
PPZ40108 84500 PHC	P PHC Group Life Insurance	37
PPZ40108 86000 PHC	P PHC Hospital & Medical Insurance	6,476
PPZ40108 86500 PHC	P PHC Dental Insurance	224
PPZ40108 89000 PHC	P PHC Vision Insurance	81
		\$47,220

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

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 255-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Services Committee: 7-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 256-2022

### MODIFY THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION GRANT

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Department is responsible for the Overdose Data to Action Grant (OD2A) (9/1/2022 - 8/31/2023), and

WHEREAS, Public Health has been approved to received \$72,000 in funding from the New York State Department of Health to address the opioid epidemic in the community, and

WHEREAS, this funding will be used for interventions, to increase access to Naloxone and Fentanyl test strips for community members at high-risk of experiencing an overdose, to provide education on substance use, overdose prevention, stigma, and mental health, and

WHEREAS, trainings will also be provided to St. Lawrence County Correctional Officers on trauma-informed care within the Correctional Facility,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Public Health Department for Overdose Data to Action Grant (OD2A) Funding, upon approval of the County Attorney, as follows:

#### **INCREASE REVENUE:**

PPZ44895 57000 OP	P Opioid Federal Aid	\$72,000		
INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:				
PPZ40101 11000 OP	OP Direct Services Workers	\$15,000		
PPZ40104 41102 OP	OP Educational Workshops	1,300		
PPZ40104 41901 OP	OP Central Printing	250		
PPZ40104 41902 OP	OP Commercial Printing	2,200		
PPZ40104 42000 OP	OP Supplies and Expenses	137		
PPZ40104 42402 OP	OP I/D Postage	2,500		
PPZ40104 43005 OP	OP Advertising Fees & Expense	17,000		
PPZ40104 43007 OP	O OP Other Fees and Services	21,200		
PPZ40104 44500 OP	OP Other Travel Reimbursement	4,000		
PPZ40108 81000 OP	OP Retirement	1,890		
PPZ40108 83000 OP	OP Social Security	1,032		
PPZ40108 84000 OP	OP Workers Compensation	379		
PPZ40108 84500 OP	OP Group Life Insurance	27		
PPZ40108 86000 OP	OP Hospital & Medical Insurance	4,857		
PPZ40108 86500 OP	OP Dental Insurance	168		
PPZ40108 89000 OP	OP Vision Insurance	60		
		\$72,000		

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

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 256-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Services Committee: 7-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. <u>257-2022</u>

## ACCEPTING THE RILEY BASFORD LEGACY FUND GRANT FOR THE 2022 YOUTH BUREAU TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION AND SEXTORTION CAMPAIGN

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Riley Basford Legacy Fund, along with the Northern New York Community Foundation, has awarded the Riley Basford Legacy Grant to the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau in the amount of \$100, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Riley Basford Legacy Fund is to support youth in their pursuit of safe and meaningful experiences throughout their lives and in the community, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Committee sponsored a video and art work contest as part of the 2022 YB Teen Suicide Prevention and Sextortion Campaign, and

WHEREAS, two St. Lawrence County teens have submitted winning videos and will receive \$50 gift cards from the Riley Basford Legacy Fund, and

WHEREAS, this award will increase the budget of the Youth Bureau by \$100,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting the Riley Basford Legacy Fund Grant for the 2022 Youth Bureau Teen Suicide Prevention and Sextortion Campaign.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 257-2022, seconded by Mr. Acres, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

#### RESOLUTION NO. <u>258-2022</u>

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE LAZY RIVER ROAD OVER GRASSE RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PIN 7753.32

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators is proposing the Lazy River Road over Grasse River Bridge Replacement project ("Project"), located in the Town of Russell, St. Lawrence County, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Project has been classified as an "Unlisted Action" as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.2(al), and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators to assume the role of "Lead Agency" for purposes of conducting a SEQRA assessment of the Project, and

WHEREAS, Part I of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) has been completed, reviewed by the Board of Legislators, and will be circulated to all involved and interested agencies for purposes of establishing the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators as "Lead Agency" in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators declares its intent to act as Lead Agency for the Lazy River Road over Grasse River Bridget Replacement Project PIN 7753.32, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign Part I of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF), upon approval of the County Attorney, and send Part I of the FEAF and associated site figure to the attached list of "Interested/Involved Agencies" under cover of a "Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency" letter for purposes of establishing Lead Agency status under SEQRA, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the County Attorney and Barton & Loguidice (Resolution No. 222-2021) to serve all notices and complete all documents required to give full force and effect to this determination.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 258-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 259-2022

#### AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR CAMERA SECURITY SYSTEM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS' OUTPOSTS IN LISBON, RUSSELL, AND POTSDAM AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators approved and funded the Highway Outpost Facilities Project, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for a camera security system for the facilities in Lisbon, Russell and Potsdam, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislator authorizes:

Vendor: Barkley's Safe & Lock

Contract Amount: Not to Exceed \$15,858.12

Contract Title: Camera Security System

HM651972 28000 LOP HM651972 28000 ROP HM651972 28000 POP **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Department of Highways' Budget as follows:

#### **DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HM651974 465CO LOP HM651974 465CO ROP HM651974 465CO POP	H Lisbon OP Subcontracts H Russell OP Subcontracts H Potsdam OP Subcontracts	\$5,286 5,286 <u>5,287</u>
Ī	NCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:	\$15,859
HM651972 28000 LOP	H Lisbon Outpost Buildings	\$5,286
HM651972 28000 ROP	H Russell Outpost Buildings	5,286
HM651972 28000 POP	H Potsdam Outpost Buildings	_5,287

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

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\$15,859

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 259-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. <u>260-2022</u>

## AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR THE FUEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS' OUTPOSTS IN LISBON, RUSSELL, AND POTSDAM AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators approved and funded the Highway Outpost Facilities Project, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for a fuel management system for the each of the facilities in Lisbon, Russell, and Potsdam, and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for the Fuel Management System for the Lisbon, Russell, and Potsdam Outposts as follows:

