

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

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present, with the exception of Mr. Forsythe. Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Gennett attended remotely. Mr. Sheridan arrived at 6:29 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Curran moved to approve the March 6, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

The new City of Ogdensburg Manager, Mohideen Buharie, addressed the Board of Legislators.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A resolution was received from Cattaraugus County opposing Governor Hochul's New York Housing Compact Proposal and State Government Override of Local Zoning Laws.
2. Three resolutions were received from Chemung County: (1) Supporting Senate Bill S2048, "Increasing the volunteer firefighters' and ambulance workers' credit"; (2) Supporting Senate Bill S4237, "Omnibus Emergency Services Volunteer Incentive Act"; and (3) Encouraging NYS Senate and Assembly to Support and Enact an Amendment to Repeal Subpart (2) of the Tax Law §606.
3. A resolution was received from Delaware County calling on the Governor of New York State to reconsider Part N of the Article VII Revenue Bill within the 2024 Executive Budget.
4. A resolution was received from Franklin County calling on Governor Hochul to Remove Part M of Article VII Revenue Bills from the 2024 Executive Budget.
5. Two resolutions were received from Greene County: (1) Asking Governor Hochul and the NYS Public Service Commission to dismiss NYSEG's (electric and gas) rate hike request and to correct the billing problem before rate hikes are considered; and (2) Urging action by New York State Legislators to advocate on behalf of SUNY Community Colleges to increase funding to community colleges in the State Budget.
6. Two resolution were received from Madison County: (1) Urging New York State to return Home Rule Authority to localities for the siting of all wind and solar energy systems that was taken away under the accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act and regulations under 94C of the Executive Law; and (2) Opposing waste disposal surcharges and requesting an exemption for planning units.

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7. Five resolutions were received from Sullivan County: (1) Opposing proposed NYS Soil & Water Conservation District Law changes; (2) Opposing Governor Hochul's ban of gas stoves and other new fossil fuel heating equipment; (3) Calling on the Governor and Legislature to support Community Colleges, urging them to develop an equitable county chargeback formula, and urging them to take over the cost of health insurance for Community Colleges as they do for four year SUNY schools; (4) Calling on the State to provide funding to counties and county boards of elections for the costs associated with legislative proposals to hire additional election staff and to provide more flexibility with early voting sites; and (5) Calling for the study and reform of New York State Civil Service System to support local government employee recruitment.
8. An email was received from Mildred Smith of Clifton Fine in regards to implementing a new system for random drug testing.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Mary Skelly of Ogdensburg and Daren Strader.

Mr. Sheridan arrived at 6:29 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 3-13-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice requires that the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office file an annual Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual 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 Sheriff's Office,

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 for the Sheriff's Office for the Year 2022, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 117-2023, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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Operations Committee: 3-13-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 118-2023

DECLARING APRIL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

WHEREAS, the 2023 Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign theme is *Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity*, and focuses on changing ourselves and the systems surrounding us to build equity and respect, and

WHEREAS, systems of oppression such as racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, ageism, and ableism contribute to higher sexual harassment, assault, and abuse rates, and

WHEREAS, often people are unaware of how historical conditions have shaped their lives and how they move throughout the world with many identities they each hold, and drawing connections between themselves, history, and the world around them is necessary for changing the future, and

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

WHEREAS, sexual assault is a serious and widespread problem and St. Lawrence County can highlight sexual violence as a major public health, human rights, and social justice issue and respond to the needs of those most impacted by systemic oppression, and

WHEREAS, drawing the connections between various forms of oppression and the underlying causes of sexual assault is crucial to making real, large-scale, and lasting change in communities, and

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

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

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 118-2023, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 119-2023

DESIGNATING APRIL 2023 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

WHEREAS, the County Fair Housing Task Force will partner with CNY Fair Housing to host a Fair Housing event in April to raise awareness about housing discrimination,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators designates April 2023 as Fair Housing Month, and

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 119-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 120-2023

PROCLAIMING EARTH DAY IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

WHEREAS, April 22, 2023 marks the 53rd anniversary of Earth Day, and since 1970, Earth Day has increased awareness of the planet we live on, pollution, climate change, endangered species, and many other environmental issues, and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims April 22, 2023 to be Earth Day in St. Lawrence County, and

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 120-2023, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 121-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE FOR FARO ZONE EQUIPMENT

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Funds are included in the 2023 Contingency Budget to cover the purchase of a FARO Laser Scanner, laptop, and FARO Zone Software, and it will be necessary to modify the 2023 Budget for the Office of the District Attorney, and

WHEREAS, FARO Zone technology equipment is used is used for collecting evidence at crime scenes, and to capture accurate and complete measurements of buildings and facilities, including school districts, and

WHEREAS, this equipment is useful to provide more specific data that can be used in the judicial process,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for hardware and software related to FARO Zone Equipment, 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 the District Attorney’s Office for FARO Zone Equipment, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	Contingency Account	\$59,799
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

J1011654 25000	J Technical Equipment	\$59,799
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 121-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to modify the resolution to add “Authorizing the Chair to sign contracts” to the title and now, therefore, be it resolved, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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Resolution No. 121-2023 was adopted by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 122-2023

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (HAZMAT) TEAM

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

WHEREAS, HAZMAT services were provided by the Ogdensburg Fire Department, at an annual fee of \$18,000, until the contract ended December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, since then the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services resumed management and response operations of the HAZMAT Team, and immediately began soliciting volunteers to ensure continued response, and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that a budget is be created for the HAZMAT Team to continue operations and ensure adequate response, and

WHEREAS, currently, the HAZMAT Team has forty-four (44) volunteer members and owns and operates two (2) trailers; one for entry purposes and one for decontamination, and

WHEREAS, the trailers are owned by St. Lawrence County and were previously stored in Ogdensburg; Resolution No. 43-2023 authorized a lease of space for the trailers to be stored at the Massena International Airport through December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, as the HAZMAT Team continues to operate and recruit new members, training costs are required for members to attend the initial 80-hour HAZMAT Technician Training normally offered for a fee in Montour Falls, conferences are needed to stay up-to-date on HAZMAT-related topics, and medical courses required to ensure adequate treatment of those exposed to hazardous materials, and

