

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

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present. Mr. Sheridan attended remotely and Ms. Terminelli arrived at 7:09 p.m. remotely.

Mr. Denesha offered the prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Perkins moved to approve the January 3, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

COMMUNICATIONS: The Deputy Clerk read the following correspondence:

1. An email was received from Lauren Correa of Gouverneur saying the CARE Act was re-introduced in the New York State Legislature on January 30, 2023, and she formally requests the Board of Legislators support the Bill and write a resolution taking action on Senate Bill S3158 and Assembly Bill A1581.
2. An email was received from Linda Wilkinson of Potsdam saying she has lived in St. Lawrence County for 70 years and is active in the Senior Community. She asks each member of the Board of Legislators to read the CARE Act and vocalize your support for its passage by sending a resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul.
3. An email was received from April Sochia of Gouverneur saying she is a resident of St. Lawrence County and a teacher who is a mandated reporter in the County. She urges the Board of Legislators to take formal written action on the CARE Act.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Peggy Mousaw of South Colton spoke about public access to Imagemate Software and Kevin Beary of Colton spoke about the Colton section of the Multi Use Trail System.

Chair Forsythe recognized the County Administrator for twenty (20) years of service to St. Lawrence County.

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PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 1-9-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FOR OVERTIME EXPENSES AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Correctional Facility requires additional funding to cover overtime costs due to extenuating staffing challenges through the end of 2022, and

WHEREAS, Resolution Nos. 297-2022 and 403-2022 each authorized budget modifications to cover overtime costs for the Correctional Division by utilizing jail accounts balances, targeted and untargeted contingency funds for a total of \$245,000, and

WHEREAS, funding within the Sheriff's Office will be utilized for the anticipated overages,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for overtime expenses at the Correctional Facility, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

S4026835 550WC	S LR W/C Reimb Salary	\$78,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4031501 18000	S JAIL Overtime	\$78,000
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 39-2023, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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Operations Committee: 1-9-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (DHSES) FOR THE PROVISION OF ENDPOINT DETECTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Information Technology Services (NYSITS) is responsible for protecting cyber security infrastructure of New York State Government and does so by employing a multi-faceted approach that includes coordinating policies, standards and programs on cybersecurity across the State, partnering with State agencies and law enforcement, monitoring the technology assets of the State, and responding to abnormalities and threats to their systems, and

WHEREAS, New York State Division of Homeland Security (DHSES) is responsible for working with federal, state, local, and private entities to protect the critical infrastructure of the State from cyber threats and vulnerabilities and to coordinate and facilitate information and intelligence sharing amongst these entities to assist in the early identification of and response to natural and man-made disasters, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County provides vital services to the residents of New York State and within its jurisdictional boundaries, and

WHEREAS, NYSITS, DHSES, and the County remain committed to ensuring the safety of their respective critical infrastructure by investing in strategic collaborations and technology for strengthening cyber security and resiliency in the face of evolving threats, and

WHEREAS, the agreement would be at no cost to St. Lawrence County for up to three (3) years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between the New York State Office of Information Technology Services and the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for the provision of endpoint detection and response services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 40-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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Operations Committee: 1-9-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH STANLEY CONVERGENT SECURITY SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR INSTALLATION OF SOFTWARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the software systems that manages the physical keys for the County and electronic badges for the Courthouse and Human Services Center is antiquated and an update is recommended, and

WHEREAS, Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc. has taken over the sponsoring systems in question and are uniquely positioned to provide a cost-efficient way to upgrade both systems at the total cost of \$5,527 under the Sourcewell Contract, and

WHEREAS, a delay or failure to upgrade creates unnecessary potential for breach due to security risks, and the Information Technology Department has the funding to cover this contract (CD016804 42004),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Contract with Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc. for the installation of software and support services for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 41-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Operations Committee: 1-9-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2023

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 42-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Operations Committee: 1-9-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF MASSENA FOR STORAGE OF TRAILERS FOR THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM AT THE MASSENA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Response Team was created to assist local rescue and fire departments in their response to incidents involving hazardous materials, and

WHEREAS, the HAZMAT Team has forty-four (44) members and currently operates two trailers; one for entry purposes and one for decontamination, and

WHEREAS, the previous contract was terminated on December 31, 2020 and required the trailers be removed from their previous storage location, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Massena, owner of the Massena International Airport, provided an alternative location that has indoor storage available for storage of the emergency response trailers and equipment, and

WHEREAS, the annual lease payment associated with the agreement will be \$2,500 annually for an initial term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease agreement with the Town of Massena for storage of trailers for the Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Response Team at the Massena International Airport, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2023 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X1034104 40700	X Bldg & Property Rent	\$2,500
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700 B SPEC Contingency Account \$2,500

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the lease agreement provide an option to continue for two (2) additional years (2024 & 2025).

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 43-2023, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Services Committee: 1-23-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH CLIFTON-FINE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SPACE LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, beginning in 2021, St. Lawrence County changed its strategy and began creating remote locations to serve the public, and thus far a location has been established in Ogdensburg and currently underway a location is opening in Massena, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators is committed to fostering partnerships in the Community and supporting the work of our local school districts, and

WHEREAS, due to the rural nature and lack of resources in the Clifton-Fine area, there is a need for the community to have Department of Social Services staff available to ensure the best outcomes for families and students, and

WHEREAS, Clifton-Fine School District has offered to provide use of facilities for the Department of Social Services, and will provide this space at no cost to the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with Clifton-Fine Central School District for space located within the district, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 44-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Gennett, and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Smithers said this is a great idea and shows creativity in trying to improve access to County Offices.

Resolution No. 44-2023 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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Services Committee: 1-23-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR COSTS
ASSOCIATED WITH ADMINISTRATION, MEDICAID, AND
CHILD CARE/FOSTER CARE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, due to higher than anticipated costs in Administration, Medicaid, Child Care/Foster Care, general services to recipients, and lower local weekly medical assistance costs, it is necessary to modify the 2022 Social Services Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Social Services for costs associated with Administration, Medicaid, and Child Care/Foster Care, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60104 43006	D Adm Document Management	28,000
DAE60104 40700	D Emp Building & Property Rent	700
DAI60104 42303	D WMS I/D Telephone	1
DAM60104 43007	D MAEL Other Fees	18,000
DAS60104 42004	D SG Computer Software	49,800
DAS60104 420GE	D SG Office Supplies	11,000
DAS60104 43007 CCDS	D SG Other Fees CCDS	12,000
DAS60104 44100	D SG I/D Fuel Charges	13,000
DAS60104 46500	D SG Other Payments	29,500
DSC61094 465YA PRP	D PRP Prevention/Reunification	150,000
DSC61094 465IB CCEA	D EAF Institution Board	50,000
DSC61194 46500 ADAD	D ADCFC Adoption Subsidies	<u>100,000</u>
		\$462,001

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DMM61004 46500	D Medicaid to State	\$323,710
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	\$14,177
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	24,260
DAF46115 57000	D FA Food Stamps Administration	5,787
DSC36195 56000	D SA Child Care	31,000
DSC46195 57000	D FA Child Care	50,000
DAS36105 56000 EAF	D SA EAF Protective & Foster Care	6,205
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	<u>6,862</u>
		\$138,291

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 45-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Services Committee: 1-23-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2023

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING FROM OASAS SAPT BLOCK GRANT COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM FUNDS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the SAPT Block Grant is managed by OASAS in New York State and is to be used for the development of an Opioid Treatment Programs that is to be integrated with existing 822 outpatient services in order to provide person-centered comprehensive treatment and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) services, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has received funding modifications from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Program, and has recognized the need for increased access of individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to recovery services in St. Lawrence County, and

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

WHEREAS, Community Services would use SAPT Grant Funds for the integration of the Canton Addiction Services 822 Outpatient Clinic with the creation of an Opioid Treatment Program with the primary purpose of expanding Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) access, including MOUD, to the underserved individuals in the County, and