Vendor:

MJDNY LLC

Contract Amount:

Not to Exceed \$178,190

Contract Title:

Fuel Management System HM651972 28000 LOP HM651972 28000 ROP HM651972 28000 POP

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Department of Highways' Budget as follows:

#### **DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HM651974 465CO LOP	H Lisbon OP Subcontracts	\$59,397
HM651974 465CO ROP	H Russell OP Subcontracts	59,397
HM651974 465CO POP	H Potsdam OP Subcontracts	<u>59,396</u>
		\$178,190
	<b>INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:</b>	
HM651972 28000 LOP	H Lisbon Outpost Buildings	\$59,397
HM651972 28000 ROP	H Russell Outpost Buildings	59,397
HM651972 28000 POP	H Potsdam Outpost Buildings	<u>59,396</u>
	-	\$178,190

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

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 260-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 261-2022

## MODIFYING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS BUDGET FOR INCREASED FUEL AND REPAIR EXPENSES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Department has seen sharp increases in the price of fuel and repair parts, and

WHEREAS, a portion of these increases will be offset by an increase in revenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to make the following modifications to the 2022 Department of Highways' Budget:

#### **DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

03TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$543,570		
INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:				
03TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$543,570		
	INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:			
HD051304 42200	H ER I/D Equip Repair & Maintenance	- \$64,500		
HR051304 41600 LOP	H LOP Electricity	4,285		
HR051304 41600 POP	H POP Electricity	4,285		
HR051304 41803 LOP	H LOP Heating-Fuel Oil Purch	7,600		
HR051304 41803 POP	H POP Heating-Fuel Oil Purch	8,000		
HR051304 41803 ROP	H ROP Heating-Fuel Oil Purch	13,600		
HR051304 42200	H RM I/D Equip Repair & Maint	172,000		
HR051304 42202	H RM Equip Repair & Maint	32,000		
HR051304 42202 FI	H RM Fuel Island Repair & Maint	3,000		
HR051304 441FI	H RM Fuel Island Diesel Purch	19,000		
HR051304 44100	H RM I/D Fuel Charges	280,000		
HR051304 441OP	H RM Fuel Island Gasoline Purch	343,000		
HM299019 90400	CR Transfers to RD Mach	543,570		
		\$1,494,840		
	INCREASE REVENUE:			
HD027705 550OG	H LR Services – Other Govt	\$68,000		
HR027705 550GR	H LR Department Gasoline Reimb	339,700		
04TG5031 90300	RM Transfer from CR	543,570		
		\$951,270		

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 261-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

#### RESOLUTION NO. 262-2022

# DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQRA ASSESSMENT OF THE OGDENSBURG TRANSFER STATION PROJECT AT THE OGDENSBURG TRANSFER STATION IN THE TOWN OF LISBON, ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators is proposing the Ogdensburg Transfer Station Improvements Project (Project), located in the Town of Lisbon, St. Lawrence County, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Project has been classified as an "Unlisted Action" as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.2(al), and

WHEREAS, the award of contracts constitutes an "action" as delineated in 6 NYCRR Part 617 and requires that the County comply with the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Legislators to assume the role of "Lead Agency" for purposes of conducting a SEQRA assessment of the Project, and

WHEREAS, Part I of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) has been completed, reviewed by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, and will be circulated to all involved and interested agencies for purposes of establishing the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators as "Lead Agency" in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators declare the intent to act as Lead Agency for SEQRA Assessment of Ogdensburg Transfer Station Improvements Project at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station in the Town of Lisbon, St. Lawrence County, New York, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign Part I of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF), upon approval of the County Attorney, and send said Part I of the FEAF and any associated documentation to the attached list of "Interested/Involved Agencies" under cover of a "Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency" letter for purposes of establishing Lead Agency status under SEQRA, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Attorney and Barton & Loguidice (Resolution No. 222-2021) to serve all notices and complete all documents required to give full force and effect to this determination, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the construction and occupancy of and operations at the property is subject to SEQRA completion and compliance with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation permit requirements.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 262-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 263-2022** 

DETERMINING THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE OGDENSBURG TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AT THE OGDENSBURG TRANSFER STATION IN THE TOWN OF LISBON IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK WILL NOT RESULT IN ANY SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators intends to construct an additional transfer station for the purpose of recycling and make scale improvements at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station in the Town of Lisbon in order to enhance the efficiencies provided by the County Solid Waste Department and to create an effective recycling program, and

WHEREAS, the County intends to initiate this activity by an award of contract for the construction of this project, and

WHEREAS, the award of contracts constitutes an "action" as delineated in 6 NYCRR Part 617 and requires that the County comply with the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) identifying and assessing the potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed construction has been prepared and distributed in electronic version to the members of this Board for review, and

**WHEREAS**, said project, as described on Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form, is unlisted action in accordance with applicable State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regulations, and

WHEREAS, the preparation of the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) incorporated data which was collected from the following sources: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation critical habitats databases, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation information on archeological sites and concerns, state and federal wetlands delineation maps, internal engineering assessments, soil maps and soil boring data, a site survey and assessment of design considerations that may be incorporated to minimize adverse impacts,

and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the SEQRA regulations, considering only a part or segment of an action is improper under SEQRA, and therefore, the Board of Legislators is expressly considering the impact of construction of a new recycling station transfer facility at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators hereby determines, after review of the environmental assessment form and supporting documentation, that the construction of the Ogdensburg Transfer Station Improvements Project at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station in the Town of Lisbon, St Lawrence County, New York will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators directs the County Administrator to prepare a "Negative Declaration" which indicates that the Board determined that no adverse environmental impacts will result from this project based upon the summary and evaluation of potential environmental impacts as described in the Full EAF and incorporating the points noted in the staff presentation and the discussion of this resolution by the Board of Legislators, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators will fully comply with any and all permit conditions to mitigate environmental damage both during construction and occupancy of, and operations at the property as may be required by other permitting agencies subject to the conclusions of their SEQRA reviews and/or in compliance with all applicable environmental requirements or standards, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the construction and occupancy of and operations at the property is subject to SEQR completion and compliance with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation permit requirements.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 263-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. <u>264-2022</u>