WHEREAS, repair and maintenance of HAZMAT equipment and trailers are anticipated; for example, hydrostatic testing of SCBA cylinders and repairs to damaged HAZMAT trailer items, and when possible the CNY Consortium will assist, and

WHEREAS, replacement and acquisition of HAZMAT equipment is necessary; such as replacement of personal protective equipment (PPE) suits, replacement of portable containment pools, and acquisition of additional tools and devices,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services for the St. Lawrence County Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Team, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700 B SPEC Contingency Account \$20,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X1134102 25000	X HAZMAT Technical Equipment	\$7,500
X1134104 40700	X HAZMAT Bldg and Property Rental	2,500
X1134104 41102	X HAZMAT Educational Workshops	4,000
X1134104 42200	X HAZMAT I/D Equipment and Repair	3,000
X1134104 43007	X HAZMAT Other Fees and Services	<u>3,000</u>
		\$20,000

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 122-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 123-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE
FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT RELATED TO THE TURNKEY
MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS SYSTEM**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the County Clerk’s Office is the office of record for all real property, civil, criminal records, and pistol records, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk’s Office is required to reproduce these documents on a regular basis, and is currently using the Info Quick Solutions, Inc. (IQS) Turnkey Management Solution System, which allows these records to be digitized, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 351-2022 was adopted in October 2022 authorizing the purchase; however, the equipment required to operate this system was no completed in the 2022 budget year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the County Clerk’s Office for the purchase of equipment related to the Turnkey Management Solutions System, as follows:

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DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300 Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated \$15,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300 Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated \$15,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

K1114102 22001 K CC Computer Hardware \$15,000

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 123-2023, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

Operations Committee: 3-13-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE
FOR THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, to provide better service to the community, improve appearance, and become ADA compliant, the County Clerk’s Office is in need of a new office layout, and

WHEREAS, at this time the County Clerk’s Office is only capable of serving two to three customers at the front counter at one time, and would like to increase that number to five to six at one time, and

WHEREAS, the current configuration is easily responsive for compliance under ADA, customer service oriented, or a conducive work space for employees, and

WHEREAS, a competitive process was undertaken with at least two vendors having the option to review the space and provide quotes for the materials and work to reconfigure the space,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 budget for the County Clerk’s Office for the purchase of office furniture, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700 B SPEC Contingency Account \$78,864

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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

K1114102 21000	K Furniture & Furnishings	\$78,864
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 124-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

Services Committee: 3-20-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 125-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR
THE IMPAIRED DRIVER PROGRAM (IDP) SERVICE FOR THE
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicle oversees the Impaired Driver Programs under Article 21 and Article 31 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Community Services Special Programs and the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles have been providing the Impaired Driver Program (IDP) in St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement serves to better communicate and more clearly define the role and responsibilities of the IDP to Program Participants and to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement, and any other documents necessary to carry out the terms of the Program, for the Impaired Driver Program (IDP) Service for the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 125-2023, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 126-2023

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING FOR AN EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR THE CANTON NUTRITION CENTER

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Canton Nutrition Center prepares and delivers an average of 2,800 meals to the Canton, DeKalb, and Rensselaer Falls areas on a monthly basis, and

WHEREAS, the commercial stove at the Canton Nutrition Center needs to be replaced due to its current working condition and age, and

WHEREAS, quotes were gathered to ensure a competitive process for purchase, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging will purchase one (1) ten burner electric range to meet the needs of its local senior population at the Canton Nutrition Site, and

WHEREAS, the stove will be located at the Canton Housing Authority, 37 Riverside Drive, Canton and remain the property of the County regardless of its location,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Office for the Aging for an equipment purchase for the Canton Nutrition Center, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

ON067722 26000	O NUTR Other Equipment	\$12,587
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$12,587
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 126-2023, seconded by Mr. Fay.

Mr. Sheridan left the meeting at 6:41 p.m., due to technical difficulties.

Resolution No. 126-2023 carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

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RESOLUTION NO. 127-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NYSACHO) FOR EDUCATION AND MARKETING OF HEATING AND COOLING CENTERS THROUGH THE CLIMATE & HEALTH ADAPTION PROJECT AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the mission of the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) is to support and empower Local Health Departments (LHDs) in their work to promote health and wellness, and

WHEREAS, NYSACHO, with the support of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has awarded the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department funding to provide support as they work to address and prevent health impacts, and

WHEREAS, this funding will allow for education and advertisement of cooling and warming centers across St. Lawrence County, which are meant to offer relief to community members in need of relief from extreme temperatures, and

WHEREAS, the terms of this agreement will be from April 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023 in the amount of \$3,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) to accept funding for education and marketing of heating and cooling centers through the Climate & Health Adaption Project, 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 the Public Health Department to accept funding, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040104 41901	P PREV Central Printing	\$750
PP040104 41902	P PREV Commercial Printing	750
PP040104 43005	P PREV Advertising Fees & Expense	<u>1,500</u>
		\$3,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

PP034015 56000	P SA Public Health Prevent & Clinic	\$3,000
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 127-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

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RESOLUTION NO. 128-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH
SEAWAY VALLEY PREVENTION COUNCIL FOR THE NEW YORK STATE
PUBLIC HEALTH CORPS (NYSPHC) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH), through a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sponsored cooperative agreement for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) has awarded funding to local health departments (LHDs) for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, and this grant has an end date of June 30, 2024, and

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

WHEREAS, this program will help build public health capacity to support COVID-19 response operations and increase preparedness for future public health emergencies, and provide support for coordination and maintenance of the program, and

WHEREAS, Public Health will place up to two (2) fellows with the Seaway Valley Prevention Council, and will provide the program oversight, technology equipment, and supplies needed from grant funding while the fellows employment relationship will remain with the State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with Seaway Valley Prevention Council for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 128-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