WHEREAS, the one-time-only funding, in the amount of \$250,000, is for the period of June 22, 2022 to March 14, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Resolution 285-2022 was adopted in September, 2022, which included \$90,000 to be used toward the purchase of a back-up generator to services the entire building and these funds have been approved by the funding agency to be moved into salaries and fringe benefits for the last quarter of 2022,

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1Z42501 11000 SP	A SAPT SP Direct Service Worker	\$64,063
A1Z42508 81000 SP	Retirement	6,227

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A1Z42508 83000 SP	Social Security	4,800
A1Z42508 84000 SP	Workmens Compensation	1,685
A1Z42508 84500 SP	Group Life Insurance	77
A1Z42508 86000 SP	Hospital & Medical Insurance	8,792
A1Z42508 86500 SP	A Dental Insurance	619
A1Z42508 89000 SP	Vision Insurance	<u>199</u>
		\$86,462

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1Z42502 21000 SP	A SAPT SP Furnishings	\$86,462
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 46-2023, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Services Committee: 1-23-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
STOP-DWI 2023 PLAN FOR THE NEW YORK STATE
GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Service Committee

WHEREAS, based on Vehicle and Traffic Law §1197 the Chair of the Board of Legislators is required to approve the STOP-DWI 2023 Plan which has been submitted to the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, and

WHEREAS, the STOP-DWI Plan was requested by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the time period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the STOP-DWI Program Budget was approved by the Board of Legislators on December 5, 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators to authorizes the Chair to sign the St. Lawrence County STOP-DWI 2023 Plan for the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, and any other documents necessary to carry out the terms of the program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 47-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 48-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH EPOCH HEALTH SOLUTIONS, LLC, FOR REVIEW OF BILLING PRACTICES IN COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

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

WHEREAS, Community Services is implementing a new Electronic Health Record called TenEleven, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 370-2021 authorized a contract with Epoch Health Solutions, LLC, and Resolution No. 113-2022 modified the Budget for Community Services in the amount of \$8,000 for improvements to billing practices, and

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

WHEREAS, if approved, the Department will be paying \$8,500 for this service with the use of SAPT Block Grant training funding (A1Z42504 41102 TRAN),

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Epoch Health Solutions, LLC, for review of billing practices in Community Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 48-2023, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran.

Ms. Curran said the training should have been a part of the package when purchasing the program.

Resolution No. 48-2023 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 49-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
COORDINATED CARE SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PREPARATION OF
THE 2022 CONSOLIDATED FISCAL REPORT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has recognized the need for assistance in preparing the 2022 Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR), and

WHEREAS, Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI) provides support in behavioral health and human services, specifically in financial reporting, claiming, and budgeting for many counties and providers, and

WHEREAS, CCSI would prepare the 2022 CFR and provide specialized Local Government Unit fiscal support for Community Services similar to the services provided in 2021, and

WHEREAS, the rate is \$110 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000; of which \$9,465 will be paid for by the SAPT SUPP1013 block award, and the remaining \$535 will be paid through the Local Government Unit (A5043104 43007),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. for the preparation of the 2022 Consolidated Fiscal Report, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 49-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Services Committee: 1-23-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING
RECEIVED FROM NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH (OMH) TO ST. LAWRENCE
COUNTY AS PASS THROUGH FUNDING TO APPROVED AGENCIES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services Local Government Unit received NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) State Aid funding authorization to St. Lawrence County as pass through funding for community agencies, and

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

WHEREAS, the ARC of Jefferson-St. Lawrence is unable to utilize a significant portion of their 2022 State Aid allocation for transportation, which if not utilized will be recouped by the State, and

WHEREAS, Step by Step and Catholic Charities have deficits in their 2022 Budgets for State Aid funded programs and will be able to utilize these funds against incurred costs in excess of the original funding allocation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for funding received from NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) to St. Lawrence County as pass through funding to approved agencies, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4143224 465AR	CSS ARC Advances Transportation	\$52,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4143224 465SS	CSS Step by Step Adv. Advocacy/Support Services	\$16,341
A4143224 465SS	CSS Step by Step Drop In Center	26,459
A4143224 465CC	CSS Catholic Charities	<u>9,200</u>
		\$52,000

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 50-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Services Committee: 1-23-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BEACON HEALTH OPTIONS AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Beacon Health Options and its subsidiaries, CHCS IPA and EmblemHealth, has as its primary objective to arrange for and facilitate the provision of and delivery of covered services to members through its contractual arrangements with its participating providers, and

WHEREAS, Community Services wants to participate in the provider network of Beacon Health Options and agrees to provide covered services (A116315 55000, A1316315 55000, A1416305 55000, and A3116205 55000) under the terms and conditions set forth and subject to the Beacon Health Options Facility Agreement, and

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WHEREAS, Beacon Health Options and Community Services would like to preserve and enhance the well-being of clients,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Beacon Health Options and its subsidiaries for behavioral health provider services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 51-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Fay.

Mr. Lightfoot said he would like further information on what will be done by signing this contract and how much it will cost. Mr. Ulrich said this is simply an insurance payer that the County wishes to be in-network with so individuals will not incur fees for out-of-network costs. The cost will depend on the number of individuals who have this payer plan and how many times it is utilized.

Resolution No. 51-2023 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Services Committee: 1-23-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FOR THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for expenses associated with the Preschool Program, and

WHEREAS, fifty-five (55) students were served in 2022, and reimbursements for twenty-four (24) students from 2020-2021 have not been made, and

WHEREAS, the cost increase includes 2022 classrooms, along with one classroom from 2021 and three classrooms from 2020, and

WHEREAS, there have been higher than anticipated expenses within the Preschool Program which will be offset by an increase in revenue within the Preschool Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Public Health for the Preschool Program, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$293,625
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300 Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated \$293,625

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PK040504 46502 P PREK Tuition Payments \$725,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

PK034725 56000 P SH NYSOP 59-5% \$431,375

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 52-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Services Committee: 1-23-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2023

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY (ELC) REOPENING SCHOOLS GRANT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department was awarded \$3,407,799 (PPZ44895 57000 SCH) with objectives and goals to focus primarily on providing needed resources to implement COVID-19 screening testing programs in public and private schools aligned with the CDC Recommendations for K-12 to support and maintain in-person learning, and

WHEREAS, there have been higher than anticipated salary and fringe expense within the ELC COVID-19 Reopening Schools Grant, and

WHEREAS, there has been a decrease in contractual expenses within the ELC COVID-19 Reopening Schools Grant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Public Health for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Reopening School Grant, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PPZ40501 11000 SCH P ELC Direct Service Work \$17,883
PPZ40508 81000 SCH P ELC SCH Retirement 1,770
PPZ40508 83000 SCH P ELC SCH Social Security 1,279
PPZ40508 84000 SCH P ELC SCH Workers Compensation 327

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PPZ40508 84500 SCH	P ELC SCH Group Life Insurance	46
PPZ40508 86000 SCH	P ELC SCH Hospital & Medical Insurance	11,969
PPZ40508 86500 SCH	P ELC SCH Dental Insurance	273
PPZ40508 89000 SCH	P ELC SCH Vision Insurance	<u>146</u>
		\$33,693

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PPZ40504 43007 SCH	P ELC SCH Other Fees and Services	\$33,693
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 53-2023, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Gennett, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Services Committee: 1-23-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2023

**ACCEPTING PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FUNDS
AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Public Health has received a Performance Incentive Achievement Award from the New York State Department of Health in the amount of \$22,208 (PP034015 56000), and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Achievement Award focused on collecting the experiences of local health departments with the COVID-19 pandemic response, and

WHEREAS, this achievement award must be used to support costs associated with Article 6 eligible services, and while costs associated with any eligible activity are acceptable, LHDs are encouraged to consider utilizing the award funds to support ongoing disease prevention efforts and promotion of COVID-19 vaccination,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the acceptance of performance incentive achievement award funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2023 Budget for Public Health, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040104 43007	P PREV Other Fees and Services	\$22,208
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INCREASE REVENUE:

PP034015 56000	P SA Public Health and Clinic	\$22,208
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 54-2023, seconded by Mr. Fay and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Services Committee: 1-23-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2023

