

Pursuant to the State of Emergency Executive Order 202.1 Article 7, Suspension of Law
Allowing the Attendance of Meetings Telephonically or other Similar Service.

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

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES: Mr. Perkins moved to suspend the Rule of Procedure to allow the attendance of Legislators telephonically, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, Mr. Acres, and Mr. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Leader).

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present via Zoom Meeting with the exception of Chair Lightfoot and Legislator Haggard whom attended in person. Mr. Leader arrived at 6:03 p.m.

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

PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2020

APPOINTING MARGARET HAGGARD TO THE VACATED SEAT OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS, DISTRICT 10

By Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Fay, District 9; Ms. Arquiatt, District 11;
Mr. Arquiatt, District 13; and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, former Legislator David Haggard, having submitted his resignation to this Board effective March 30, 2020, and by virtue thereof the seat from District 10 having been vacated, and

WHEREAS, an ad hoc committee of the remaining Democrat Legislators has been appointed by the Chair of the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, the ad hoc committee has submitted its recommendation to fill the vacancy created to this Board, and

WHEREAS, by the wording of Local Law 7 for the Year 1978, this Board is bound to follow that recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the ad hoc committee, Margaret Haggard is hereby appointed effective May 3, 2020, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation, and pursuant to Section 42 of the New York State Public Officers Law, that this appointment will expire on December 31, 2020.

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Mr. Arquiatt moved to adopted Resolution No. 129-2020, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Ms. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Leader).

Margaret I. Haggard was sworn in to represent District 10 of the Board of Legislators by County Clerk Santamoor.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Dr. Williams and Ms. McGuire

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Ms. Curran moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the Civil Service Employees Association, Local 1000 – Unit 8400, for 2020-2024,” seconded by Mr. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Leader).

Mr. Arquiatt moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Fay, and Ms. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Leader).

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no communications.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Denesha moved to approve the April 6th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Leader).

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 4-20-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 130-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE
FOR THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office received forfeiture monies from the District Attorney’s Office to be used for law enforcement purposes, and the funds were placed in an equipment line (S1Z31102 25000), and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff would like to purchase uniforms, therefore, a budget modification is needed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for the purchase of uniforms, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31102 25000	S CRIM Technical Equipment	\$8,300
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31104 45300 S CRIM Uniform & Clothing \$8,300

Mr. Denesha moved to adopted Resolution No. 130-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Fay, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operation Committee: 4-20-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO APPOINT THE PLANNING DIRECTOR, JASON PFOTENHAUER, AS CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AS REQUIRED BY FY2019 CDBG GRANT AWARD 1106HR363-19

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, in 2019 St. Lawrence County successfully applied for \$440,000 through the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in order to assist low-income households to rehabilitate their housing units (Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program Round #3, aka CHRP 3), and

WHEREAS, the County was notified of its grant award on March 12, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program requires that the County compile an Environmental Review Record (ERR), and to appoint a Certifying Officer for that purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Office has experience in administering CDBG-funded programs, and the current director has served as Certifying Officer for CDBG ERRs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to appoint the Planning Director, Jason Pfothenauer, as Certifying Officer for Environmental Review as required by FY2019 CDBG Grant Award 1106HR363-19.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopted Resolution No. 131-2020, seconded by Mr. Fay, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Operations Committee: 4-20-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2020

ENCOURAGING ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LAND OWNERS TO USE MARGINAL LANDS AND TO UTILIZE THE ADVICE OF THE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PRIOR TO THE SALE OF LANDS OR WHEN SIGNING LEASES FOR LARGE-SCALE SOLAR ARRAYS

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, the market value of agricultural products grown in St. Lawrence County was \$191 million in 2017, and

WHEREAS, the success of the farming industry in the County relies on the availability of productive soils to grow food and products, and

WHEREAS, the presence of prime, and prime drained soils, is limited to nineteen percent (19%) of all land in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, large-scale solar arrays typically require five to seven acres of cleared, flat and dry land for every megawatt of power they generate, and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Board has reviewed fourteen (14) solar projects over the past decade that have or will displace 609 acres of farmland, and