### MODIFYING THE 2022 SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR INCREASED FUEL AND REPAIR EXPENSES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department budgets appropriation and revenue accounts to reflect current and projected operations, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department's expenses for equipment repairs, fuel and various other appropriation lines are projected to exceed the 2022 budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the projected overage in these expenses can be offset by projected revenue increases and appropriation decreases,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Solid Waste Department Budget as follows:

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

WH081604 42200 MSW	W MSW I/D Equip Repair & Main	\$160,000
WH081604 42200 RECY	W RECY I/D Equip Repair & Main	34,000
WH081604 43018 MSW	W MSW Tipping Fees	25,000
WH081604 44104 MSW	W MSW Diesel Purchases	160,000
WLC81604 43015	W CAN State Fees	5,500
WLM81604 41801	W MAS Heating-Kerosene Purch	3,300
WO081604 44100	W OPR I/D Fuel Charges	2,200
WO081604 44102	W OPR Gasoline Purchases	2,100
WT081604 40800	W TRS Building & Property Main	16,000
WT081604 41600	W TRS Electricity	18,000
WT081604 42200	W TRS I/D Equip Repair & Main	<u>15,000</u>
		\$441,100
	<b>DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:</b>	
WA017104 49700	W ADMIN Contingency Account	\$160,000
WH081604 43018 RECY	W RECY Tipping Fees	140,000
		\$300,000
	<b>INCREASE REVENUE:</b>	
W1021305 550MW	W LR MSW Tip Fees	\$141,100

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 264-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

#### RESOLUTION NO. <u>265-2022</u>

#### WORKERS' COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE APPORTIONMENT FOR THE YEAR 2023

By Mr. Acres Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Self-Insured Plan has developed its budget for the for the year 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, the participant allocation of the plan costs is to be provided by September 1, 2022,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the following apportionment of Workers' Compensation costs for the year 2023 be applied to the participating municipalities of St. Lawrence County:

St. Lawrence County.	2023 Apportionment	2022 Apportionment	Increase / Decrease (-)
St. Lawrence County	\$1,225,488	\$1,220,400	\$5,088
Soil and Water Conservation District	\$11,070	\$6,835	\$4,235
<u>CITY</u> :		4000 000	<b>#40.0</b> 60
Ogdensburg	\$283,169	\$233,309	\$49,860
TOWNS:			
Brasher	\$27,262	\$28,797	-\$1,535
Canton	\$47,059	\$49,274	-\$2,215
Clare	\$7,276	\$7,877	-\$601
Clifton	\$33,489	\$33,119	\$370
DeKalb	\$27,099	\$29,862	-\$2,763
DePeyster	\$10,229	\$10,156	\$73
Edwards	\$26,990	\$27,157	-\$167
Fine	\$38,865	\$39,030	-\$165
Fowler	\$26,351	\$30,010	-\$3,659
Gouverneur	\$36,366	\$37,840	-\$1,474
Hammond	\$17,641	\$15,827	\$1,814
Hermon	\$26,813	\$29,489	-\$2,676
Hopkinton	\$21,640	\$23,303	-\$1,663
Lawrence	\$24,584	\$26,342	-\$1,758
Lisbon	\$52,002	\$56,683	-\$4,681
Louisville	\$48,132	\$42,117	\$6,015
Macomb	\$17,792	\$16,229	\$1,563
Madrid	\$25,409	\$28,743	-\$3,334
Massena	\$106,743	\$165,103	-\$58,360
Morristown	\$29,749	\$30,862	-\$1,113
Norfolk	\$34,990	\$35,464	-\$474
Oswegatchie	\$33,036	\$38,595	-\$5,559

#### August 1, 2022 -\$470 \$54,404 \$54,874 Parishville \$42,641 -\$1,830 \$40.811 Pierrepont -\$1,542 \$12,335 \$10,793 Pitcairn -\$4,467 \$74,728 \$79,195 Potsdam \$14,390 -\$1,196 \$13,194 Rossie \$31,496 -\$6,511 Russell \$24,985 \$32,543 -\$3,640 \$28,903 Stockholm -\$2,132 \$22,835 \$20,703 Waddington **VILLAGES**: \$13,858 \$106,671 \$120,529 Canton \$67,476 \$11,672 \$79,148 Gouverneur -\$92 \$1,061 \$969 Hammond \$4,966 \$7,811 \$12,777 Heuvelton -\$2,129 \$273,609 \$271,480 Massena \$29,492 -\$669 \$28,823 Norwood \$19,006 \$150,461 \$169,467 Potsdam \$1,011 \$58 Rennselaer Falls \$1,069 -\$471 \$17 \$488 Richville -\$7,991 \$8,032 \$16,023 Waddington

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\$3,206,835

-\$6,759

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 265-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

\$3,200,076

TOTAL:

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 266-2022** 

#### AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "RATHBUN SITE" AT 78 MAIN STREET, TOWN OF HERMON, TO THE TOWN OF HERMON

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence ("County") commenced an action against the properties located in the Town of Hermon due to tax delinquency by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 1, 2021, for unpaid ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the following properties located in St. Lawrence County (hereinafter referred to as the "Site"):

#### A. "Rathbun Site"

• Owner: Chester Rathbun, Jr. and Elizabeth Rathbun

• Address: 78 Main Street, Town of Hermon

• Tax ID#: 132.029-1-17

• Delinquent Taxes and Penalties: Owed \$5,078.75

WHEREAS, the County obtained a judgement of foreclosure on the Site on July 13, 2022 for delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and fees totaling \$5,078.75, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hermon has approached the County with an interest in obtaining the Site to provide protected recreational access to property currently owned by the Town of Hermon for the value of the base taxes, penalties, interest, and fees,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the conveyance of real property known as the "Rathbun Site" at 78 Main Street, Town of Hermon, to the Town of Hermon for the amount of the base level of taxes, penalties, interest and fees due and owing, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute any agreements necessary to effectuate the terms of the agreement, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 266-2022, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. <u>267-2022</u>

## APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT REVENUE BONDS BY THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY CIVIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1411 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York (the "State"), as amended (hereinafter collectively called the "Act"), and pursuant to its certificate of incorporation, as amended, the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Civic Development Corporation (the "Issuer") was established as a not-for-profit local development corporation of the State with the authority and power to own, lease and sell personal and real property for the purposes of, among other things, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain projects exclusively in furtherance of the charitable or public purposes of relieving and reducing unemployment, promoting and providing for additional and maximum employment, bettering and maintaining job opportunities, instructing or training individuals to improve or develop their capabilities for such jobs, by encouraging the development of, or

retention of, an industry in the community or area, and lessening the burdens of government and acting in the public interest, and

WHEREAS, the Act further authorizes the Issuer to issue its bonds for the purpose of carrying out any of its corporate purposes and, as security for the payment of the principal and redemption price of and interest on any such bonds so issued and any agreements made in connection therewith, to pledge certain revenues and receipts to secure the payment of such bonds and interest thereon, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence University, a New York not-for-profit education corporation (the "University"), submitted an application to the Issuer requesting the Issuer issue its tax-exempt revenue bonds, in one or more series or issues in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$80,000,000 (collectively, the "Bonds") for the purposes of providing funds to the University for a certain project consisting of:

(A) (1) The rehabilitation, renovation and improvement of existing administrative, academic, athletic, student housing and other facilities on the University's approximately 1,000 acre main campus located at 23 Romoda Drive in Canton, New York, generally bounded by East Main Street, Romoda Drive, Avenue of the Elms/Laurentian Way, Park

Street, University Avenue and College Street, and adjacent or proximate property (collectively, the "Main Campus"), including but not limited to roof replacement, structural repairs, exterior masonry and window repair and replacement, interior renovations and improvements, HVAC and electrical systems and auxiliary facilities, including planning and design costs; (2) the acquisition and installation of furniture and equipment in University facilities; (3) the rehabilitation, reconstruction and improvement of campus roadways, walkways and parking lots, and other site work and landscaping; and (4) additional capital rehabilitation and deferred maintenance projects;

(B) The refinancing of all or a portion of the University's indebtedness relating to the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Civic Development Corporation \$40,180,000 original principal amount Revenue Bonds (St. Lawrence University Project), Series 2012A (Tax-Exempt) (the "Series 2012A Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used for the following purposes: the refunding of all or a portion of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York St. Lawrence University Revenue Bonds, Series 2008 (the "Series 2008 Bonds"), issued for the benefit of the University, the proceeds of which were applied in part to (a) undertake certain projects on the Main Campus consisting of campus wide infrastructure improvements and infrastructure improvements at other University properties including (i) electrical upgrades, walkway, road and steam line repairs and replacements, classroom refurbishment, and replacement of voicemail systems; (ii) building repairs to Piskor Hall (including roof replacement), Augsbury Hall (including replacement of showers and pool heater plus repair of pool and gym floor), Richardson Hall (including replacement of entrance steps and exterior restoration), Hulett and Jencks Halls (including shower refurbishment and cupola repair), Rebert Hall and other residence halls (renovations including flooring, walls and windows plus interior furnishings), Eben Holden Hall (including roof

repair/replacement), Dean Eaton Hall (including replacement of entranceway and exterior wall repair), Hepburn Hall (including repainting of exterior and renovation of ground floor) and the Theme Cottages (including repair and replacement of roofs, bathrooms, flooring and kitchens); (iii) upgrade of athletic fields, Dana Dining Hall (including equipment and floor replacement of Dana Dining Hall), Student Center (including installation of a video control system for media room, replacement of oven and upgrade of register system in cafeteria), Gullick Theatre (including replacement of lighting and sound systems) and Johnson Hall of Science (new equipment including mercury analyzer); (iv) improvements to Canaras Camp, located at 5002 State Route 30, Saranac Lake, New York (including replacement of roof, hand railings and chimney); (v) improvements to 78 Park Street, Canton, New York (including general repair and replacement of roof); and (vi) purchase of instructional, operational and other equipment at the above addresses; and (b) to refinance the \$36,800,000 St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Civic Facility Revenue Bonds (St. Lawrence University Project), Series 1998A and Series 1998B which (i) originally funded (A) the renovation and improvement of facilities located on the Main Campus including: Dana Dining Hall (including an entrance, a loading dock, interior space improvements and air conditioning); Brewer Field House (including the relocation of the University bookstore and providing additional parking); Owen D. Young Library (including interior improvements, technological improvements and air conditioning); 62 Park Street (providing for academic facilities); Augsbury-Leithead Athletic Facility (including interior improvements including a heating and ventilating system, a multipurpose playing surface, six international squash courts and space improvements); and Griffiths Art Center/Noble Center providing for the expansion of the Griffiths Art Center into the Noble Center (including the expansion of the Griffiths Art Center into the Noble Center); (B) the construction of facilities located on the Main Campus including: a 16,000 square foot warehouse located behind the current physical plant building; an 80,000 square foot field house located to the west of the Augsbury-Leithead Athletic Facility having a 6-lane 200 meter track opposite the Augsbury-Leithead Athletic Facility; an all-weather playing field adjacent to Appleton Arena; and the addition of 8 practice and intramural fields located south of the Augsbury-Leithead Athletic Facility; and (C) the acquisition and installation of building security systems for all Main Campus academic and residential facilities; and (ii) refinanced a portion of the \$11,580,000 St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Civic Facility Revenue Bonds (St. Lawrence University Project), Series 1996A, that (A) funded renovations and improvements to Griffiths Hall, Gunnison Chapel, Hepburn Hall, Augsbury Gymnasium, Richardson Hall, Owen D. Young Library, Noble Center, Valentine Hall, Bewkes Hall, Vilas Hall, Physical Plant, Brown Hall, Health Center, Appleton Arena, Herring Cole Library and 21 Romoda Drive all located on the Main Campus, and the Appleton Riding Hall located at the intersection of Route 68 and Route 11 in Canton, New York, and (B) refinanced outstanding loans for improvements to Carnegie Hall and the Hulett and Jencks Halls located on the Main Campus; and