OPPOSING REGULATIONS THAT WILL SET ASIDE THE FIRST ROUND OF RETAIL LICENSES FOR MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF MARIJUANA OFFENSES AS PROPOSED BY THE CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD OF NEW YORK STATE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Webster, District 11; Mr. Sheridan, District 4;
Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, in March, 2022, Governor Kathy Hochul announced the Office of Cannabis Management Seeding Opportunity Initiative, which will position individuals with prior cannabis-related criminal offenses to make the first adult-use cannabis sales in New York, and

WHEREAS, furthermore, the Governor selected an investment team to support and manage a \$200 million fund to support this initiative and appointed the Cannabis Control Board to disburse community grants and support development of the cannabis market in New York, and

WHEREAS, as part of the Seeding Opportunity Initiative, individuals who are awarded Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary (CAURD) Licenses will receive support from the Social Equity Cannabis Investment Fund, and

WHEREAS, in awarding these licenses, New York State will prefer individuals who have been convicted of a marijuana offense or have a close family member who has been convicted of a marijuana offense, and nonprofits are eligible if they have a history of serving current or formally incarcerated individuals, and

WHEREAS, in November 2022, the New York State Cannabis Control Board approved the first twenty-eight (28) CAURD licenses to business owners who themselves or their family members had cannabis convictions, and another eight (8) CAURD licenses went to nonprofit organizations, and

WHEREAS, New York State is the only state in the country to discriminate against law-abiding citizens its initial dispensary licenses solely to individuals with past marijuana-related convictions, and

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WHEREAS, according to a poll taken by Siena College, most New York voters oppose prioritizing licenses for people with previous convictions, and

WHEREAS, besides the conviction-based criteria being discriminatory to law-abiding citizens and entrepreneurs who wish to open businesses, it also offensive to all law enforcement agencies across New York State who have been fighting a war on drugs, and

WHEREAS, this initiative gives preferential treatment to those who have violated the law thereby making law-abiding citizens secondary to previously convicted criminals, and for New York State to reward criminal conduct in any manner is unreasonable,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators opposes regulations that will set aside the first round of retail licenses for marijuana dispensaries to those previously convicted of marijuana offenses as proposed by the Cannabis Control Board of New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators expresses deep concern that this invitation of previously-convicted individuals into the sale of drugs will serve as an endorsement of lawlessness in our communities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators opposes any future regulations that would prefer previously convicted individuals to receive priority licenses for marijuana dispensaries, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Mark Walczyk; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; Assemblyman Scott Gray, and NYS Cannabis Control Board.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 55-2023, seconded by Mr. Webster.

Mr. Webster said this was a bad decision made by the Governor who set aside \$200M for this initiative, which he believes is a waste of money and is discriminatory towards law abiding citizens.

Ms. Curran asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution, and she agrees with the remarks made by Legislator Webster.

Mr. Smithers said this initiative discriminates against law abiding citizens.

Resolution No. 55-2023 was adopted by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Haggard), and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 56-2023

**AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH
FRANKLIN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD
SALT THROUGH THE 2023-2024 ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SALT BID**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Superintendent of Highways has advised the Franklin County Highway Superintendent that Franklin County will be able to purchase road salt through the 2023-2024 St. Lawrence County Salt Bid, and

WHEREAS, including road salt estimates for Franklin County in the bidding process will likely lower the cost per ton for both counties, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Superintendent of Highways recommends that permission be granted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes entering into a Cooperative Agreement with Franklin County for the purchase of road salt through the 2023-2024 St. Lawrence County Salt Bid.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 56-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Lightfoot, and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Denesha thanked County Highway Superintendent, Don Chambers, for bringing this resolution forward the past few years as it is saving St. Lawrence County money.

Mr. Smithers said this resolution also derives from a mandate from Albany to purchase road salt in the United States, and not allow counties to purchase road salt, as done in the past, from our neighboring country, Canada. This will have a financial affect in the City of Ogdensburg at the Port and will increase pricing.

Resolution No. 56-2023 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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Finance Committee: 1-30-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL, AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE WILDLIFE SERVICES TO MITIGATE DAMAGE TO ROADWAYS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CAUSED BY BEAVER

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has requested assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (APHIS WS) to reduce damage caused by beavers at a cost not to exceed \$9,000 (HM351104 43007), and

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

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

WHEREAS, this cooperative agreement shall become effective on March 1, 2023, and expire on December 31, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal, and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services to mitigate damage to roadways in St. Lawrence County caused by beaver, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 57-2023, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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Finance Committee: 1-30-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 58-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GENERATORS AND AUTOMATED TRANSFER SWITCHES IN THE LISBON, RUSSELL, AND POTSDAM OUTPOSTS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved and funded the Highway Outpost Projects, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited quotes for generators and Automated Transfer Switches (ATS) installations for the facilities in Lisbon, Russell, and Potsdam, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways would like to purchase three (3) Generac generators through New York State Office of General Services contract at a cost not to exceed \$8,300 each, and

WHEREAS, Tel, Inc. has provided the lowest quote for labor, material, and inspection to install the generators and ATS at the three (3) outpost facilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for the installation of generators and automated transfer switches for the Lisbon, Russell, and Potsdam Outposts, upon approval of the County Attorney, as follows:

Vendor:	Tel, Inc.
Contract Amount:	Not to Exceed \$38,250
Contract Title:	SLC Highway Facilities Generator/ATS Install HM651972 28000 LOP HM651972 28000 ROP HM651972 28000 POP

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Department of Highways for the purchase and cost associated with installation, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651974 465CO LOP	H Lisbon OP Subcontracts	\$10,000
HM651974 454PM RSS	H Russell SS Paving Materials	43,150
HM651974 49900 RSS	H Russell SS Miscellaneous	<u>10,000</u>
		\$63,150

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651972 28000 LOP	H Lisbon Outpost Buildings	\$21,050
HM651972 28000 ROP	H Russell Outpost Buildings	21,050
HM651972 28000 POP	H Potsdam Outpost Buildings	<u>21,050</u>
		\$63,150

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 58-2023, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 59-2023

AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO ASSIST THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION INSTALL A TEMPORARY SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE ON LAFAVER ROAD OVER ELM CREEK

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association (“SLCSA”) would like to install a temporary snowmobile bridge on the Lafaver Road over Elm Creek in the Town of Russell, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 130-2021 determined that construction of the Lafaver Road Snowmobile Bridge in the Town of Russell in St. Lawrence County, New York, would not result in any significant adverse environmental impact, and

WHEREAS, the SLCSA has asked the Department of Highways for assistance in the installation, and the Department of Highways will use its own forces for the bridge placement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Department of Highways to assist the St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association to install a temporary bridge on Lafaver Road over Elm Creek.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 59-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Forsythe thanked County Highway Superintendent, Don Chambers, for his assistance with the temporary bridge.

Resolution No. 59-2023 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 60-2023

AUTHORIZING THE FORGIVENESS OF INTEREST, PENALTIES, AND CERTAIN FEES ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS “THE PROPERTY OF FREDERICK AND MELINDA GOSS” LOCATED AT 9435 STATE HIGHWAY 37, OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, IN THE TOWN OF LISBON

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Frederick Goss and Melinda Goss are the title owners to land located at 9435 SH 37, Ogdensburg, NY listed in the Town of Lisbon with a Tax Map #38.070-1-15, and

WHEREAS, the County has received a request through a real property broker to assist the Town of Lisbon and Frederick and Melinda Goss to sell the above property, and

WHEREAS, the Gosses were removed from the home due to inadequate living conditions citing no heat, no running water, and lack of sanitary waste disposal, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the unsanitary conditions, an additional impediment to sale of the subject property is the \$19,810.86 due in back taxes, interest, fees, and penalties, and

WHEREAS, while the base taxes are \$13,047.01 a buyer is willing to offer \$15,000 for the property with the contingency that the \$15,000 be accepted as full satisfaction for all back taxes and penalties due the County, and