WHEREAS, the rural character of St. Lawrence County, affordable real estate prices, the presence of high voltage transmission lines and the energy policies of the State will continue to attract the siting large-scale solar arrays on farmland,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages landowners to use their marginal lands and to utilize the advice of the Soil & Water Conservation District prior to the sale of lands or when signing leases for large-scale solar arrays, and to preserve productive farmland for future agricultural use, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to allow for continued agricultural activity, solar developers are encouraged to design arrays so that sheep grazing and/or apiaries can occur at solar lease sites, and funding agencies, the St. Lawrence County Planning Board and municipal planning boards should recommend such design, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that solar developers, funding agencies and local governments are encouraged to arrange community solar agreements so that local residents and businesses can take advantage of lower electricity bills, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that large-scale solar arrays that are established to sell

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energy to the grid shall be subject to a Payment in Lieu of Taxes during the fifteen (15) year exemption that is available for solar energy systems.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopted Resolution No. 132-2020, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Acres and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 133-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) awarded \$440,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for St. Lawrence County to continue funding for the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program (CHRP 3), and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to provide housing acquisition and modest rehabilitation assistance to approximately ten (10) eligible, income-qualified households in communities across the County,

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2020 Budget for the Planning Office, as follows, and:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N1080204 460GP NH52	N CDBG CHRP 3 Payments	\$440,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N1049105 57000 NH52	N FA CHRP 3	\$440,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopted Resolution No. 133-2020, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 134-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County submitted a 2019-2020 Federal Transit Administration Formula Grant for Rural Areas to continue its public transportation services, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation awarded the County \$718,000 in Federal funding and issued a two-year Federal Transit Operating Assistance Agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract, and all necessary documentation, with New York State Department of Transportation for public transportation services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopted Resolution No. 134-2020, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, Ms. Curran and Mr. Arquiatt, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 4-20-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 135-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS REQUESTING GRANT
EXTENSIONS FOR POLL WORKER TRAINING/VOTER EDUCATION AND
MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved Resolution Nos. 45-2007, 46-2007, and 47-2007, authorizing the Chair to sign grant applications for New York State voting access for individual with disabilities polling place improvement, and HHS voting access for individuals with disabilities polling place improvement, and voter education/poll worker training, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 73-2009 allowed for the rollover of these funds annually,
and

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WHEREAS, New York State has notified the Board of Elections that they are extending the grant deadlines to March 31, 2021, for those grants that have an unexpended balance, and

WHEREAS, the unexpended balance for Voter Education/Poll Worker Training is \$42,694, and grant extension applications must be signed by the Chair and returned to New York State Board of Elections,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts requesting grant extensions for poll worker training/voter education, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2020 Budget for the Board of Elections, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

E3030895 56002	E HAVA Poll Worker	\$42,694
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

E3014501 19000	E HAVA Temporary & Part Time	\$10,694
E3014502 22001	E HAVA Computer Hardware	8,000
E3014502 25000	E HAVA Technical Equipment	3,000
E3014504 41901	E Central Printing HAVA Grant	10,000
E3014504 430DP	E HAVA Other Fees DP/Consult	<u>11,000</u>
		\$42,694

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

Mr. Denesha moved to adopted Resolution No. 135-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Arquiatt, and carried unanimously by a roll vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 136-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN HAVA-SHOEBOX CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved Resolution No. 114-2012, authorizing the Chair to sign and accept a HAVA-SHOEBOX Grant, and rollover any amounts left to the following year until the Grant is exhausted, and

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WHEREAS, the New York State Board of Elections has notified the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections that they are extending the contract for those that have an unexpended balance, and

WHEREAS, the unexpended balance for HAVA–SHOEBOX Grant is \$40,084, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for the extension of the HAVA–SHOEBOX Funds, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopted Resolution No. 136-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Arquiatt, and Ms. Arquiatt, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 4-20-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 137-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
TO ACCEPT AN EXCELLUS BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD (BCBS)
COMMUNITY HEALTH AWARD**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the mission of the Public Health Department is to ensure the health, safety, and quality of life for all St. Lawrence County residents, and

WHEREAS, the Department is dedicated to protecting the health of the community by controlling the spread of disease; promoting healthy choices; providing timely health information; promoting the health and development of infants and children; and planning for and helping to mitigate any public health emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has been awarded a Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BCBS) Community Health Award for a “Breastfeeding Friendly Environments in the Workplace” Program, and