(C) Paying certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance of the Bonds (the items (A) - (C) being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project");

WHEREAS, all of the foregoing improvements and facilities to be financed or refinanced with the Bonds are and will be owned by the University, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators (the "Board of Legislators") has been advised by the Issuer that (A) the Issuer proposes to issue, subsequent to the adoption of this resolution, the Bonds to assist the University in funding all or a portion of the costs of the Project, which principal amount is presently estimated to be approximately \$80,000,000 (B) the proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned by the Issuer to the University pursuant to a loan or other agreement (the "Agreement") requiring that the University make payments equal to debt service on the Bonds and make certain other payments, and (C) the Bonds will be special limited obligations of the Issuer payable solely from payments made by the University under the Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the University has requested that the Bonds be issued as qualified 501(c)(3) bonds within the meaning of Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the interest on which will be excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103(a) of the Code, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, interest on the Bonds will not be excludable from gross income unless the issuance of the Bonds shall be approved by the Board of Legislators after the Issuer has conducted a public hearing thereon following reasonable public notice, and

WHEREAS, the Issuer (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Issuer regarding the Bonds required under Section 147(f) of the Code (the "Public Hearing") to be published on July 8, 2022 in Courier Observer, on July 8, 2022 in North Country This Week, on July 8, 2022 in The Gouverneur Tribune Press, on July 9, 2022 in The Watertown Daily Times, and additionally caused notice of a public hearing to be published on July 14, 2022 in The Ogdensburg Journal, and on July 15, 2022 in The St. Lawrence Plaindealer, all of the foregoing newspapers of general circulation available to residents of St. Lawrence County, New York, and to be posted on July 5, 2022 on the website used by the Issuer to inform the public about events affecting the public, (B) conducted the Public Hearing on July 19, 2022, at which Public Hearing interested individuals had an opportunity to express their views on the proposed issuance of the Bonds and the location and nature of the Project, and (C) made a record of the Public Hearing available to each member of the Board of Legislators prior to this meeting, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, the Board of Legislators desires to allow the interest on the Bonds to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and

WHEREAS, neither the Bonds nor any other obligation of the Issuer shall be a debt of St. Lawrence County, New York, the municipality for whose benefit the Issuer was established, nor shall St. Lawrence County, New York be liable thereon,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Legislators approves the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Civic Development Corporation for St. Lawrence University, as follows:

Section 1. For the sole purpose of qualifying the interest payable on the Bonds for exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the provisions of Sections 103 and 145 of the Code, the Board of Legislators, as the elected legislative body of St. Lawrence County, New York, hereby approves the issuance by the Issuer of the Bonds in one or more issues or series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$80,000,000, provided that the Bonds, and the premium (if any) and interest thereon, shall be special obligations of the Issuer and shall never be a debt of the State of New York, St. Lawrence County, New York or any political subdivision thereof (other than the Issuer), and neither the State of New York, St. Lawrence County, New York nor any political subdivision thereof (other than the Issuer) shall be liable thereon.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 267-2022, seconded by Mr. Reagen and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Denesha), and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 268-2022

## AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH LDV CUSTOM SPECIALTY VEHICLES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT MOBILE COMMAND CENTER AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County currently owns and operates a 2008 Winnebago as a Unified Command Vehicle (UCV-1) which is deployed for use in major emergencies, fire investigation scenes, large-scale planned events, public health vaccination/outreach, and as an emergency backup dispatch center in the event of complete communications center failure, and

WHEREAS, the useful life of UCV-1 is nearing expiration and the Department has been seeking opportunities to obtain funding that would offset the cost associated with a replacement vehicle with updated technology, and

WHEREAS, LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles offers a Mobile Command Center on a 2022 Freightliner M2 106 Chassis which meets the needs of a Mobile Command Center for its use within St. Lawrence County by Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, and Public Health Department, and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the Mobile Command Center offered by LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles is \$639,669 under the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) contract, and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), a political subdivision of Texas, was established pursuant to Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act (Texas Local Government Code, Title 7, Chapter 791), which allows local government and certain non-profits to contract or agree under the terms of the Act to make purchases or provide purchasing services and other administrative functions appropriately established by another agency, where these products and services are contracted after having been subjected to either a competitive bid (IFB) or competitive proposal (RFP) process, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County Government is contracted as an end-user with the HGA-C Program since 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department received the COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Grant, and will support eighty percent (80%) or \$511,735.20, of the replacement Mobile Command Center (former Unified Command Vehicle), and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office will support four percent 4%, or \$27,934, of the balance and the remaining \$100,000 will be provided through Economic Development and Tourism funds through ARPA, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 82-2022, accepted grant funds from HRI for COVID expenses and it will be amended to pay eighty percent (80%) of the replacement mobile command center,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with LDV Specialty Vehicles for the purchase of a replacement Mobile Command Center, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services as follows:

#### **INCREASE REVENUE:**

X2940895 57000 ARP1	XARP 1.7 Revenue Command Center	\$100,000
9	INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:	
PPZ40102 23000 CVD X2936402 23000 ARP1	P ELC CVD Automotive Equipment X ARP 1.7 Mobile Command Center	\$511,736 <u>100,000</u> \$611,736

#### **DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

PPZ40101 18000 CVD	P ELC CVD Overtime	\$79,000
PPZ40104 42004 CVD	P ELC CVD Computer Software	100,000
PPZ40104 43007 CVD	P ELC CVD Other Fees & Services	314,745
PPZ40108 81000 CVD	P ELC CVD Retirement	9,954
PPZ40108 83000 CVD	P ELC CVD Social Security	6,044
PPZ40108 84000 CVD	P ELC CVD Workmens Comp	1,993
		\$511,736

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 268-2022, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 269-2022

## AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office Criminal Division needs to install necessary equipment on a Niagara Mohawk power pole, and