WHEREAS, the buyer who has been identified has committed to remedy the deficiencies in the property should the County be willing to forgive the interest, penalties, and fees to the extent that remaining balance is \$15,000, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law §1182, “If the governing body of any tax district shall determine that it is for the best interests of the tax district, it shall have the power, by resolution, to authorize the enforcing officer to permit the cancellation in whole or in part of any interest, penalties or other charges imposed by law to which the tax district or any other municipal corporation shall be lawfully entitled...”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the forgiveness of interest, penalties, and certain fees on the property known as “The Property of Frederick and Melinda Goss” located at 9435 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg, New York, in the Town of Lisbon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of \$15,000 attributable to the sale of the land of Melinda Goss and Frederick Goss to a bona fide purchase for value, which constitutes the base real property taxes due associated with land located at 9435 SH 37, Ogdensburg, New York listed in the Town of Lisbon with a Tax Map #38.070-1-15 such remaining interest, penalties, and fees on real property taxes accumulated to date shall be forgiven pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Legislators under Real Property Tax Law § 1182, and upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 60-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 61-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JEDA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND AAC CONTRACTING FOR CONTROLLED DEMOLITION ON PROPERTIES OWNED BY KRISTINE AND JONATHAN CAPONE, CARMINE BARBA (ESTATE), DENNIS EDWARDS AND TAMMY GROVES, TREVOR HARRIS, AND PATRICK MURPHY PURSUANT TO THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BLIGHTED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY PROGRAM

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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 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, in 2022, the Treasurer and County Attorney requested the establishment of 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, on August 1, 2022, the Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 272-2022 establishing The St. Lawrence County Blighted Property Reserve Account to help tackle these various properties, and

WHEREAS, the County has commenced an In Rem real property tax foreclosure proceeding for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against five (5) properties identified as meeting the criteria of the Foreclosure Team with said properties being owned by Kristine and Jonathan Capone located at 21 Elm St, Town of Potsdam, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 42.074-8-2 and against property owned by Carmine Barba (Estate) located at 67 Prospect St, Town of Gouverneur, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 173.040-1-12 and against property owned by Dennis Edwards and Tammy Groves located at 48 Grove St, Town of Gouverneur, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 173.032-5-8.2 and against property owned by Trevor Harris located at 29 Front St, Town of Clifton, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 214.026-5-51 and against property owned by Patrick Murphy located at 611 English Settlement Rd, Town of Morristown, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 83.026-2-13 (hereinafter referred to as the "Properties"), and

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WHEREAS, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$2,980.39, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$2,042.44 for a total of \$5,022.83 on the parcel owned by Kristine and Jonathan Capone with Tax Map No. 42.074-8-2, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$13,357.98 together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$6,157.23 for a total of \$19,515.21 on the parcel owned by Carmine Barba (Estate) with Tax Map No. 173.040-1-12 and there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$16,408.37, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$7,758.30 for a total of \$24,166.67 on the parcel owned by Dennis Edwards and Tammy Groves with Tax Map No. 173.032-5-8.2, and there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$3,207.25, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$2,681.34 for a total of \$5,888.59 on the parcel owned by Trevor Harris with Tax Map No. 214.026-5-51, and there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$5,854.68, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$4,442.90 for a total of \$10,297.58 on the parcel owned by Patrick Murphy with Tax Map No. 83.026-2-13, and

WHEREAS, the Properties are each known to be condemned or in the process of being condemned due to structural damage which has caused the properties to be dilapidated and potentially unsafe, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to have a controlled demolition of the structures of the blighted properties with each site being backfilled after demolition so that the County can “cleanup” the properties for re-sale, and

WHEREAS, JEDA Environmental and AAC Contracting have submitted proposal whereby they will provide the labor, material, notifications and waste disposal that is necessary to perform the controlled demolition and backfill of the structures for the property owned by Kristine and Jonathan Capone with Tax Map No. 42.074-8-2, for the property owned by Carmine Barba (Estate) with Tax Map No. 173.040-1-12, and for the property owned by Dennis Edwards and Tammy Groves with Tax Map No. 173.032-5-8.2, for the property owned by Trevor Harris with Tax Map No. 214.026-5-51, and for the property owned by Patrick Murphy with Tax Map No. 83.026-2-13, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and County Treasurer with their team have reviewed the proposals and recommend awarding the contract as follows:

- A. AAC Contracting will be directed to complete the controlled demolition of the following two (2) properties:
 - 1. Carmine Barba (Estate) located at 67 Prospect St, Town of Gouverneur, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 173.040-1-12
 - 2. Dennis Edwards and Tammy Groves located at 48 Grove St, Town of Gouverneur, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 173.032-5-8.2

- B. JEDA Environmental will be directed to complete the controlled demolition of the following three (3) properties:
 - 1. Kristine and Jonathan Capone located at 21 Elm St, Town of Potsdam, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 42.074-8-2

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2. Trevor Harris located at 29 Front St, Town of Clifton, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 214.026-5-51
3. Patrick Murphy located at 611 English Settlement Rd, Town of Morristown, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 83.026-2-13

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with JEDA Environmental Services and AAC Contracting for controlled demolition on properties owned by Kristine and Jonathan Capone, Carmine Barba (Estate), Dennis Edwards and Tammy Groves, Trevor Harris, and Patrick Murphy pursuant to the St. Lawrence County Blighted Residential Property Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 1-30-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 62-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ATLANTIC TESTING LABORATORIES FOR AIR MONITORING FOR CONTROLLED DEMOLITION ON PROPERTIES OWNED BY KRISTINE AND JONATHAN CAPONE, CARMINE BARBA (ESTATE), DENNIS EDWARDS AND TAMMY GROVES, TREVOR HARRIS, AND PATRICK MURPHY PURSUANT TO THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BLIGHTED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY PROGRAM

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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, in 2022, the Treasurer and County Attorney requested the establishment of 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, on August 1, 2022, the Board of Legislators passed Resolution No. 272-2022 establishing The St. Lawrence County blighted Property Reserve Account to help tackle these various properties,

WHEREAS, the County has commenced an In Rem real property tax foreclosure proceeding for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against five (5) properties identified as meeting the criteria of the Foreclosure Team with said properties

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being owned by Kristine and Jonathan Capone located at 21 Elm St, Town of Potsdam, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 42.074-8-2 and against property owned by Carmine Barba (Estate) located at 67 Prospect St, Town of Gouverneur, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 173.040-1-12 and against property owned by Dennis Edwards and Tammy Groves located at 48 Grove St, Town of Gouverneur, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 173.032-5-8.2 and against property owned by Trevor Harris located at 29 Front St, Town of Clifton, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 214.026-5-51 and against property owned by Patrick Murphy located at 611 English Settlement Rd, Town of Morristown, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 83.026-2-13 (hereinafter referred to as the “Properties”), and

WHEREAS, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$2,980.39, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$2,042.44 for a total of \$5,022.83 on the parcel owned by Kristine and Jonathan Capone with Tax Map No. 42.074-8-2, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$13,357.98 together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$6,157.23 for a total of \$19,515.21 on the parcel owned by Carmine Barba (Estate) with Tax Map No. 173.040-1-12 and there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$16,408.37, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$7,758.30 for a total of \$24,166.67 on the parcel owned by Dennis Edwards and Tammy Groves with Tax Map No. 173.032-5-8.2, and there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$3,207.25, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$2,681.34 for a total of \$5,888.59 on the parcel owned by Trevor Harris with Tax Map No. 214.026-5-51, and there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$5,854.68, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$4,442.90 for a total of \$10,297.58 on the parcel owned by Patrick Murphy with Tax Map No. 83.026-2-13, and

WHEREAS, the Properties are each known to be condemned or in the process of being condemned due to structural damage which has caused the properties to be dilapidated and potentially unsafe, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to have a controlled demolition of the structures of the blighted properties with each site being backfilled after demolition so that the County can “cleanup” the properties for re-sale, and