WHEREAS, this program supports and encourages working mothers to continue breastfeeding after returning to work, and

WHEREAS, this program will create breastfeeding-friendly environments within County buildings, encompassing thirty-one (31) different departments to properly support its working mothers, their families, and community members who utilize County services,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for Public Health to accept an Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BCBS) Community Health Award, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040104 42800	P PREV Other Supplies	\$3,500
PP040104 41901	P PREV Central Printing	250
PP040104 41902	P PREV Commercial Printing	<u>250</u>
		\$4,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

PP016895 55000	P LR Preventative Services OTH	\$4,000
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Mr. Sheridan moved to adopted Resolution No. 137-2020, seconded by Mr. Acres, Ms. Curran, Mr. Forsythe, and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 4-20-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 138-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH
HEALTH RESEARCH, INC. (HRI) FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE AND MODIFYING
THE 2020 BUDGET FOR PUBLIC HEALTH**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Health Research, Inc. (HRI) has been awarded a grant/contract from the Center Disease Control Prevent, where part of the overall project involves COVID-19 Response, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is knowledgeable, qualified, and experienced in the skill(s) required for this project, and is willing and capable of performing the services required under this agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with Health Research Inc. (HRI) for COVID-19 Response, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2020 Budget for Public Health, as follows:

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040101 18000 CVD	P CVD Overtime	\$57,109
PP040104 42000 CVD	P CVD Office Supplies	1,000
PP040104 42302 CVD	P CVD Other Phone Services	1,000
PP040104 43005 CVD	P CVD Advertising Fees	9,507
PP040104 43007 CVD	P CVD Other Fees & Services	54,869
PP040104 44300 CVD	P CVD Mileage Reimbursement	500
PP040104 45100 CVD	P CVD Medical Supplies & Expenses	14,170
PP040108 81000 CVD	P CVD Retirement	7,550
PP040108 83000 CVD	P CVD Social Security	4,050
PP040108 84000 CVD	P CVD Workmen's Compensation	1,600
PP040108 84500 CVD	P CVD Group Life Insurance	92
PP040108 86000 CVD	P CVD Medical Insurance	14,200
PP040108 86500 CVD	P CVD Dental Insurance	607
PP040108 89000 CVD	P CVD Vision Insurance	290
		<u>\$166,544</u>

INCREASE REVENUE:

PP044895 57000 CVD	P FA COVID-19 Grant	\$166,544
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopted Resolution No. 138-2020, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 139-2020

MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING FROM NEW YORK STATE OPIOID RESPONSE

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received funding from New York State Opioid Response (SOR) for telepractice capacity expansion to increase access to treat opioid use disorder, and

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

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WHEREAS, this one-time increase is to purchase equipment and software to further develop telepractice capacity with the primary purpose of expanding access to addiction treatment services in underserved areas of our County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for Community Services for funding from New York State Opioid Response, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142504 42001 SOR	A SOR Computer Supplies	\$5,086
A1142504 42004 SOR	A SOR Computer Software	1,050
A1342504 42001 SOR	A SOR Computer Supplies	6,764
A1342504 42004 SOR	A SOR Computer Software	<u>2,100</u>
		\$15,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1134865 56000 SOR	A SOR State Grant	\$6,136
A1334865 56000 SOR	A SOR State Grant	<u>8,864</u>
		\$15,000

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopted Resolution No. 139-2020, seconded by Mr. Acres and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 140-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, D.B.A., PIVOT, TO IMPLEMENT THE TRIPLE P-POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council of Jefferson County, d.b.a. Pivot has received a grant to implement the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) in St. Lawrence, Jefferson, and Lewis Counties, and

WHEREAS, Community Services wants to participate in Triple P Programs aimed at providing services to families and youth that are identified be at high risk or have substance use issues, many of whom would be receiving Child Protective Services, and

WHEREAS, Pivot agrees to provide support, technical assistance, co-facilitating discussion groups, training, and education to successfully implement Triple P Programs in

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St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, Pivot, through the use of this new program, will provide education to the staff of Community Services regarding substance use, and the impact on the family system and prevention science, and