WHEREAS, Niagara Mohawk requires a signed contract for this service,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, and any other contracts as required for this service, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 269-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 270-2022** 

#### MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE LOCUM TENENS STAFFING AGENCY CONTRACT AND PROFESSONAL PRACTICE GROUP

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2019, Resolution No. 94-2019 was passed authorizing a contract agreement with Locum Tenens Staffing Agency, and

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

WHEREAS, Community Services will soon have difficulty providing continuity of care for these individuals due to an unanticipated leave by a provider and workforce shortage, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Community Services to seek temporary assistance and enter into contingent agreements with a Locum Tenens Staffing Agency and the Professional Practice Group, affiliated with SUNY Upstate Medical University, in order to secure a temporary provider for six (6) months to provide essential services until such time that permanent staffing can be pursued and secured,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Community Services for the Locum Tenens Staffing Agency contract, as follows:

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A3143204 43007	A MHOC Other Fees & Services	\$128,700
	<b>DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:</b>	
A3143201 11000	A MHOC Direct Service Worker	82,458
A3143208 81000	A Retirement	10,389
A3143208 83000	A Social Security	5,673
A3143208 84000	A Workmen's Compensation	2,080
A3143208 84500	A Group Life Insurance	150
A3143208 86000	A Hospital & Medical Insurance	26,698
A3143208 86500	A Dental Insurance	921
A3143208 89000	A Vision Insurance	331
		\$128,700

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 270-2022, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. <u>271-2022</u>

## AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ALLPAID, INC. TO PROVIDE CREDIT CARD SERVICES TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, payment by credit card has become a form of payment accepted at most businesses and government organizations, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is interested in providing residents with as many opportunities and conveniences as possible to make payment, and

WHEREAS, AllPaid, Inc. can provide credit card services with no cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 480-2019 authorized AllPaid, Inc. to provide credit card services at the Solid Waste locations, and

WHEREAS, there are additional County departments who would like to provide credit card payment options to their customers and clients,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Allpaid, Inc. to provide credit card services to St. Lawrence County departments, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 271-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 272-2022

### AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A BLIGHTED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY RESERVE ACCOUNT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, the County forecloses on and sells at auction, properties that are acquired by the County for the failure of a taxpayer to make payment upon their taxes, and

WHEREAS, periodically there are properties that are not released to a new owner through the auction process due to deficiencies in the structures on the property, or the property itself, and

WHEREAS, properties that have been foreclosed upon that do not sell at the auction become a liability to the County and may result in costs to maintain and continue to make local jurisdictions whole with respect to taxes assessed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, as Tax Enforcement Officer, the St. Lawrence County Treasurer is entrusted with protecting the interests of the County with respect to tax delinquent parcels, and

WHEREAS, as a part of the annual review of parcels performed by the St. Lawrence County Tax Foreclosure Team, it has been determined that there are a number of active and abandoned parcels that are encumbered by the presence of structural deterioration sufficient to constitute a threat to human health, safety, and welfare of the public, and

WHEREAS, for the upcoming 2022 auction, the County Tax Foreclosure Team has identified 29 parcels as poor or condemned, seven (7) of these 29 were withdrawn or severed from the 2022 auction, four (4) of the seven (7) parcels were sold at prior foreclosure auctions, and

WHEREAS, the value of outstanding June taxes on those 29 parcels is approximately \$283,440, the outstanding amount of June taxes due on the seven (7) withdrawn or severed parcels is \$90,788, and

WHEREAS, the County Tax Foreclosure Team believes a targeted approach to tackling these "blighted" properties within the various towns, villages, and the City of Ogdensburg will prove to be as effective as the environmental remediation program developed several years ago to target petroleum-based contaminated commercial properties, and

WHEREAS, historically, the tax sale of acquired properties held by the County has yielded successful results averaging approximately \$525,000 in net gain on sale versus outstanding taxes over the last four years, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer, County Attorney, and the County Tax Foreclosure Team recommend establishing a reserve to address the issues of these blighted residential properties in order to return these parcels to the tax rolls at future auctions, seeking to strengthen the economy and reinvest in the community, and

WHEREAS, at the June Finance Committee Meeting, the County Administrator affirmed this recommendation, upon consultation with the County Treasurer, and requested that a fourth reserve be created and the initial investment in this Miscellaneous Reserve (01TG0899 50300 BP) to be utilized to address county owned blighted residential properties in the amount of \$200,000 and funded in 2022 out of the 2021 results,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the creation of the a Miscellaneous Reserve to be titled, Blighted Residential Property Reserve, be established, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the initial investment be provided out of fund balance in the amount of \$200,000 recognizing the importance of appropriating fund balance for the purpose identified above, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that until such time as the Board of Legislators determines funding to be adequate to address issues of concern on a timely and responsible basis, that up to \$100,000 of the results of the annual foreclosure auction be transferred based upon the recommendations of the County Treasurer and the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 272-2022, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. <u>273-2022</u>

## URGING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT OF DOT PERM 75 FOR FIBER OPTIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Curran, District 15

**WHEREAS**, on January 3, 2022, Resolution No. 14-2022 supported the expansion of broadband infrastructure in St. Lawrence County, and

- WHEREAS, it further established a Broadband Committee (hereinafter, "the Committee") to address issues of broadband access in the County, and
- WHEREAS, the Committee has investigated impediments to broadband expansion in rural areas, and has discussed same with local and regional Internet Service Providers (ISPs), and
- WHEREAS, DOT PERM 75 applies exclusively to fiber optic facilities and infrastructure and requires an independently-contracted third party to inspect and survey the State right-of-way (ROW) at a cost up to \$15,000 per mile to ISPs, and
- WHEREAS, DOT PERM 32 does not require the same independently-contracted third party and applies to all other projects or entities seeking to perform work along State highways, and
- WHEREAS, PERM 75 and its requirements disproportionately impact ISPs seeking to expand broadband infrastructure in rural areas,
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators urges the State of New York to eliminate the requirement of DOT PERM 75 for fiber optic facilities and infrastructure, and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State more broadly consider a review of policies, laws, and requirements that negatively impact and/or impose additional costs that create artificial impediments that inhibit County, State, and Federal initiatives to expand broadband access and digital equity for all, and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators requests all counties in New York State to urge their state representatives to take immediate action on the foregoing issues, and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, and NYSAC.