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RESOLUTION NO. 129-2023

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO) CERTIFICATION IN INFECTION CONTROL (CIC) SCHOLARSHIP

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Department is dedicated to protecting the health of the community by controlling the spread of disease, and the Department works towards this goal through communicable disease investigations with one-on-one interviews with patients, as well as a supportive role for Infection Preventionists in various healthcare settings, and

WHEREAS, the Department has appropriate staff trained in communicable disease investigations; however, no staff have achieved a Certification in Infection Control, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has been awarded a National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) Certification in Infection Control (CIC) Scholarship for the pursuit of CIC from the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc., and

WHEREAS, reimbursable expenses from this scholarship include registration for the exam, reference books, study materials, practice exam fees, membership fees for the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), and registration and associated travel costs for trainings or courses to prepare for the exam, and

WHEREAS, reimbursement may be requested for expenses incurred from March 2, 2023 to June 30, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Public Health Department to accept a National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) Certification in Infection Control (CIC) Scholarship, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040104 41102	P PREV Educational Workshops	\$600
PP040104 42600	P PREV Books & Periodicals	300
PP040104 42700	P PREV Memberships & Dues	500
PP040104 43007	P PREV Other Fees & Services	800
PP040104 44000	P PREV I/D Automotive Expenses	100

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PP040104 44100	P PREV I/D Fuel Charges	100
PP040104 44500	P PREV Other Travel Reimbursement	<u>100</u>
		\$2,500

INCREASE REVENUE:

PP016895 55000	P LR Preventative Services OTH	\$2,500
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 129-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

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RESOLUTION NO. 130-2023

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

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the following rates for Related Services for the Pre-School Special Education Program for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024:

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

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Orientation & Mobility	\$66
Parent Training	\$64
School Health Services/Nurse	\$55
School Social Work	\$64
Coordination 2 or more related services	\$64
Assisted Technology Service	\$54
Nutritional Services Home Visit	\$60

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 130-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

Services Committee: 3-20-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES
FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN
THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

WHEREAS, the contracts cover the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024,

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

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 131-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

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Services Committee: 3-20-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2023

PROCLAIMING APRIL 3rd - 9th, 2023 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is observing the 28th National Public Health Week April 3rd – 9th, 2023, and becoming part of a growing movement to create the healthiest nation in one generation, and

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

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

WHEREAS, the theme this year is “Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health” and feeling the sense of belonging, being a part of a community, and fostering cultural connections supports health and the quality of life, and

WHEREAS, during this week community, violence prevention, reproductive and sexual health, mental health, rural health, accessibility, and food and nutrition will be celebrated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims April 3rd - 9th, 2023 as National Public Health Week.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 132-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

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Finance Committee: 3-27-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 133-2023

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FROM NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FOR DAMAGES CAUSED TO COUNTY ROUTE 23 DURING THE SMART PATH PROJECT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, County Route 23, in the towns of Edwards and Pitcairn, sustained significant damage as a result of traffic assignable to the New York Power Authority (NYPA) Smart Path Project, and

WHEREAS, NYPA agreed to reimburse the County for the damages, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways received payment from NYPA in the amount of \$810,597 to repair the damages,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Department of Highways from New York Power Authority for funding received for damages caused to County Route 23 during the Smart Path Project, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

HM026905 55000	H Other Compensation for Loss	\$810,597
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM151104 454PM H29	H H29 Paving Materials	\$350,597
HM151104 454PM H30	H H30 Paving Materials	<u>460,000</u>
		\$810,597

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 133-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Terminelli), and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

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RESOLUTION NO. 134-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH J.E. SHEEHAN CONTRACTING CORPORATION FOR REHABILITATION OF SKATE CREEK ROAD BRIDGE OVER OSWEGATCHIE RIVER, BIN 3340930, TOWN OF FINE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects in the 2023 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for the rehabilitation of Skate Creek Road Bridge over the Oswegatchie River, BIN 3340930, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators does hereby approve the following contract to:

Contractor:	J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation
Contract Title:	Skate Creek Rd Bridge over Oswegatchie River, BIN 3340930, Town of Fine
Contract Amount:	Not to Exceed \$238,000 HM551124 465CO B26

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

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 134-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Perkins), and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

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RESOLUTION NO. 135-2023

**APPROVING FEDERAL AID LOCAL PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT
FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR LAZY RIVER ROAD BRIDGE OVER
GRASSE RIVER, PIN 7753.32, BIN 3341820**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore

WHEREAS, a project for Right-of-Way Acquisition (ROW) for Lazy River Road bridge over Grasse River, PIN 775332, BIN 3341820 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of eighty percent (80%) federal funds, fifteen percent (15%) State “Marchiselli” funds and five percent (5%) local match, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators desires to advance the above project by making a commitment of one-hundred percent (100%) of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of the Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves Federal Aid Local Project Supplemental Agreement for Right-of-Way Acquisition for Lazy River Road Bridge over Grasse River, PIN 7753.32, BIN 3341820, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Treasurer to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition for the Project of portions thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$2,940 (HM651204 465CO 2101) is hereby appropriated from the Board of Legislators and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for available Federal Aid and/or State “Marchiselli” Aid on behalf of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality’s

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first instance funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid eligible projects costs and all project costs with appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

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

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 135-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

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RESOLUTION NO. 136-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE TO ACCEPT
REAL PROPERTY OBTAINED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK
RELATIVE TO THE LAZY RIVER ROAD OVER GRASSE RIVER BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PIN 7753.32, BIN 3341820**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence has a project for the bridge replacement (BIN 3341820) on Lazy River Road in the Town of Russell, St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, this project requires acquisition of real property and St. Lawrence County requests New York State Department of Transportation acquire the necessary lands as shown on attached Map 1, Parcel 1; Map 2, Parcel 2; Map 3, Parcel 3 and Map 4, Parcel 4, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence owns and maintains the affected portion of Lazy River Road, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has requested that the County agree to accept the real property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon completion of the Lazy River Road over Grasse River Bridge Project, the County of St. Lawrence is hereby authorized to accept the real property acquired by the State of New York for the project, as described herein, and agrees to accept all responsibility, maintenance and jurisdiction of said property, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair is to enter into agreements or any other documents to carry out the intent of this Resolution, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