WHEREAS, Community Services will have staff trained to implement Triple P jointly with Pivot staff, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council of Jefferson County, d.b.a., Pivot, to implement the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopted Resolution No. 140-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Ms. Terminelli, and Mr. Acres, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 141-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES
FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM NYS OASAS FOR PASS THROUGH
FUNDING TO APPROVED AGENCIES**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received an updated NYS OASAS State Aid funding authorization to St. Lawrence County for pass through funding for community agencies that includes salary and fringe support adjustments, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for Community Services for funding received from NYS OASAS for pass through funding to approved agencies, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A2142304 46500	A St. Joe’s Rehab Center	\$30,546
A2342504 46500	A NCFH Canton Other Advances	12,746

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A2442504 46500	A SEACAP Other Advances	<u>4,404</u>
		\$47,696

INCREASE REVENUE:

A2144865 57000	A FA St. Joe's Rehab Center	\$30,546
A2344885 57000	A FANCFH Canton Alcohol Addiction	12,746
A2444885 57000	A FA SEACAP Alcohol Addiction	<u>4,404</u>
		\$47,696

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopted Resolution No. 141-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Acres, and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 142-2020

**PROCLAIMING MAY AS OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH
WITH THE 2020 THEME BEING "MAKE YOUR MARK"**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County includes a thriving community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is committed to helping individuals live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible, and

WHEREAS, since 1965, the Older Americans Act has provided services that help older adults remain healthy and independent by complementing existing medical and health care systems, helping prevent hospital readmissions, and supporting some of most basic functions of life, such as bathing or preparing meals, and

WHEREAS, the 2020 theme of Older American's Month is "Make Your Mark" which was selected to encourage and celebrate countless contributions that older adults make to their communities; highlighting the difference that everyone can make in the lives of older adults, in support of caregivers, and to strengthen communities, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that communities that encourage contributions of older adults are stronger and recognize the value of community engagement and service in helping older adults remain healthy and active while giving back to others, and

WHEREAS, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by (1) Promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social inclusion, and (2) Emphasizing home and community-based services that support independent living, and (3)

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Ensuring community members of all ages benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims May as Older American's Month with the 2020 theme being "Make Your Mark", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge every resident to take time this month to celebrate older adults as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopted Resolution No. 142-2020, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 4-27-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 143-2020

MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE WORKFORCE INNOVATIVE AND OPPORTUNITY ACT FOR THE PY19 WIOA BUDGET TO TRANSFER FORMULA FUNDS FROM DISLOCATED WORKER ACCOUNTS TO ADULT ACCOUNTS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Notice of Authorization PY 19-2 was issued with the initial allocation of funding for Program Year 2019 WIOA Title IB Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs, and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Local Workforce Development Board authorized, by Resolution Number 20-C11-08, the transfer of funds from the Dislocated Worker to Adult,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for the Workforce Innovative and Opportunity Act for the PY19 WIOA Budget to transfer formula funds from Dislocated Worker Accounts to Adult Accounts, as follows:

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UA962924 461TU TRAN	Adult Training Tuition Fees	\$30,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UE962924 461OJ	OJT Employer Reimbursement	\$5,000
UE962924 461TU	Tuition Fees	<u>25,000</u>
		\$30,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

UA947905 57000 TRAN	U FA Adult Training	\$30,000
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DECREASE REVENUE:

UE947905 57000	Dislocated Worker Revenue	\$30,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

Mr. Acres moved to adopted Resolution No. 143-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Fay, and Mr. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 144-2020

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 3-9, 2020 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES WEEK IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on May 5, 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed that the first full week of May would be observed as National Correctional Officers Week, in recognition of the important role these officers play in our criminal justice system, and

WHEREAS, in the year 2020 Correctional Officers and other correctional employees continue to play that important role, but in an ever more stressful environment due to the current pandemic sweeping our nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, the position of Correctional Officer, once considered merely that of a “guard” has become increasingly more complex and demanding, involving simultaneously custodial, supervisory and counselling roles, and that complexity continues to grow, and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to acknowledge the difficult job of County and State Corrections Officers and employees locked inside a facility for a large part of the day, where they must securely, safely and humanely keep those committed to the jail, respecting the rights and dignity of all the inmates, including those who have been found guilty and those only awaiting adjudication, and