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Ms. Haggard moved to adopt Resolution No. 273-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran and Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 274-2022

## AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS APPROPRIATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Acres, District 8; Mr. Fay, District 9; and Mr. Arquiett, District 13

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2022 Resolution No. 181-2022 adopted the recommendations made by the ARPA Committee regarding the uses of the \$20.9M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds provided to St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, funds were appropriated associated to support economic development and tourism to promote business recovery and development as well as shine new light on the efforts made by businesses in the County to provide goods and services to the public, and

**WHEREAS**, of the funds appropriated, \$3,000,000 has been allocated for the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency to provide opportunities throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the plan for use of the \$3M as prepared by the SLCIDA includes five targeted areas of acceptable funding and they include: workforce training and development (\$900,000); facility infrastructure improvements (\$1,000,000); small business and nonprofit assistance (\$300,000); travel tourism, hospitality promotion (\$350,000); and travel, tourism, and hospitality capacity building grants (\$350,000), and

WHEREAS, the plan for workforce development includes a subdivision of the following; new hire and existing worker training (\$600,000), heavy equipment operator training (\$150,000), healthcare skills development (\$125,000), and workforce talent pipeline development (\$25,000), and

WHEREAS, the SLCIDA has reviewed the acceptable guidelines for use under the US Department of Treasury Final Rule and will continue to review any updates to acceptable uses and update the Board of Legislators regarding use of the funds appropriated for economic development and tourism,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for the use of ARPA Funds for economic development and tourism with the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these strategic projects have the potential to be countywide benefits and the goal of the ARPA Committee was to broadly apply funds for an overall county benefit, and

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

#### **INCREASE REVENUE:**

B1940895 57000 ARP7	B ARP 7.2 Training PRG REV	\$900,000
B1940895 57001 ARP7	B ARP 7.2 Training PRG REV	2,000,000
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#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

B1962924 46500 ARP7	B ARP 7.2 IDA Workforce Training	\$900,000
B1969894 46500 ARP7	B ARP 7.2 Economic Development and Tourism	2,000,000
	•	\$2,900,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any funds not spent in 2022 be rolled over through 2024 and be fully expended by 2026, in accordance with the U.S. Treasury Final Rule.

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Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 274-2022, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Finance Committee: 7-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 275-2022

#### **AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES**

By Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

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:

DEPARTMENT/UNIT:	TITLE:	POSITION	TYPE	DURATION	TIMELINE
Sheriff's Office	Correction Officer	603000035	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Public Health	Sanitarian	500600001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services	Computer Programmer/Analyst	202900004	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Highway	Heavy Equipment Operator/Instructor*	311500001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Solid Waste	Heavy Equipment Operator*	309800019	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Board Of Legislators	Superintendent of B&G	305000001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
WIOA	Assistant Accounting Supervisor	102000001	FT	Provisional	Immediate

<sup>\*</sup>new position

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Position No. 313100001, Assistant Civil Engineer, be abolished in the Department of Highways, and Position Nos. 306400001 and 306400002, Temporary Sanitary Landfill Attendants, be abolished in Solid Waste, and

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

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 275-2022, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Services Committee: 7-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 276-2022 (TABLED)

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO END THE WAIT LIST FOR CLINIC APPOINTMENTS AND REQUIRING SAME DAY SERVICES BE AVAILABLE FOR ADDICTION OR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WHEN A REQUEST IS RECEIVED

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes the need for timely evaluation and treatment of mental health and addiction services in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the importance of ensuring that access to care is available for any individual who would like to receive care is of critical importance to the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, current staffing levels for clinicians in the behavioral health environment create additional challenges for providing immediate access to services, the County Mental Health and Addiction Services are recruiting for four (4) clinical positions currently vacant, and

WHEREAS, the network of care in the County is a complex environment that will require adaptation to meet the requirements set forth in this resolution, and

WHEREAS, a new approach will be taken when a call or request comes in for services, if County Clinics cannot provide a same day appointment with a behavioral health clinician, the Board of Legislators would like to ensure that access to care is made available immediately to the individual requesting assistance,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators supports the efforts of Community Services to end the wait list for clinic appointments and requires same day services be available for addiction or mental health services when a request is received, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the intent of this resolution is intended to ensure that going forward when a patient calls Community Services seeking treatment for mental health or an addiction, that access to a same day appointment will be provided or sought from an organization who can competently assist them, it will always remain patient choice for following through with the appointment.

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Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 276-2022, seconded by Mr. Acres.

Mr. Smithers said his concerns with this resolution as it is written in that all calls require same day action.

Ms. Curran said there should be several steps of evaluation which should be extensive and detailed for the safety of the caller.

Ms. Terminelli said she will not support this resolution tonight as it is written.

Mr. Burke said he would like to hear the Community Services Board and Director of Community Services Jay Ulrich's assessment of this resolution.

Mr. Sheridan recognized Jay Ulrich, Director of Community Services.

Mr. Acres said the purpose of the Local Government Unit (LGU) is not to protect County operations, but instead to help the whole community. Mr. Acres said the purpose of this resolution is to help people in need; it is not an attack on Community Services.

Ms. Haggard said this resolution came about through a good place, and she asked how many more staff members would be needed to be able to accomplish same day service. Mr. Ulrich said everyone would like to hire more staff and expand, but the issue is there is no one to hire.

Mr. Reagen said the goal of this resolution is to encourage Community Services to get people into care with whomever is able to provide the quickest care available.

Mr. Smithers said this resolution mandates that the waitlist be eliminated and same-day appointments be available, and Mr. Ulrich said that is not possible.