WHEREAS, the submitted proposals for a controlled demolition of the structures of the blighted properties did not include air monitoring, and stated that third party air monitoring is the responsibility of the County, and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Testing Laboratories has submitted a proposal whereby they will provide air monitoring that is necessary to perform the controlled demolition for \$1,699 for the property owned by Kristine and Jonathan Capone with Tax Map No. 42.074-8-2 and \$2,899 for the property owned by Carmine Barba (Estate) with Tax Map No. 173.040-1-12 and \$2,899 for the property owned by Dennis Edwards and Tammy Groves with Tax Map No. 173.032-5-8.2 and \$1,799 for the property owned by Trevor Harris with Tax Map No. 214.026-5-51 and \$2,369 for the property owned by Patrick Murphy with Tax Map No. 83.026-2-13, and

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WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed the proposals and recommends entering into a contract with Atlantic Testing Laboratories in the amount of \$11,665 for air monitoring associated with controlled demolition, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Atlantic Testing Laboratories for air monitoring for controlled demolition on properties owned by Kristine and Jonathan Capone, Carmine Barba (Estate), Dennis Edwards and Tammy Groves, Trevor Harris, and Patrick Murphy pursuant to the St. Lawrence County Blighted Residential Property Program, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-2023, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 1-30-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 63-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE
FOR ADDITIONAL SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office has received more sales tax revenue than budgeted for the fiscal year 2022, and

WHEREAS, should these revenues exceed budget, a budget modification is necessary to pay the towns and villages the additional funds the County shares with them,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Treasurer's Office for additional sales tax distribution as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T3019854 465ST	T Distribution of Sales Tax	\$5,400,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T3011105 55000	T LR Sales and Use Tax	\$5,400,000
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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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Finance Committee: 1-30-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR FUNDING FROM OASAS SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT (SAPT) BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the SAPT Block Grant is managed by OASAS in New York State and is to be used for developing opioid treatment programs that integrated with existing 822 outpatient services in order to provide person-centered comprehensive treatment and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) services, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has received funding from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Program, and has recognized the need for increased access of individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to recovery services in St. Lawrence County, and

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

WHEREAS, Community Services would use SAPT Funds for the primary purpose of expanding Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) access, including MOUD, to the underserved individuals in the County, and

WHEREAS, this one-time-only funding of \$98,742, including \$7,754 for reimbursement of indirect costs, is for the infrastructure of the Canton Addiction Services and OTP Clinics to utilize during the award period of January, 9 2023 to March 14, 2023, with a proposed no-cost extension of one year extending the award to March 14, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for funding from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Program, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1Z42502 25000 SA	A Tech Equipment	\$13,446
A1Z42504 42000 SA	A Office Supplies & Expenses	11,000
A1Z42504 42004 SA	A Computer Software	3,266
A1Z42504 43007 SA	A Other Fees & Services	18,465

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A1Z42504 45100 SA	A Medical Supplies & Expenses	35,068
A1Z42504 423SS SA	A Security System	<u>9,743</u>
		\$90,988

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1Z44865 57000 SA	A SAPT Block Grant Supp1013	\$90,988
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 1-30-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2023

ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE NY SCION INITIATIVE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board has been awarded the second-year funding of \$100,000 to administer the initiative known as the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NY SCION), and

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

WHEREAS, the funds are available to be used from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to establish the budget for the NY SCION Initiative, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UR162901 12000	Supervisory/Administrative	\$4,454
UR162901 19501	Longevity Payments	74
UR162904 40700	Bldg & Property Rent	490

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UR162904 41400	Liability & Other Insurance	16
UR162904 42000	Office Supplies & Expenses	8
UR162904 42002	Copying Expenses	12
UR162904 42300	Other Communication Services	12
UR162904 42400	Postage	12
UR162904 42700	Membership & Dues	16
UR162904 430WI	WIB Expenses	2,043
UR162904 47800	DP Charges	123
UR162908 81000	Retirement	629
UR162908 83000	Social Security	326
UR162908 84000	Workers' Compensation	114
UR162908 84500	Group Life Insurance	5
UR162908 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	1,608
UR162908 86500	Dental Insurance	40
UR162908 89000	Vision Insurance	18
UR162911 11000	Direct Service Worker	42,796
UR162911 19501	Longevity Payments	1,549
UR162914 40700	Bldg & Property Rent	3,295
UR162914 41100	Educational Workshops	1,721
UR162914 41400	Liability & Other Insurance	34
UR162914 41901	I/D Central Printing	129
UR162914 42000	Office Supplies & Expenses	773
UR162914 42002	Copying Expenses	64
UR162914 42300	Other Communication Services	252
UR162914 42400	Postage	88
UR162914 42700	Membership & Dues	251
UR162914 430WI	WIB Expenses	2,752
UR162914 47800	DP Charges	1,360
UR162918 81000	Retirement	5,259
UR162918 83000	Social Security	3,392
UR162918 84000	Workers Compensation	1,153
UR162918 84500	Group Life Insurance	89
UR162918 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	24,195
UR162918 86500	Dental Insurance	647
UR162918 89000	Vision Insurance	<u>201</u>
		\$100,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

UR147905 57000	NY SCION Revenue	\$100,000
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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 66-2023

URGING STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TO FOCUS THEIR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF EFFORTS ON FISCAL REFORMS THAT WILL LEAD TO PERMANENT PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION BY ASSUMING THE COST OF STATE PROGRAMS CURRENTLY PAID BY COUNTIES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Hull, District 8; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, State leaders have identified property taxes as the number one fiscal burden for homeowners and small businesses, as well as the largest impediment to economic growth and job creation in Upstate New York and Long Island, and

WHEREAS, facing growing scrutiny over income tax increases at the State level, the State has crafted a defacto policy whereby new initiatives passed at the State level require county real property taxpayers to finance with local tax dollars dozens that, for the most part, counties in other states are not required to finance (specifically, Indigent Defense, Elections, and Medicaid), and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County elected leaders have strongly advocated in support of ways to lower the property tax burden for homeowners and businesses, such as the on-going push for the State to assume its legal responsibility for the cost of indigent defense to advocating nearly fifty (50) years ago for the State to assume the costs of the largest state mandate, Medicaid, which has grown in cost from \$100 million then to over \$7.5 billion today, and

WHEREAS, in response to a growing call from County leaders to across New York to reign in unfunded mandates, the State of New York has enacted several measures over the last couple of decades designed to address their highest in the nation property taxes, including the creation of STAR school tax relief, a property tax cap, a temporary two-year property tax freeze program and a temporary tax rebate check program, and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, for every benefit they have provided, the State has routinely increased an additional expense at the local level, offsetting any true real property tax relief, and

WHEREAS, these state imposed mandates on counties require more than \$12 billion annually in locally raised taxes to be sent to the State Capitol so they can be used by the state in lieu of state raised taxes to pay for state programs and initiatives, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators believes that one of the best ways to improve New York's economic climate and competitiveness is to not just slow the rate of growth in property taxes, but to actually lower them from today's levels, and

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WHEREAS, high-earning New Yorkers and residents are fleeing New York State at rates higher than experienced by any other State in the Country, evidenced by the decrease in population of New York as reported in the 2020 Census numbers, and

WHEREAS, in order to reverse the negative trends, permanent and historic reductions in property taxes must be achieved through fundamental reforms of the major state mandates that drive up local property taxes, in conjunction with realigning how and what level of government pays for these state mandated services, and

WHEREAS, the cost of paying for the state Medicaid program in a St. Lawrence County equals more than one half of the county property tax levy, and

WHEREAS, the benefits, scope and ultimate cost of Medicaid has been set and controlled by the State for nearly fifty (50) years, but not fully financed with state resources, therefore transferring a significant cost burden to local property taxpayers and contributing greatly to the disparity between property taxes in New York State and other states, and

WHEREAS, Cornell University researchers have documented in numerous reports how New York's practice of shifting fiscal responsibilities from the state to lower levels of government including counties creates severe imbalances between New York and other states in relation to property taxes, and

WHEREAS, the practice of using local revenues to subsidize the State Budget is the number one reason why property taxes in New York State are the highest in the nation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators calls on the Governor and State Legislature to focus on enacting a phased-in state takeover of the costs of its own mandated services, starting with Indigent Defense and Medicaid, that would provide immediate, permanent and measurable property tax reduction helping to narrow the negative tax gap with our competitor states, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Mark Walczyk, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Scott Gray, and all Counties of New York State.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Denesha.