WHEREAS, the important and difficult role these Correctional Officers and correctional employees fulfill is not always recognized or appreciated by the general public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims the week of May 3-9, 2020 Correctional Officers and Correctional Employees week in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators offers good public servants gratitude for their conscientious service for the people of St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Acres moved to adopted Resolution No. 144-2020, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Ms. Curran, Mr. Reagen and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 145-2020

**PROCLAIMING MAY 15, 2020 AS “POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY”
DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3 and Mr. Arquiett, District 13

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week, and

WHEREAS, National Police Week recognizes that law enforcement plays an essential role in safe guarding the rights and freedoms of citizens while understanding their duties, responsibilities, hazards, sacrifices, and duty to serve and safeguard life and property against violence and disorder, and

WHEREAS, during Police Officer Week, St. Lawrence County will honor the Sheriff’s Office, town and village police departments, New York State Police, and Federal Law Enforcement, and recognizes the responsibilities and the professional duties of police officers who serve to protect the people of this County and State, and

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WHEREAS, in the year 2020 law enforcement continues to serve a vital community role, but in an even more stressful environment due to the current pandemic sweeping our nation and world, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County law enforcement agencies provide a vital public service to the wellbeing of the residents through dedicated service to communities and for preserving the rights and security of all citizens, and in doing so have established an honored and enduring reputation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims May 15, 2020, as Police Officer Memorial Day during National Police Week in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls upon all citizens to join in honoring our police officers, past and present, for their performance of duty and service to St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Acres moved to adopted Resolution No. 145-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, Ms. Arquiatt, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Burke, Mr. Denesha, Ms. Terminelli and Mr. Sheridan.

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

Resolution No. 145-2020 carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 4-27-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2020

PROCLAIMING MAY AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Arquiatt, District 11

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month was established more than 30 years ago to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of foster care is to ensure the safety and well-being of children while working to provide a safe, loving, and permanent home that every child needs and deserves, and

WHEREAS, for children who cannot safely remain with their biological parents, foster parents are the front-line caregivers providing physical care, emotional support, and education advocacy which is key to the future success, prosperity, and quality of life for the child, and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 304 children in foster care in St. Lawrence County

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living with families who have opened their homes and hearts to those in crisis playing a vital role in helping children and families heal, reconnect, and find permanency, and

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing need for more foster homes to provide safe, secure, and stable homes, and

WHEREAS, recognizing the important role a foster parent plays in caring for children who have experienced abuse and neglect, supporting family reunification, and ensuring all children are healthy, safe, and able to reach their full potential is crucial to the success of our community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes May as National Foster Care Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges all citizens of St. Lawrence County to observe this month by taking the time to help children and youth in foster care, and to recognize the commitment of foster parents and care givers who selflessly give their love, time, and support to help children in need.

Ms. Arquiett moved to adopted Resolution No. 146-2020, seconded by Mr. Arquiett and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 147-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
FOR CHIPS REVENUE ROLLED OVER FROM 2019 TO BE USED FOR
PAVING PROJECTS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, a portion of 2019-2020 CHIPS revenue remains available and will be rolled over into the 2020-2021 CHIPS award allocation, and

WHEREAS, these available funds may be used towards additional paving projects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for the Department of Highways to recognize CHIPS revenue rolled over from 2019 to be used for paving projects, as follows:

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM151124 454PM H1	H H1 Paving Materials	\$209,915
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INCREASE REVENUE:

HM035015 56000	H SA CHIPS Maintenance	\$209,915
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Mr. Acres moved to adopted Resolution No. 147-2020, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Forsythe, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 148-2020

APPROVING FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY PROJECT FOR THE ENGINEERING AND DESIGN AND RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE COUNTY ROUTE 35 (SLAB CITY) BRIDGE OVER TROUT BROOK, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394 AND MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, a project for the Engineering and Design and Right-of-Way for County Route 35 (Slab City) over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of eighty percent (80%) federal funds and twenty percent (20%) non-federal funds, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators, duly convened, does hereby approve Federal Aid Highway Project for the engineering and design and right-of-way for the County Route 35 (Slab City) Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to pay in the first instance one-hundred percent (100%) of the Federal and non-federal share of the cost of engineering and design and right-of-way for the Project of portions thereof, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2020 Budget for the Department of Highways, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651204 430ED 2035	H 2035 Engineering and Design	\$282,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651204 430ED 1901	H 1901 Engineering and Design	\$282,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators agrees that the Department of Highways shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of the Federal Aid Project funding awarded to the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways, and