Mr. Smithers moved to table this resolution to the next Services Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Haggard, and carried by a roll call vote with eight (8) yes votes, six (6) no votes (Reagen, Forsythe, Lightfoot, Sheridan, Acres, and Curran), and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

#### RESOLUTION NO. 277-2022

# REQUESTING GOVERNOR HOCHUL CONTINUE HEATING THE OGDENSBURG CORRECTIONAL FACILITY UNTIL HER PRISON REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION DEVELOPS A REALISTIC PLAN FOR ITS REUSE AND TRANSFERS THE PROPERTY TO AN AGENCY THAT CAN IMMEDIATELY BEGIN IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Burke, District 12; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, New York Governor Kathleen Hochul recently directed the New York State Department of Corrections to close the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility with no plan in place to redevelop the multimillion dollar facility, and

WHEREAS, the Governor recently appointed a Commission that has been assigned the duty of developing a plan to find a reuse for the vacant Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, it has recently been learned that state officials plan to shut off the heat and lights to the facility even though state officials are aware that such a decision will result in speeding up the deterioration and destruction of these facilities, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York only recently completed a \$10 million heating and renovation project at the Facility which will help reduce the cost of future operations, and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul could effectively demonstrate her good faith and genuine desire to redevelop the property by keeping the heat and lights on in the building to prevent the needless destruction of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul needs to keep the heat and lights on until the redevelopment commission she created has successfully transitioned the facility into new, productive use that result in new jobs, new economic development opportunities, and real growth for Northern New York, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators formally calls upon Governor Hochul to demonstrate her good faith and intent to redevelop the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility by agreeing to keep the heat and lights on and directing her Redevelopment Commission to present a realistic plan and timetable for its reuse, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators stands ready to work with the governor on any realistic plan she proposes, and

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

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Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 277-2022, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard.

Mr. Reagen said over the past forty (40) years he has watched the historic buildings of the New York State Psychiatric Center slowly deteriorate and fall apart while the State of New York repeatedly promised to cooperate with efforts to redevelop them. It is critical that the State of New York keep the heat and lights on in the correctional facility until such time a new plan for redevelopment is in place.

Ms. Curran, Mr. Burke, Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Lightfoot asked to be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

Mr. Sheridan said he spoke with Governor Hochul and let her know this resolution would be coming forward.

Mr. Forsythe moved to amendment the resolution to remove the word "irresponsible" from the third whereas of the resolution, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

Resolution No. 277-2022 carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Arquiett).

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

Ms. Doyle thanked the Fair Board for allowing the Board of Legislators to hold their Full Board Meeting at the fair each August prior to opening day. Following the meeting, pizza and salad will be served. Don Peck will give the Legislators a tour of the updates to the facility following the meeting.

The Vacancy Review Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss twelve (12) positions.

The Public Health staff is working to gather information and educational material regarding Monkey Pox.

Copies of the final report regarding the review of Children's Services from the Bonadio Group will be dispersed to all Legislators following the meeting. Ms. Doyle asked that any questions be shared with her by August 10<sup>th.</sup> The Bonadio Group will be present at the August 15<sup>th</sup> Services Committee to give a follow-up comprehensive review and answer any specific questions from the report.

Ms. Doyle said she and Mr. Seeber will be meeting with the staff of Children's Services to review the report, share the positive points, recommendations, and corrective action plan.

Last week the Health Care Committee met with the Union to go over retiree contributions related to health care; the group is looking at other options. The Committee also discussed pharmacy, as that contract is up in 2023, and Medicaid Part B.

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

Mr. Smithers said he would like the numbers from the sales tax report clarified. Ms. Doyle said she will get that information and forward it along to the Legislators.

Mr. Forsythe said the St. Lawrence River Development Agency (RVRDA) brought forward a resolution thanking Senator Pattie Richie for all the work done with NYPA and the RVRDA.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Haggard said would like acknowledge the staff of the Planning Office, IT, BOCES, DANC, and the IDA for all the work done with the Broadband Committee.

**CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS:** Chair Sheridan appointed Legislator Jim Reagan and Legislator Dave Forsythe and himself to the Repurposing Ogdensburg Correctional Facility Ad-hoc Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Sheridan adjourned the August Full Board Meeting at 7:24 p.m., as there was no further business.

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Special Board Meeting Monday, August 15, 2022 5:25 p.m.

\*\*PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11.9, IN EFFECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWS THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE\*\*

Mr. Sheridan called the Special Board Meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:** Mr. Smithers moved to suspend the Rules of Procedure to allow the attendance of Legislators telephonically, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Lightfoot), and one (1) absent (Haggard).

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present with the exception of Ms. Haggard.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

#### PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 8-8-2022

RESOLUTION NO. <u>277-2022</u>

## AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL CORRECTION OFFICER POSITIONS IN THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

By Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, the New York State Commission of Corrections mandates staffing for correctional facilities and has identified fifty-six (56) officers as the minimum for the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, the current make up of available staff to schedule is at a critical level which has required scheduling adjustments among other strategies to ensure all shifts are adequately staffed to ensure inmate and officer safety, and

WHEREAS, since the facility opened in 2009, the County has been able to function adequately with fifty-six (56) officers, and part-time correction officers to model this is no longer feasible, and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Sheriff and County Administrator, an increase in full-time Correction Officers is warranted with five (5) vacant part-time Correction Officer being abolished to assist in absorbing the cost of additional full time positions, and these positions will be reviewed annually,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes filling the following vacancies:

Department/Unit:	Title:	<b>Position</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<u>Timeline</u>
Sheriff's Office	Correction Officer*	603000078	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff's Office	Correction Officer*	603000079	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff's Office	Correction Officer*	603000080	FT	Permanent	Immediate

<sup>\*</sup>new position

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Position Nos. 603000033, 603000065, 603000077, 603000062, and 603000073, Part-time Correction Officers, be abolished in the Sheriff's Office, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sheriff is authorized to fill the positions as provided for in the resolution.

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Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 277-2022, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Lightfoot), and one (1) absent (Haggard).

**CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS:** Chair Sheridan appointed Walt Paul to the New York State Regional Advisory Committee for Open Space Conservation Plan.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Sheridan adjourned the Special Board Meeting at 5:59 p.m., as there was no further business.