Mr. Perkins said New York State is placing a fiscal burden on its counties and tax payers.

Ms. Curran asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution, and said New York State has a big spending problem.

Resolution No. 66-2023 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 67-2023

**CALLING UPON THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO
GRANT THE APPLICATION FOR RE-ENERGY HOLDINGS, LLC FOR
DESIGNATION OF A BIOMASS FACILITY AT FORT DRUM MILITARY
INSTALLATION AS A RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3;
Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Denesha, District 6; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, in 2014 Re-Energy Holdings, LLC a Department of Defense Energy Contractor (hereinafter referred to as “Re-Energy”), signed a twenty-year contract to convert a coal facility into a more efficient biomass facility that would provide one-hundred percent (100%) of the electricity to Fort Drum as a part of the largest renewable energy project in the history of the United States Army, and

WHEREAS, the biomass plant which provides Fort Drum with one-hundred percent (100%) of its energy, became endangered with closure in 2022 after legislation supporting its operations failed to make it through Albany, and

WHEREAS, the 60-megawatt biomass facility on Fort Drum is now scheduled to be shut down after state legislation, that would recognize biomass as renewable energy, failed to pass, and

WHEREAS, by excluding biomass from being classified as renewable energy, New York State has ensured the facility will close when its current contract with the Department of Defense ends in May 2023, and

WHEREAS, the 32 employees who work at the biomass facility on Fort Drum have been informed that they will no longer be employed within the next two months, and

WHEREAS, Re-Energy buys fuel material and wood chips from local lumber yards and sawmills, some of which are operated in St. Lawrence County, transferring them into energy used on post, and

WHEREAS, Re-Energy has publicly stated that it plans to terminate operations at Fort Drum on March 31 if the New York State Public Service Commission fails to act upon a petition filed to have the biomass operation classified as a renewable energy resource, and

WHEREAS, State Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush and former Senator Patty Ritchie previously introduced legislation to classify biomass as renewable and keep the plant open however the legislation stalled in the assigned legislative committees and died in the 2022 session,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators calls upon the New York State Public Service Commission to grant the application for Re-Energy Holdings, LLC for designation of a biomass facility at Fort Drum Military Installation as a renewable energy source, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, United States Senator Chuck Schumer, United States Senator Kristen Gillibrand, United States Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Senator Mark Walczyk, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Scott Gray, and Jefferson and Lewis Counties.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Burke, Mr. Webster, Mr. Fay, Mr. Hull, Mr. Reagen and Mr. Denesha.

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

Mr. Smithers said he was pleased to see that U.S. Senator Kristen Gillibrand is trying to convince the Governor to designate the biomass facility as renewable energy.

Ms. Curran asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Resolution No. 67-2023 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 68-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS APPROPRIATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BRASHER, CANTON CLIFTON, COLTON, DEKALB, HERMON, HEUVELTON, LISBON, LOUISVILLE, MADRID, OGDENSBURG, PARISHVILLE AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Hull, District 8; Mr. Fay, District 9;
Mr. Burke, District 12; and Ms. Curran, District 15

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, of the funds appropriated \$3,000,000 has been allocated for water and sewer infrastructure improvements across the County, and

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WHEREAS, after a thorough application review process, twelve (12) individual projects in twelve (12) municipalities were selected for funding, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 216-2022 authorized funding a feasibility study on the viability of biosolids which reduced the balance to \$2,969,563,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts appropriating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the purpose of funding water and sewer infrastructure projects in the municipalities of Brasher, Canton Clifton, Colton, DeKalb, Hermon, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Louisville, Madrid, Ogdensburg, Parishville, as follows:

- Brasher, Town of: \$24,217 for other water (8389);
- Canton, Village of: \$475,000, for common water supply (8350);
- Clifton, Town of: \$74,346 for waste water treatment (8130);
- Colton, Town of: \$400,000 for waste water treatment (8130);
- DeKalb, Town of: \$250,000 for waste water treatment (8130);
- Hermon, Town of: \$250,000 for water transfer and distribution (8340);
- Heuvelton, Village of: \$262,000 for water transfer and distribution (8340);
- Lisbon, Town of: \$184,000 for waste water treatment (8130);
- Louisville, Town of: \$200,000 for water purification (8330);
- Madrid, Town of: \$300,000 for water transfer and distribution (8340);
- Ogdensburg, City of: \$400,000 for waste water treatment (8130)
- Parishville, Town of: \$150,000 for water transfer and distribution (8340), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2023 Budget for the Planning Office, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

N1940895 57002 ARP5	N ARP 5.1 Wastewater Treatment	\$1,308,346
N1940895 57003 ARP5	N ARP 5.10 Water Purification	200,000
N1940895 57004 ARP5	N ARP 5.11 Water T and D	962,000
N1940895 57005 ARP5	N ARP 5.13 Water Source	475,000
N1940895 57006 ARP5	N ARP 5.15 Other Water	<u>24,217</u>
		\$2,969,563

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N1981304 43007 ARP5	N ARP 5.1 Wastewater Treatment	\$1,308,346
N1983304 43007 ARP5	N ARP 5.10 Water Purification	200,000
N1983404 43007 ARP5	N ARP 5.11 Water T and D	962,000
N1983504 43007 ARP5	N ARP 5.13 Water Source	475,000
N1983894 43007 ARP5	N ARP 5.15 Other Water	<u>24,217</u>
		\$2,969,563

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any funds not spent in 2023 be rolled over until fully expended, in accordance with the U.S. Treasury Final Rule.

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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Fay.

Mr. Denesha said he is pleased to see how ARPA Funds are being spent, as he had previously stated that he wanted to see the funds go to a broad spectrum that would do the most to benefit the greatest number of citizens in the County.

Ms. Curran asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution, and said she thinks it is wonderful to use these funds to contribute to clean water for citizens.

Resolution No. 68-2023 was adopted by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 69-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CIVICPLUS, LLC FOR AN AGENDA & MEETING MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE PLATFORM AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators conducts standing committees and one full Board meeting per month, and

WHEREAS, County departments develop documents for inclusion on committee/board agendas with the goal of a timely, error-free submissions, and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2022, the County released RFP (2022-30) Agenda/Meeting Management & Consulting Services and of three proposals received, CivicPlus, LLC, was determined to provide the "best value" proposal, while also providing the lowest cost of ownership, and

WHEREAS, CivicClerk software by CivicPlus is a robust, flexible, and easy-to-use suite of cloud-based tools built specifically for local governments to transform agenda and meeting management processes to leverage tools such as cross-departmental teams and flexible workflows to collaborate on agenda items, ensure internal transparency and accountability using built-in audit trails, task tracking, and versioning and accurately create and distribute meeting materials to residents, internal users, and elected officials, and

WHEREAS, the integrated modules streamline agendas and meetings from departmental crafting of resolutions through certification and video indexing and archiving, and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$14,000 were appropriated in 2022 targeted contingency, and the initial service period will run from the date of signature for one (1) year and renew for up to five (5) years, with a first year investment of \$19,276; second year recurring

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services of \$13,662, increasing 3% thereafter, and

WHEREAS, those targeted funds were needed for other purposes and this request is now being made for consideration and funds are available in contingency,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with CivicPlus, LLC for an agenda and meeting management software platform, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2023 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700 B SPEC Contingency Account \$19,276

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL010104 42004 B LB Computer Software \$19,276

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 1-30-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2023

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of subdivision four of section 6305 of the Education Law, counties that do not have a community college are required to pay for partial tuition for its residents which is charged back to the perspective towns and villages, and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Budget appropriated \$705,000 for payments to Community Colleges, and

WHEREAS, the outstanding bills and any other that arrive throughout the end of 2022 require this request for a transfer of funds to cover the cost of appropriations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office for costs associated with community college tuition, as follows:

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DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$16,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$16,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1E24904 46502	B EDUC Community Colleges Tuition	\$16,000
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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 70-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 71-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
FOR FUNDS AWARDED FOR THE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GRANT**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Parks & Recreation has modified the timeline for disbursement of funds to the St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Grant and Aide Program, and