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

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 136-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

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RESOLUTION NO. 137-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, D.P.C., FOR DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING FOR PROPOSED MULTI-USE TRAIL SEGMENT FROM MORGAN ROAD TO PICKETVILLE ROAD

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved Resolution No. 193-2017 which amended the existing the Local Law to approve all-terrain vehicle operation on certain public lands and County Roads, and

WHEREAS, these Local Laws took effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State and satisfactory completion of Appendix A as included in the FGIS for the Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, a new trail segment from Morgan Road to Picketville Road in the Towns of Parishville and Colton will be added to the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved Resolution No. 383-2022 which authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. to prepare Appendix A for this new trail segment, and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C., has agreed to complete the design and environmental permitting for the proposed trail segment for a fee not to exceed \$25,000 (BF079894 43007 TRAIL),

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary contracts and documents with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. to complete the design and environmental permitting for the proposed trail segment, upon approval by the County Attorney.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 137-2023, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Sheridan).

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RESOLUTION NO. 138-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A ST. LAWRENCE RIVER VALLEY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT FUND APPLICATION FOR THE MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, funds are available through the St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (“RVRDA”) and Community Development & Environmental Improvement (“CD/EI”) Fund for costs associated with projects related to the advancement of community development, environmental improvement, and employment activities, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County continues to make improvements to the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail and seeks to submit an RVRDA/CD/EI grant application requesting \$25,000 for the purpose of further developing the Trail, and

WHEREAS, applicants are required to pay a \$100 nonrefundable application fee and in addition provide a local match of ten percent (10%) of which at least one-half must be new cash provided by the applicant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency & Community Development & Environmental Improvement Fund Application for the Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Sheridan returned to the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 138-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 139-2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (“NYSDEC”) REGARDING THE SOUTH
COLTON CONSERVATION EASEMENT RECREATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, a primary economic development initiative for St Lawrence County is a multi-use trail system that seeks to increase tourism, increase traffic for businesses in the County and improve access for a multitude of recreational activities, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislature, and applicable townships support this initiative and have worked collaboratively toward the project’s timely completion, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has completed a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“GEIS”) resulting in the completion of a positive declaration for a corridor specific Multi-Use Trail System as minimally discussed within the Plan(s), and

WHEREAS, recreation on the South Colton Easement is important to the residents of the County and tourism including activities such as hunting, fishing, trapping, recreational vehicle use, snowmobiling, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, dog sledding and nature viewing, and

WHEREAS, Board of Legislators views access, including motorized access to this Easement, as a critical connection from Morgan Road to Picketville Road to include private land and Park Forestry South Colton Easement as part of the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators views this access as critical to the participation of a greater variety of user groups in outdoor activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes County officials/representatives to submit comments and recommendations to the NYS DEC, with copies to other appropriate parties, pertaining to the development of a Recreation

Management Plan by the NYS DEC with inclusion of motorized access on the Multi-Use Trail for the South Colton Conservation Easement.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 139-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 140-2023

MODIFYING THE PY22 WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) BUDGET TO TRANSFER FORMULA FUNDS FROM DISLOCATED WORKER ACCOUNTS TO ADULT ACCOUNTS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Notice of Authorization PY22-3 was issued with the remaining allocation of funding for Program Year 2022 WIOA Title IB Adult and Dislocated Worker programs, and

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

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

WHEREAS, WIOA Section 683.130 grants Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) the authority to transfer one-hundred percent (100%) of a program year allocations between the Adult and Dislocated Worker programs, and

WHEREAS, the LWDB authorized, by Resolution Number 23-A11-02, the transfer of funds from the Dislocated Worker to Adult,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the PY22 WIOA Budget to transfer formula funds from dislocated worker accounts to adult accounts, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UA262924 461TU TRAN Adult Training Tuition Fees \$125,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UE262911 11000	Disc Core Direct Service Worker	\$7,004
UE262911 12000	Disc Core Supervisory/Administration	6,437
UE262911 14000	Disc Core Clerical	4,598
UE262911 19501	Disc Core Longevity Pay	124
UE262911 19550	Health Insurance Buyout	185
UE262914 40700	Disc Core Rent Building & Prop	1,000
UE262914 4300P	Operator	1,000
UE262914 430WI	WIB Expenses	5,000

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UE262914 47800	Disc Core DP Charges	5,000
UE262918 81000	Disc Core Retirement	2,702
UE262918 83000	Disc Core Social Security	1,708
UE262918 84000	Disc Core Workmen Compensation	577
UE262918 84500	Disc Core Group Life Insurance	36
UE262918 86000	Disc Core Hospital & Medical I	5,488
UE262918 86500	Disc Core Dental Insurance	216
UE262918 89000	U Vision Insurance	85
UE262924 461OJ	Disc Tng OJT Employer Reimbursement	31,000
UE262924 461PM	Participant Travel	340
UE262924 461TU	Disc Tng Tuition Fees	<u>52,500</u>
		\$125,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

UA247905 57000 TRAN	U FA Adult Training	\$125,000
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DECREASE REVENUE:

UE247905 57000	Dislocated Worker Revenue	\$125,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future years until fully expended.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 140-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 141-2023

SETTING THE ALLOCATION ALGORITHM FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION PLAN PARTICIPANTS FOR 2024, 2025, AND 2026

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County established a Workers' Compensation Plan for county, city, town and village employees by Local Laws 1 and 2 of 1956, and

WHEREAS, Local Law 3 of 1993 provides that the apportionment algorithm shall be established for three (3) years, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators last set the apportionment formula in 2020 by Resolution No. 121-2020, and