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

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

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

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

Mr. Acres moved to adopted Resolution No. 148-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Fay, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 149-2020

MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET TO SHARE OCCUPANCY TAX WITH THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS PRESCRIBED IN THE 2018-2020 AGREEMENT FOR TOURISM PROMOTION

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Arquiett, District 11

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 299-2017 authorized a contract with the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce to provide tourism promotion and as part of that agreement, a formula to share the revenue received from occupancy tax was developed, and

WHEREAS, the opportunities for the Chamber of Commerce to assist in increasing awareness and improve the revenue received has been incentivized by the new formula, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the revenue received from Occupancy exceeded the budget by \$55,301 which is the highest occupancy tax received in over fifteen years of tracking, exceeding a half a million dollars, and

WHEREAS, the formula associated with the occupancy tax sharing with the Chamber of Commerce would then indicate that forty-five (45%) percent or \$190,411 of the five year average collected would be shared as well as seventy-five (75%) percent of every dollar received above that average (\$42,093),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget to share the occupancy tax with the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce as prescribed in the 2018-2020 Agreement for sharing occupancy tax to support tourism promotion in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget modification occur as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Unreserved Fund Balance Unappropriated	\$42,093
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Unreserved Fund Balance Appropriated	\$42,093
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1064104 465CC	B PUB Tourism – Chamber of Commerce	\$42,093
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Mr. Acres moved to adopted Resolution No. 149-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Arquiett, and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 150-2020

ESTABLISHING A STANDARD WORK DAY FOR NEW YORK STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM REPORTING PURPOSES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System established 315.4, a new regulation on retirement reporting for elected and appointed officials which became effective August 12, 2009, and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2015 there were revisions made to the regulations to help ensure elected and appointed officials receive appropriate service credit, and

WHEREAS, all newly elected or appointed positions that report to the New York State Retirement System are required to complete a 90-day log providing daily time worked and attest to its accuracy, and

WHEREAS, only officials who do not participate in the St. Lawrence County time-keeping system is required to be included on the standard workday resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators establishes a standard work day for New York State Retirement System reporting purposes for the following elected and appointed officials:

Title	Name	Standard Workday	Term	Social Security Number (last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (Check only if member is Tier 1)	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted (Check only if official did not submit ROA)
County Clerk	Sandra Santamoore	7 hours	1/1/2020-12/31/2023	██	██████		31.87	
Sheriff	Brooks Bigwarfe	8 hours	1/1/2020-12/31/2023	██	██████		25.53	

Mr. Acres moved to adopted Resolution No. 150-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 151-2020

ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, effective March 16, 2020, a State Of Emergency was declared in St. Lawrence County addressing the needs of the County associated with COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was opened and became operational on March 18, 2020, and remains open seven days a week to field calls, answer questions and concerns, and disperse supplies as they are received, and

WHEREAS, a donation of Personal Protective Equipment was received from State University of New York (SUNY) Potsdam, and

WHEREAS, a donation was received from JoAnn Fabrics of materials to be used to make cloth masks, and

WHEREAS, food and drinks have been donated by a variety of citizens to be used for staff supporting the EOC, along with multiple donations of hand-made cloth mask, and

WHEREAS, a donation was received for the EOC from Edward J. Knight of Colton, NY, in the amount of \$300 (BL027055 55000 COVID), and

WHEREAS, Legislator Nance Arquiett and Legislator Rita Curran have also secured masks for the County which helps many employees and organizations alike,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators accepts donations for the St. Lawrence County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during the coronavirus pandemic, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2020 Budget for the Board of Legislators, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

BL027055 55000 CVD	BL COVID Gifts and Donations	\$300
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL010104 42800 CVD	BL COVID Other Supplies	\$300
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the generous donations are greatly appreciated and will be used to combat the coronavirus pandemic.