WHEREAS, for calendar year 2022 and prior, funds related to the State fiscal year spanning from April 1st to March 30th, were dispersed later in the calendar year, and

WHEREAS, for calendar year 2023 and going forward, seventy percent (70%) of funds related to State fiscal year will be released in the third quarter of the State Fiscal Year, and thirty percent (30%) will be released in the fourth quarter of the State Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, due to the seventy percent (70%) allocation now provided in 2022, a budget modification is necessary to pass through the funds to the applicable Trail Maintenance Entities and St. Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for funds awarded for the Snowmobile Trails Grant, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

BF038895 56000 SNOW	B Forestry Snowmobile Grant	\$156,123
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BF087104 46000 SNOW B Snow Other Fees & Services \$156,123

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 71-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Curran and Mr. Webster, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 1-30-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR
THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM COSTS**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the cost for Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defense has exceeded the 2022 budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing indigent defense continues to increase with eligibility standards changing, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Assigned Counsel Program, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300 Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated \$125,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300 Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated \$125,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

IA011704 430CC IA AC Criminal Cases \$125,000

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 72-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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Finance Committee: 1-30-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 73-2023

**REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR
ADOPT LEGISLATION TO PERMIT ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HOME RULE
TO EXTEND THE SALES TAX RATE AS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED
FROM 3% TO 4%**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to enabling legislation, St. Lawrence County adopted implementing resolutions imposing the increase of 3% to 4% effective most recently on December 1, 2020 scheduled to expire on November 30, 2023 and is requesting an extension to allow the additional 1% be collected through 2026, and

WHEREAS, traditionally a two (2) year extender was granted to counties through Home Rule, however in 2017, New York State added an additional year to the extension, making the extension effective for a three (3) year period, and

WHEREAS, the addition of a year on the extension was extremely helpful for fiscal planning in St. Lawrence County and if permanency is not considered, as a part of the review, in 2023, an additional three years would be the request of the County, and

WHEREAS, New York State continues to impose mandates that have financial consequences, which include but are not limited to Medicaid, special education and preschool programming, and retirement costs that places unnecessary strain on county resources, and

WHEREAS, due to the State-imposed financial mandates and the current state of the economy, it is necessary for the County to continue to seek permission to collect the additional 1% tax pursuant to Tax Law § 1210, and

WHEREAS, it is the request of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators that the sales tax rate be extended to provide for the four percent (4%) to be collected,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby requests the New York State Legislature and the New York State Governor adopt legislation to permit Home Rule for St. Lawrence County to extend the sales tax rate, as previously authorized, pursuant to Tax Law § 1210 and Tax Law § 1224 from 3% to 4% be extended for an additional period continuing at least until November 30, 2026, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Dan Stec, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Assemblyman D. Billy Jones, and Assemblyman Robert Smullen.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 73-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Finance Committee: 1-30-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 74-2023

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX CAPITAL RENOVATION PROJECT IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 136-2022 authorized a contract with Beardsley Design Associates to prepare architectural and schematic design along with the bid documents for the anticipated capital renovation project in the Public Safety Complex, and

WHEREAS, the evolution of public safety has continued alter the operational and space needs of County departments that occupy county facilities, and

WHEREAS, the draft of design has been shared and will be reviewed by the Buildings and Grounds Committee and provided to the Board of Legislators at the March Operations Meeting with an overview of the Project, and

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

WHEREAS, in 2022, the ARPA Committee designated \$5M for Capital Projects within County Government, along with grants funding from New York State, this renovation project will be possible at a minimum cost to the County taxpayer,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Public Safety Complex Capital Renovation Project for the work completed on the architectural and schematic design and preparation of the bid documents, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$112,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$112,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199509 90600 T IFT GF Transfer to CP \$112,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG619974 43007 PSC Public Safety Complex Facility \$112,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

T6650319 90100 T IFT CP Transfers from GF \$112,000

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 74-2023, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

RESOLUTION NO. 75-2023

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2 and Mr. Burke, District 12

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

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 369-2019 and Resolution No. 253-2020 authorized the continuance of the current vacancy review process with a recommendation that the vacancies continue to be deliberated at each jurisdictional committee, but one resolution be created for all approved positions to be considered at the Regular Board Meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the fill of each of the following vacancies which have been reviewed and recommended to be filled or created and filled by the Vacancy Review Committee:

<u>Department/Unit:</u>	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Treasurer	Property Tax Enforcement Supervisor	106600001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Treasurer	Deputy County Treasurer-Tax Supervisor	105000001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Treasurer	Tax Collection Technician*	105900002	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Sheriff/Corrections	Clinic Manager*	512800002	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Conflict Defender	Assistant Conflict Defender	021500003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Defender	Assistant Public Defender	021400001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Defender	Assistant Public Defender	021400004	FT	Permanent	Immediate

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Social Services/Medicaid	Senior Social Welfare Examiner	814100013	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/ Medicaid	Social Welfare Examiner	814000042	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Caseworker	815200015	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Keyboard Specialist	003100102	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Keyboard Specialist	003100074	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Chemical Dependency Counselor*	510400018	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Medical Billing Clerk*	004000001	FT	Provisional	Immediate

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 105900001, Tax Collection Technician, will be abolished upon retirement of the employee, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 506500014, Behavioral Health Clinician, and Position No. 100100041, Account Clerk, be abolished in Community Services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED for any positions funded by grants, and the grant goes away, those positions will be abolished, and

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

Mr. Burke moved to adopt Resolution No. 75-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

RESOLUTION NO. 76-2023

REAPPOINTING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HISTORIAN

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, in 2020, St. Lawrence County separated the role of the Director of the Historical Association from the County Historian, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 167-2021, appointed Nancy LaFaver as the St. Lawrence County Historian, and

WHEREAS, the County Historian is collaborating with all the local historians in the County to improve efforts to make local history readily available, and

WHEREAS, the County Historian is working on grant opportunities to provide funding that would assist with efforts to restore, maintain, and improve access to St. Lawrence County history, and

WHEREAS, there are a number of areas that require oversight and the attention of the County Historian,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators reappoints Nancy LaFaver as the St. Lawrence County Historian for the term January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026.

Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 76-2023, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Reagen said he commends County Historian, Nancy LaFaver, on all the hard work she is doing on behalf of the County.

Mr. Denesha said he echoes the sentiment of Legislator Reagen, and said he has heard nothing but praise about Ms. LaFaver from local historians.

Resolution No. 76-2023 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

RESOLUTION NO. 77-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MITEL SOFTWARE ASSURANCE LICENSING AGREEMENT FOR TELEPHONE INFRASTRUCTURE WITH TWINSTATE TECHNOLOGIES FOR 2023

By Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, in 2008, St. Lawrence County awarded a competitive bid for the installation and support of a VOIP phone system to Twinstare Technologies, and

WHEREAS, ongoing licensing costs are incurred from the telephone equipment manufacturer Mitel which have been paid annually since the system was installed, and

WHEREAS, Twinstare Technologies is able to offer the licensing under the Sourcewell Contract, satisfying the competitive process for the cost of \$14,186.27 for the period February 6, 2023 through February 6, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Information Technology Budget has the necessary appropriations to pay for the service (CD016804 42306),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Mitel Software Licensing Agreement for Telephone Infrastructure with Twinstare Technologies for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 77-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 78-2023

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023
AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1; Ms. Haggard, District 10; and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, African Americans have a long and distinguished history in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in the 1750s, Abbe Francois Picquet, a French missionary, invited enslaved colonials who wanted their freedom to flee from the thirteen (13) colonies to come and help build the settlement at Fort La Presentation and fight for France, and

WHEREAS, the architect who designed Fort La Presentation was an enslaved individual as was the midwife who served the community, and

WHEREAS, during the Revolutionary War, African Americans fought with British units like Butler's Rangers and others that were stationed at Fort Oswegatchie where they served with distinction, and

WHEREAS, enslaved individuals were among the first American pioneers who helped carve communities from the wilderness, helping to build what is now the towns and villages of St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, some enslaved individuals fought for their freedom during the Civil War, choosing to settle in St. Lawrence County where they raised families, built businesses, and enjoyed distinguished careers, and