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WHEREAS, for the past fifteen (15) years the St. Lawrence County Workers' Compensation Plan has used an algorithm which, in whole or part, uses a three (3) year average of experience as percentages of the allocation, which is currently one-hundred percent (100%) experience and actuarial based, and

WHEREAS, an allocation formula using risk and experience based rating places emphasis on safety in the work place, and

WHEREAS, an allocation formula in which the non-real property factor is based on the plan participants' payroll, employees' job risk categories and experience results in apportioning costs in a manner more closely related to factors generating risk that are in control of the participants,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators sets the allocation algorithm for Worker's Compensation Plan Participants for 2024, 2025, and 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026, the allocation formula shall be one-hundred percent (100%) risk-payroll experience, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the risk-payroll-experience amount shall be calculated as follows: Payroll, excluding payroll for paid firefighters and fire drivers, for each participant shall be aggregated into \$100 units by New York Compensation Insurance Rating Board (NYCIRB) promulgated class code rates then in effect, and the resulting amount shall be adjusted by an experience modifier, which shall be calculated in accordance with generally accepted underwriting principles and, as approved by the County Attorney and the payroll attributable to a participant's paid firefighters, and paid fire drivers and the per capita charges for volunteer firefighters and volunteer rescue squad members shall not be attributed to all plan participants on a pro rate share for purposes of calculating the allocation of cost under this algorithm, and such attribution shall not change or affect the employment relationship of paid personnel of the status of the relation of volunteers to the respective municipal participants, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the year-over-year loss development experience may be either a paid or incurred basis, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan Administrator may take appropriate steps to execute the directives and intent of this resolution and consistent with any other State law or local law or resolution of the Board of Legislators.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 141-2023, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 142-2023

**AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WALMART, WALGREENS, CVS AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
WITH RESPECT TO AN ACTION RELATING TO THE OPIOID CRISIS**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in 2017, St. Lawrence County, through its law firm Simmons, Hanly, Conroy, P.C. joined a class action lawsuit with numerous other municipal entities against Pharmaceutical companies, drug manufacturers and distributors, which included Purdue Pharma, and

WHEREAS, Purdue Pharma, Abbott Laboratories, Johnson & Johnson (also known as “Janssen”), McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., as well as others, were alleged to have created damages as a result of the usage and prescription of Oxycontin to the general public, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has already reached terms of an agreement with manufacturer Purdue Pharma, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the settlement reached with Purdue Pharma, St. Lawrence County has already reached terms of an agreement with manufacturer Johnson & Johnson (also known as “Janssen”), McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, PSS World Medical, Inc., Kinray, LLC, Belco Drug Corporation, and American Medical Distributors, Inc. (the “Distributors”), Teva Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., and Allergan Finance, LLC, and

WHEREAS, there is pending the matter of County of Suffolk v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., under Index No. 400001/2017 in the Supreme Court, Suffolk County, regarding the opioid addiction crisis, in which the County of St. Lawrence is a named plaintiff in the Action (the “Action”), and

WHEREAS, the Action is against several defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids, and chain pharmacies, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence now has the ability to opt-in to settlements with three additional distributors: Walgreens, Walmart, and CVS, and

WHEREAS, Walgreens has agreed to pay to all plaintiffs approximately \$5.7 billion over 15 years, beginning March 31, 2023, and ending December 31, 2036, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of payments that the County of St. Lawrence would receive from Walgreens over the fifteen year period would equal \$313,393.54, and

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WHEREAS, CVS has agreed to pay all plaintiffs approximately \$5 billion over ten years, beginning June 30, 2023 and ending June 30, 2032, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of payments that the County of St. Lawrence would receive from CVS over the ten year period would equal \$291,935.55, and

WHEREAS, Walmart has agreed to pay approximately \$3 billion over six years from July 15, 2023, to July 15, 2028, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of payments that the County of St. Lawrence would receive from Walmart over the six year period would equal \$184,545.75, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York, Nassau County, and Suffolk County are signatories to the Walgreens-Walmart-CVS NY Agreement, and

WHEREAS, now most other political subdivisions in the State (including the City of New York) have an opportunity to become a party to the Walgreens-Walmart-CVS NY Agreement by executing the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form and the Sharing Agreements, and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the proposed settlement, and assuming all incentives are met, St. Lawrence County will receive a total of \$690,226.94, with a portion of this money coming from the “Global” fund (consistent with the national global settlement amount), and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of St. Lawrence to resolve this matter with respect to Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS without further litigation and enter into the proposed Agreement as it shall settle all allegations against these three defendants and avoid protracted litigation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the execution and delivery on behalf of and in the name of the St. Lawrence County by the Chair, or his designee, of the proposed Agreement is hereby authorized, and the Chair, or his designee, is hereby authorized, to execute the proposed Agreement in a form substantially similar thereto and execute such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement with Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS, subject to County Attorney approval.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 142-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 143-2023

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS SUPPORTS A REQUEST BY THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG AND SUPPORTS SENATE BILL S4810 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A5276 THAT ALLOWS FOR THE TAXATION OF STATE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Hull, District 8; Mr. Webster, District 11; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, over sixty percent (60%) of the value of real estate in the City of Ogdensburg is exempt from taxation, and

WHEREAS, the single largest tax-exempt land holder in the City of Ogdensburg is the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York owns thirty percent (30%) (See Attachment A and Map) of the land area in the City of Ogdensburg, and

WHEREAS, the assessed value of New York State's holdings is over \$200,000,000, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York owns over fifty percent (50%) of all the St. Lawrence River waterfront lands in the City of Ogdensburg, and

WHEREAS, these tax exemptions severely hamper the ability of the City to provide governmental services, including public safety, without exceeding its constitutional taxing limit or raising local real property taxes in a city that already has one of the highest combined tax rates in New York State, and