Mr. Acres moved to adopted Resolution No. 151-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2020

AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITH FLEXIBILITY FOR THE OPTION TO ACCESS VACATION BUYBACK ACCRUALS AND EXTEND PERSONAL TIME ACCRUALS DURING THE COVID-19 RESPONSE

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020 Governor Cuomo declared a State Disaster Emergency for New York State, effective until September 7, 2020, in response to the rapid spreading of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, St. Lawrence County declared a State of Emergency to assist in the response associated with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and extended a county specific declaration on April 15, 2020, and

WHEREAS, also on March 16, 2020, Governor Cuomo signed Executive Order 202.4 that required local governments to achieve an office density reduction of no less than fifty percent (50%), and

WHEREAS, as a local government, St. Lawrence County has maintained a fifty percent (50%) office density since that time, in accordance with the executive order, and the County Administrator has identified essential departments and personnel of departments (hereinafter referred to as essential) in St. Lawrence County Government as they remain available to provide services, and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the County Administrator established the guidelines and protocol for staffing levels and worked with Department Heads to communicate and coordinate implementation of staffing plans during the COVID-19 Pandemic and those remain in place today, and

WHEREAS, employees that work in essential departments (including those required to provide onsite duties) may not be able to utilize benefit time, such as vacation or personal time, due to the COVID-19 response for the foreseeable future, and

WHEREAS, the County would like to provide options for those employees through increased flexibility in the criteria required to access the buyback associated with vacation accruals as well as providing employees who may lose personal time due to their work

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anniversary during the COVID-19 response with the flexibility to access that time until the end of 2020,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes county employees with flexibility to access vacation buyback accruals and extend personal time accruals during the COVID-19 response, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County staff designated as essential (including those required to provide onsite duties) at the maximum amount of their accruals will be permitted to submit a request to decrease their accruals by being paid for a week of vacation time (either 35 or 40 hours dependent on their work schedule) without meeting the criteria of having to take a week of vacation out of the office, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that employees who reach their anniversary date between May 1 - June 30 and have existing balances will not lose remaining hours and can extend the availability until the end of 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair be authorized to sign a memorandum of agreement with unions to provide access to these benefits, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator be authorized to provide these options to the aforementioned staff until June 30, 2020 and provide a report to the Board of Legislators with the ability to extend the benefit for thirty days, if necessary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators is appreciative of the continued dedication of the entire workforce, and recognizes the exceptional adaptability of staff to work at home while maintaining the professionalism necessary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is also recognition that there are essential county staff who are required to provide onsite services and have continued to deliver necessary services for the County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during this time, St. Lawrence County would like to provide this opportunity for essential employees to access this benefit in a more flexible manner and not lose accruals while they assist in meeting the needs of the public during the COVID-19 response.

Mr. Forsythe moved to adopt Resolution No. 152-2020, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 153-2020

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Reagen, District 1 and Mr. Forsythe, District 2

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:

<u>Department/Unit:</u>	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Position No.:</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Youth Bureau	Youth Conservation Corps Crew Supervisor	031800000	FT	Temporary	Immediate
Youth Bureau	Youth Conservation Corps Crew Supervisor	031800002	FT	Temporary	Immediate
Social Services / Legal	Social Services Attorney	818000003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services / Children's Services	Caseworker	815000038	FT	Permanent	30 days
Social Services / Accounting	Senior Account Clerk	100200030	FT	Permanent	60 days
Planning	Office Manager	100000001	FT	Permanent	Immediate

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following position will be abolished: Position No. 100000003, Temporary Office Manager, and

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

Mr. Reagen moved to adopted Resolution No. 153-2020, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 154-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 1000 – UNIT 8400, FOR 2020-2024

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County and the Civil Services Employees Association, Local 1000 – Unit 8400 have been without a contract since December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, negotiations sessions began in the fall of 2019 and a tentative agreement was reached in early March 2020, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County believes that it is in the best interest of both parties to successfully conclude negotiations with a five-year contract (2020-2024),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the Civil Services Employees Association, Local 1000 – Unit 8400 for the contract period 2020-2024, upon the advice of the St. Lawrence County Negotiating Team, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that with consideration given to the current office staff available due to the COVID-19 response, the contract changes will be implemented after June 1, 2020.