WHEREAS, Isaac Johnson, a civil war veteran who escaped enslavement became a prominent stone mason who started a successful St. Lawrence County business, constructing the Waddington Town Hall, the Chamberlain's Corners bridge, North Country and Canadian churches, and buildings at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, and

WHEREAS, these are just a few instances of the many contributions made by African Americans as business owners, ministers, professors doctors, trades people, and other professions throughout the history of the North Country,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims the month of February 2023 as Black History Month in St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 78-2023, seconded by Ms. Haggard, Mr. Lightfoot, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

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RESOLUTION NO. 79-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS TO PURCHASE
PREVIOUSLY USED IPADS FROM ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, in 2012, as a cost saving measure, St. Lawrence County purchased Apple iPads fourth (4th) generation (Model A1458) for Legislators to reduce the cost of printing agendas and postage associated with weekly mailings for committee and board meeting agendas, and

WHEREAS, in 2017, a new term of the Board of Legislators iPads were replaced with fifth (5th) generation iPads (Model A1822) for Legislators, and

WHEREAS, this has provided ongoing cost savings to the County and in 2022, Dell tablets replaced the iPads for security and updated technology reasons, and

WHEREAS, the iPads have exceeded their useful life for the purposes of county use and current members of the Board have expressed interest in maintaining possession of the iPads and a resolution is required to provide this option to Legislators, and

WHEREAS, Legislators will be authorized to purchase iPads from the County with a value assigned using the disposition procedure for electronic devices that would typically be sent to PaceButler, the contracted vendor for the County for data and device deconstruction, PaceButler provides revenue for devices the County submits and has valued the iPad Model A1822 at \$20,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes Legislators to purchase previously used iPads from St. Lawrence County at a price of \$20 per iPad payable (BO026555 55000) to St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Forsythe moved to adopt Resolution No. 79-2023, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

RESOLUTION NO. 80-2023

SUPPORTING THE REENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF OGDENSBURG

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, the Fort La Presentation Association will hold a reenactment of the Battle of Ogdensburg in Ogdensburg, New York, on February 18-19, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the reenactment will be of a historic battle from February 22, 1813 when British and Canadian Forces crossed the ice-covered St. Lawrence River to confront American Forces in the Town of Ogdensburg, and

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WHEREAS, reenactors from across New York and Canada are invited to come to Ogdensburg to commemorate this important date in the history of Ogdensburg and the role of the north country during the War of 1812, and

WHEREAS, due to a new gun law that took effect in New York State on September 1, 2022, several historical war reenactments have been canceled in upstate New York amid confusion over the law, and

WHEREAS, although there is no specification in the language of the law regarding historical events, it is thought that reenactors' muskets could violate this law, and the law prohibits carrying weapons in "sensitive locations" such as public parks, museums, and sports fields where many reenactments of American battles often take place, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office made a statement that they would work with legislators and local law enforcement to ensure these event can proceed as they have for centuries, but so far there has been no actual bill signed by the Governor to clarify the issue, and

WHEREAS, legal experts say the new regulations have created some murkiness causing reservations of some to perform the reenactments, and for traditions to continue the reenactors need to feel comfortable and willing to participate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports the reenactment of the Battle of Ogdensburg.

Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 80-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Lightfoot, and Ms. Haggard.

Mr. Reagen said last year, in an efforts to strengthen gun control, the Governor and New York State Legislature passed a broad, poorly thought-out resolution which is now having unintended consequences. Many communities across the State of New York hold historic reenactments and are now facing a great deal of uncertainty among the groups who participate in these events as to whether they can legally do so. This resolution is to urge the groups of reenactors to come to Ogdensburg and participate in the reenactment of the Battle of Ogdensburg.

Mr. Fay said Judy Ryan passed away this week. Mrs. Ryan was on the Board of Directors for the Fort de La Presentation and was a member of the Forsythe Rifle group.

Mr. Hull and Ms. Curran asked to be added as a co-sponsors to this resolution.

Ms. Terminelli arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Resolution No. 80-2023 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 81-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH INDIVIOR, INC.
TO PROVIDE SUBLOCADE FOR THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

By Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office established a Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program at the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility under the direction of a specified doctor and nurse practitioner who will be the program sponsors for the Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, expanding Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) across state and local facilities allows incarcerated individuals access to medications and therapies to provide them the opportunity to overcome substance use and lessen the likelihood that they may suffer drug-related overdoses upon their re-entry into society, and

WHEREAS, at this time there are twenty (20) individuals at the jail who are prescribed Sublocade to treat opioid addiction, and the Correctional Facility would like to enter into an agreement with Indivior, Inc. for Sublocade, and

WHEREAS, the contract is for a term of one (1) year, with the opportunity for an additional one (1) year term thereafter,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Indivior, Inc. to provide Sublocade for the Correctional Facility, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 81-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-2023

REAPPOINTING THE ST LAWRENCE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 1 for the Year 1990 created the position of County Administrator for St. Lawrence County, and was amended by Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2011, and calls for the periodic appointment of a County Administrator,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby reappoints Ruth Doyle as County Administrator in accordance with Local Law No. 1 for the Year 1990 to continue to serve from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2027 at a salary of \$167,264.

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Mr. Forsythe moved to adopt Resolution No. 82-2023, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Hull, Mr. Fay, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Webster, Mr. Burke, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle thanked the Board for the kind words expressed earlier, and for the vote that authorizes her third term as County Administrator of St. Lawrence County. She said she is humbled by the recognition, grateful for the trust of the Board, and excited to continue working for the fifteen (15) Legislators and the people of the best County there is.

On February 2nd, funds in the amount of \$810,597 were received from the New York Power Authority (NYPA) to fix roads damaged during their Smart Path Project. An update from NYPA regarding the Smart Path Connect Project will be scheduled.

The required reporting of ARPA Funds was completed by the deadline date of January 31st. The amount of \$20.9M has been committed to various projects.

A photo was taken at the Swearing-In Ceremony of the members of the Board of Legislators and copies are on the desks for Legislators, along with a form to be completed for contributions to the Employee Recognition Fund.

Ms. Doyle said she and Real Property Director, Bruce Green, attend the Town Supervisor meeting to discuss chargebacks related to the Town and County tax bills.

The Chief Medical Officer from OASAS visited Community Services last week and toured the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Clinic.

Image Mate Online was included in the 2023 Budget and the online services will be free of charge, and available beginning next Monday. There is still a subscription version for those who utilize it for business purposes.

The Executive Budget, as presented, will be very impactful to counties with the biggest effect being the Medicaid eFMAP Funds which will have an immediate impact to St. Lawrence County in the amount of \$3.08M annually, which is the equivalent of a 6% increase on taxes. Withholds from 2016-2020 are over \$2M which will be kept and not returned to counties. There was also an increase authorized for assigned council with no funding provided to counties to support this mandate.

Mr. Button said the Executive Budget also proposed changes to the In Rem Tax Foreclosure procedure. A municipality that engages in tax foreclosure and forecloses on a property will be required to set aside any money received from the auction that exceeds the specific tax levied on that property, and return that portion collected to the former tax delinquent property owner. Mr. Reagen requested the County Attorney create a resolution opposing this policy.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Reagen said the Battle of Ogdensburg will be held on February 18th and 19th.

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Mr. Lightfoot said BOCES will have two proposition on their ballot on Wednesday, February 8th. One proposition is for the sale of Whitehill Tower, and the property it sits on, to St. Lawrence County for one dollar (\$1). Mr. Reagen asked the County Administrator to do a press release asking County residents to support this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Curran said she attended the Intercounty Legislative of the Adirondack, and gave a brief update.

Mr. Denesha said the Office for the Aging will host a Seniorama on Monday, July 24th at the Bingo Palace in Massena.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 7:37 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel and appointments, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Fay, and Mr. Hull, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Haggard moved to go to Open Session at 8:17 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

No action was taken on appointments and reappointments.

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Chair Forsythe appointed Legislator Haggard to the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Forsythe adjourned the February Full Board Meeting at 8:18 p.m., as there was no further business.