WHEREAS, these exemptions for New York State owned properties exceed \$8,200,000 in lost revenue to the city, county and school district, and multi-millions of more dollars in lost revenue each year due to their underutilized, blighted, and deteriorating conditions, and the fact that they comprise over fifty percent (50%) of the city's valuable St. Lawrence River waterfront, hampering future private sector growth and development, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York makes PILOT payments to other municipalities in the State in recognition of their tax-exempt status, including Albany, New York which receives over \$22 million annually in PILOT payments from the State of New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports and a request by the City of Ogdensburg and requests favorable consideration of Senate Bill S4810 and Assembly Bill A5276 during the 2023 Legislative Session, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these PILOT payments will be earmarked for public safety and other governmental functions in the City of Ogdensburg, services which are presently provided free to the State of New York at local taxpayer expense, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent via certified mail to Governor Kathy Hochul, State Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Scott Gray, New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, New York State Senate Minority Leader Robert G. Ort, New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, New York State Assembly Minority Leader William A. Barclay, New York State Senate Local Government Chair Monica R. Martinez, New York State Assembly Real Property Taxation Chair Jaime R. Williams, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, and the New York State Prison Redevelopment Commission.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 143-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Terminelli), and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 144-2023

COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE TOWN OF NORFOLK

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Burke, District 12

WHEREAS, in the year 2023, the Town of Norfolk, New York, celebrates its Bicentennial, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the Town of Norfolk on the occasion of this special milestone and to applaud its distinguished history, and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 1823, the Town of Norfolk was officially formed when land was divided from Louisville making a separate township in excess of 35,000 acres, and

WHEREAS, the first town meeting was held on May 5, 1823, and a town supervisor, Christopher Stowe, was elected and soon made his first report to the County Board stating that Norfolk had 108 taxable inhabitants with a town tax of \$248.70, and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk Village Post Office was opened on May 22, 1823, with Phineas Atwater as its first post master, and mail was brought to Norfolk from Potsdam by a courier who traveled on horseback or on foot, and

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WHEREAS, the first saw mill was built in 1824 by Oral Bradly, the Phoenix Iron Company was formed in 1825, and the following year, Phoenix furnace was constructed on the north bank of the Raquette River with the furnace being lined with sandstone from Potsdam and Hopkinton, using bog ore from swampy lands in Norfolk to produce pig iron, and

WHEREAS, the County holds in high regard the Norfolk community and pays tribute to the residents of Norfolk who bravely served in wars and conflicts faced by this nation, and to all who have served on the town board, committees, and all who have contributed to its success, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the rich history of the Town of Norfolk and enduring contributions, it is indeed an honor to pay tribute to the Town upon the occasion of its Bicentennial,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators commemorates the Bicentennial of the Town of Norfolk, and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators sends along high regards to past and current residents on this momentous occasion, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Norfolk.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 144-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 145-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS APPROPRIATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT AND INSTALLATION PROJECTS AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Hull, District 8; Mr. Fay, District 9; Mr. Burke, District 12; and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

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 Broadband Development and Installation projects across the County, and

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WHEREAS, after a thorough request for proposals (RFP) process, sixteen (16) projects from two (2) internet service providers have been selected to move forward with the funds available, with the potential to provide high speed internet service to approximately 610 additional residences in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, while the sixteen (16) projects total \$2,937,515 of County investment, all \$3,000,000 of the dedicated ARPA funding will be appropriated as the County continues to search for additional funding sources to complete the four (4) remaining unfunded potential projects proposed by internet service providers from the RFP,

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 Broadband Development and Installation projects, as follows:

- SLIC Fiber - Lot 7, Colton, Town of: \$91,408;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 13, Norfolk, Town of: \$123,520;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 8, Colton, Town of: \$109,199;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 21, Waddington, Town of: \$67,081;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 12, Lisbon & Madrid, Towns of: \$323,370;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 20, Stockholm, Town of: \$267,787;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 1, Brasher, Town of: \$59,713.07;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 19, Potsdam, Town of: \$327,048;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 16, Oswegatchie, Town of: \$25,724;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 14, Oswegatchie, Town of: \$323,926;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 11, Lawrence & Hopkinton, Towns of: \$212,943;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 4, Canton, Town of: \$406,071;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 5, Canton & Russell, Towns of: \$203,345;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 3, Canton, Town of: \$209,143;
- SLIC Fiber - Lot 15, Oswegatchie, Town of: \$76,074;
- Adirondack Techs - Lot 9, Fine, Town of: \$111,163, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if it is determined that any of the projects above become unfeasible within the terms and conditions of the contracts, or within the timelines set forth by the U.S. Treasury Final Rule, the County Administrator will update the Board and the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign additional contracts replacing the applicable contracts listed above with the internet service provider(s) with the next highest scoring proposal, as determined from the RFP process, and within the appropriations set forth in this Resolution, and

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

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INCREASE REVENUE:

B1987804 46500 ARP5 B ARP 5.19 Revenue Broadband \$3,000,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1987804 46500 ARP5 B ARP 5.19 Broadband Improvement \$3,000,000

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.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 145-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 146-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
FOR THE UPGRADE OF ELECTRONIC WORK ORDER SOFTWARE
TO INCLUDE A SMART PHONE APPLICATION**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Buildings and Grounds currently uses software called MPulse Electronic Work Order Software that provides the ability to request, organize, track, and distribute maintenance work, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to better utilize the MPulse software and add efficiency, the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent is recommending the addition of a smart phone application compatible with the current work order system to be added to county owned devices for \$3,000, and

WHEREAS, the MPulse mobile application would be installed on county owned cell phones utilized by maintenance and custodial workers and will enable staff to receive their work assignments instantaneously, update maintenance records on equipment, and enhance communication, and

WHEREAS, the mobile application will provide an added level of confidence in records management and provide staff with the ability to add detailed notes, correspond with the requester, and add additional work that may have been unforeseen at original submission, and

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WHEREAS, the application contains a time recording function which will record the amount of time taken to complete a task that will assist with documenting labor for generating invoices and back up for reimbursements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for the upgrade of electronic work order software for the purchase of a smart phone application:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$3,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG016204 42004	BLDG Computer Software	\$3,000
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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 146-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