Mr. Perkins moved to adopted Resolution No. 154-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Fay, Mr. Acres, Ms. Terminelli, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, and Ms. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Ms. Doyle said the EOC was activated and has been operating for fifty (50) days, and it has been 41 days since the first case of Coronavirus. According to Dr. William, last week's average was 1.7. The State of Emergency is set to expire on May 15th, and she asked that if it expires, that the County could re-declare the State of Emergency if the numbers change/increase. The EOC will cease operations over the weekend and return to hours of operations during regular business hours of Monday through Friday.

In recognition of Corrections Officers Week and Police Officer Recognition Week, Ms. Doyle suggests providing a meal for the staff at the County Jail this week, and the Civil and Criminal Division next week using the employee recognition program funds.

The number of people collecting unemployment during this time has been staggering across the State. The system is overwhelmed, but the State is working on it, and have provided information to the County to post on the County website. To access unemployment there needs to be a submission of an application and certification of continued unemployment. These are both

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necessary steps to help the public access benefits, and this information will be posted on the County website.

The COVID Task Force will follow the lead of Public Health Director, Dana McGuire and Dr. Williams regarding reopening and the continued variety of services available in the County. The County will be working with partnering agencies such as the IDA, Chamber of Commerce, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and the Soil and Water Conservation District to provide the best assistance to businesses throughout the process. They will look at when the executive orders will expire to make services available to the public, and plans on how to handle returning to full staff.

The Vacancy Review Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow to review one vacancy.

Mr. Forsythe asked about renovations to update sites that are in contact with the public with plexiglass shields. Ms. Doyle said that work is in progress.

Mr. Burke said he would like to know if there is a way to measure the degree of suffering of the citizens of the County, and if there anything the County can do to mitigate the suffering of people who have been weeks without receiving paychecks or unemployment benefit. He also would like information on businesses that are in distress during the COVID-19. He suggested a hot-line to get information from the public on their needs. Ms. Doyle said she has been talking with Cornell Cooperative Extension on where the County is economically, and how many businesses are in need of assistance. The amount of suffering in St. Lawrence County is great and will continue for some time. Social Services has been very busy in meeting the needs of people. Mr. Burke suggested asking the Chamber of Commerce to be involved in gathering information on the needs. Ms. Doyle said the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to help in this capacity.

Mr. Forsythe said the Director of the IDA, Patrick Kelly, reached out to him today and said \$60 billion dollars small business loans went into effect today for agriculture and farming related small businesses.

Mr. Perkins thanked Ms. Doyle for putting information on the County website regarding unemployment benefits as he has had many phone calls from people who have not received any unemployment benefits yet, and they are hurting financially.

Ms. Doyle reported one transfer of funds for Probation in the amount of \$363.76 for document shredding.

Mr. Perkins said New York State Insurance Fund put out a notice today that Workers Compensation for employees not working are being classified at clerical code, which is cheaper. He asked if that is something the County can do. Mr. Button said the County is currently starting to pare up the numbers for the Board to vote on. The algorithm is set for three years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports.

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OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Lightfoot said he received from an employee and he read a portion of the letter out loud.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 7:46 p.m., to discuss personnel, litigation, negotiations, and appointments, seconded by M Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 9:33 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fay and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Denesha moved to appoint the following individual to the **Fair Housing Task Force (Term to Expire: 12/31/2023)**, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Annette Bowman, 19 Main Street, Canton 13617 (Replacing Michelle Durham)

Mr. Denesha moved to reappointment the following individuals to the **Environmental Management Council (Terms to Expire: 12/31/2021)**, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Catherine Bennett, 1249 State Highway 184, Heuvelton 13654
Pat Whalen, 236 River Drive, Massena 13662

Mr. Denesha moved to reappointment the following individuals to the **Fair Housing Task Force (Terms to Expire: 12/31/2023)**, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Michael J. McQuade, 285 Clinton Street, Gouverneur, 13642
Diana Dufresne, 3 Coventry Drive, Massena 13662

Mr. Acres moved to appoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Ethics Board (Term to expire: 12/31/2025)**, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Cheryl (Cherie) Shatraw, 303 Chapman Point Drive, Morristown 13664

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Chair Lightfoot appointed Mr. Perkins, Ms. Arquiett, and Mr. Reagen to the COVID Work Group Committee to work with public health for protocol and procedures with respect to COVID-19 recovery.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Lightfoot adjourned the May Full Board Meeting at 9:36 p.m., as there was no further business.