Finance Committee: 3-27-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR HEATING AND COOLING WATER SYSTEM TREATMENT AND LEGIONELLA PREVENTION PROGRAM SERVICES FOR COUNTY BUILDINGS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, periodic treatment and testing is performed to satisfy the requirements of the New York State Department of Health and the Legionella Prevention Program for County Office Buildings, and furthermore, scale and corrosion inhibitor treatments are necessary to maximize the functionality and service life of the County's heating and cooling equipment, and

WHEREAS, Buildings and Grounds currently holds a contract with M.I.S. of America (Dated January 7, 2022) for services associated with heating and cooling water system treatment and Legionella Prevention Program for County Office Buildings, and

WHEREAS, quotes were solicited and M.I.S. of America continues to provide the lowest cost and best value for the services, and

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WHEREAS, the term of the contract is for three (3) years from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025, for monthly on-site testing, use of M.I.S. of America Equipment, and associated media and chemicals used for testing and treatment at a cost of \$1,361.25 per month (BG016204 42202),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with M.I.S. of America for heating and cooling system water treatment and Legionella Prevention Program services for County Buildings, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 147-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

Finance Committee: 3-27-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2023

**CELEBRATING APRIL AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
AND COMMEMORATING A MILESTONE BIRTHDAY OF AN ORIGINAL
MEMBER OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3;
Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Fay, District 9;
Ms. Haggard, District 10; and Mr. Burke, District 12

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence was established on March 3, 1802, and at that time included the Towns of Lisbon, Madrid, Massena, and Oswegatchie, and

WHEREAS, a celebration was held in 2022 commemorating the 220th Anniversary of the incorporation of St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is the largest county in geographical size in New York State, and

WHEREAS, the nation's 3006 counties, serving more than 330 million Americans provide essential services to create and maintain safe, healthy, and vibrant communities, and

WHEREAS, counties provide health services, administer justice, keep communities safe, foster economic opportunities, and deliver many other services to the people of the County every day, and

WHEREAS, in 1974, St. Lawrence County transitioned from a Board of Supervisors to a Board of Legislators, and

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WHEREAS, of the original founding members of the Board of Legislators, one individual from the, then District 15, Ernest J. LaBaff, served from 1974 through 1985 celebrates a milestone 90th birthday on April 22nd this year, and

WHEREAS, the dedication of Mr. LaBaff and his colleagues on the original Board of Legislators set into motion changes that helped St. Lawrence County Government become what it is today,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators celebrates April as National County Government Month, and encourages all county officials, employees, schools, and residents to participate in county government celebration activities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Lawrence County commemorates the milestone 90th birthday of Ernest J LaBaff on April 22nd, an original member of the 1974 Board of Legislators.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 148-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 149-2023

**AUTHORIZING SALARY MATRIX CHANGES FOR
CSEA GRADE 7 FOR 2023 AND 2024**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, there is a Collective Bargaining Agreement between St. Lawrence County and Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000 (CSEA), effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Nutrition Services Aide is the only title designated as a Grade 7, and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the salary for CSEA Base Step for Grade 7 is \$25,095/annually which equals \$13.788 per hour based on the established seven (7) hour work day, and

WHEREAS, effective December 31, 2022 through 2023 for St. Lawrence County, the New York State Minimum Wage hourly rate, is \$14.20 per hour, and

WHEREAS, the annual minimum wage increases for the region in NYS will continue to increase until the hourly rate reaches \$15.00 per hour, and

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WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2021, the NYS minimum wage for fast food workers is \$15.00 per hour, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the NYS Minimum Wage Law does not apply to public employers, however employees of St. Lawrence County are covered by the Federal Minimum Wage which is currently \$7.25 per hour, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has experienced continuous difficulty with recruitment and retention of Nutrition Services Aides due to competition with higher paying competing employers, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County and CSEA agree that changing the Grade 7 wage scale to reflect more competitive wages would be mutually beneficial for the employees and the County, and

WHEREAS, recommended changes to the CSEA Grade 7 salary matrix would cost approximately \$35,000 for the full 2023 calendar year, and the 2023 CSEA Grade 7 salary matrix would be as follows:

	Base	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
Current	\$25,095	\$25,474	\$25,857	\$26,228	\$26,610	\$27,031	\$27,454	\$27,877	\$28,298	\$28,769	\$29,241
New											
Annual	\$27,300	\$27,709	\$28,125	\$28,546	\$28,975	\$29,409	\$29,850	\$30,298	\$30,753	\$31,214	\$31,682
New											
Hourly	\$15.0000	\$15.2250	\$15.4534	\$15.6852	\$15.9205	\$16.1593	\$16.4016	\$16.6477	\$16.8974	\$17.1508	\$17.4081

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County recommends employees be placed on the same step, on the recommended Grade 7 salary matrix, as they currently hold, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County recommends changing the 2024 CSEA Grade 7 salary matrix by the negotiated percent increase of 2.75% (pursuant to CSEA Contract Article XVIII Administration of the Salary Plan Section 5) above the 2023 recommended Grade 7 salary matrix,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes Salary Matrix Changes for CSEA Grade 7 for 2023 and 2024, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with CSEA will be executed to put into effect the recommendations as set forth in this resolution with an effective date of the beginning of the next full pay period after the date the MOA is signed.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 149-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 150-2023

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3 and Ms. Curran, District 13

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, and

WHEREAS, the Vacancy Review Committee reviewed seven (7) positions, of those reviewed six (6) were existing positions, and one (1) was a new positions in four (4) departments,

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

Department/Unit:	Title:	Position	Type	Duration	Timeline
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000027	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Public Health Specialist	504300008	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Legal	Legal Secretary	005300003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Child Support	Principal Account Clerk	100300001	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services/TA/Snap	Social Welfare Examiner	814000038	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Medicaid	Social Welfare Examiner	814000020	FT	Contingent	Immediate

*new position

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

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

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 150-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 151-2023

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

By Mr. Hull, District 8

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

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect continue to pose serious threats to our nation’s children, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 151-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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RESOLUTION NO. 152-2023 (FAILED)

**URGING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE ADOPT THE
LOCAL JOURNALISM SUSTAINABILITY ACT**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, community newspapers have played a vital role in promoting democracy, free speech, and accountability in local government since the founding of the American nation, and

WHEREAS, in this era of declining civic engagement, less participation in local government and rising turmoil in political discourse, the role of local journalism is important to help communities bridge the partisan divides that can paralyze representative government at all levels, and

WHEREAS, technological challenges caused by the rise of the internet, online shopping, and digital advertising have disrupted communities, causing the closure of more than 2,200 local newspapers in the U.S. since 2005, according to the Washington Post, and

WHEREAS, New York’s “Local Journalism Sustainability Act” has been proposed in both the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate to support the essential role local news organizations play in keeping citizens informed about what is happening with their local democracy, and

WHEREAS, the Local Journalism Sustainability Act would provide tax credits to newspaper publishers for local newsroom salaries – fifty percent (50%) the first year, then thirty percent (30%) for the next four (4) years, and the bill would also provide personal income tax credits up to \$250 to encourage readers who subscribe to local news publications, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 proposed state budget already includes \$700 million in film production tax credits through 2034, a \$92.5 million tax credit for New York City musical and theatrical productions through 2025, and \$40 million for the state Council on the Arts, which administers \$100 million in previously allocated funds, and

WHEREAS, locally, North Country Public Radio received more than \$482,000 in government grants in 2020, according to its financial statement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the State Legislature to adopt the Local Journalism Sustainability Act, 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; and Assemblyman Scott Gray.

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Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 152-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and failed by a roll call vote with five (5) yes votes (Fay, Haggard, Webster, Curran, Reagen), nine (9) no votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

Mr. Lightfoot moved that the failed resolution be sent to the representatives listed on the resolution to show there was not support for the Local Journalism Sustainability Act, seconded by Mr. Smithers and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2023

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

By Ms. Curran, District 15

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 81-2014 established the relationship with the RLC and Resolution Nos. 161-2017, 123-2019, and 126-2022 authorized the continuation of their work at varying amounts conscious of the change in caseloads, and

WHEREAS, the RLC has experienced appellate attorneys on staff with extensive criminal and family law appellate expertise, and employs experienced appellate support staff capable of providing high quality appellate representation for up to 60 appeals per year at an annual total cost to St. Lawrence County (IA011704 430AC) of \$180,000 which represents no change in cost from 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the Rural Law Center of New York for the provision of indigent appellate representation from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Lawrence County will pay the Rural Law Center \$180,000 for the provision of appellate services, with payments being made in quarterly installments of \$45,000 with quarterly work reports continuing to be provided to the County Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional appellate work above the sixty (60) appeals will be paid at \$3,500 per additional appeal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract be retroactive to April 1, 2023 upon adoption of the resolution.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 153-2023, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Ms. Doyle said the Unified Command Vehicle and Community Services Mobile Clinic Vehicle were on site tonight for Legislators to tour.

The Department of Social Services created a new unit to combat homelessness and have been working on this over the past two (2) months. To date, twelve (12) individuals have been moved to permanent housing which is about an eighteen percent (18%) reduction in the homeless numbers.

St. Lawrence County is well ahead of the State average regarding safety assessments, and have officially hit one-hundred percent (100%) of the required 122 safety checks required for the month of February in Social Services.

The fiscal position in Social Services has been vacant for over a year. New strategies for this position will be discussed tomorrow at the Vacancy Review Committee.

The Vacancy Review Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss and consider seven (7) positions.

Jeffrey Beri, founder of "No Dogs Left Behind," will attend the Services Committee meeting on April 17th to discuss his operation and answer any questions the Board may have.

Trail permits for the Multi-Use Trails will be available for purchase at partner locations on April 7th and can be bought online beginning April 14th.

Ms. Doyle said staff and interested Legislators will be attending an update from NYPA regarding the Smart Path Project.

Ms. Doyle said she will be away and will not attend the upcoming Operations Committee.

The Sales Tax Extender has not yet been resubmitted as there is not a matching Assembly Bill number. Once the new Bills are introduced, a Special Board Meeting will be held and necessary paperwork sent to the State.

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OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Curran said she would like to remind people to consider being foster parents and to become active in your communities.

Mr. Reagen said the St. Lawrence County IDA has issued their annual report with copies sent to each Legislator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports.

Mr. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 7:24 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Hull moved to go to Open Session at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individual to the **Environmental Management Council (Term to expire: 4/3/2025)**, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe):

Shannon Hurlbut, 867 County Route 39, Chase Mills 13621

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individuals to the **Fire Advisory Board**, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe):

Mark Bradish, 4 Larnard Street, Potsdam 13676 (Replacing Patrick O'Brien)
(Term to expire: 2/28/2025)

Kenneth J. Stull, 308 Monkey Hill Road, Ogdensburg 13669 (Replacing Donald McCarthy)
(Term to expire: 3/6/2026)

Ms. Curran moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **Fire Advisory Board (Terms to expire: 2/28/2026)**, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe):

Robert E. Kerr, Post Office Box 237, Norfolk 13667

John H. LaShomb Sr. 1091 County Route 54, Post Office Box 32, Moira 12957

Christopher Sherwin, Post Office Box 341, 208 Morris Street, Morristown 13664

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Mr. Hull moved to appointment the following individual to the **Community Services Board and Mental Health Subcommittee (Term to expire: 12/31/2026)**, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Burke), and one (1) absent (Forsythe):

Angela Burke, 880 Sykes Road, Canton 13617

Mr. Hull moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **Youth Advisory Board (Youth Representatives) (Terms to Expire: 4/3/2025)**, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Burke), and one (1) absent (Forsythe):

Brook Boice, 72 Perkins Road, Massena 13662

Emalyn Kulp, 38 Gulf Road, Gouverneur 13642

Zoe McLean, 83 Gulf Road, Colton 13625

Mr. Gennett moved to appoint the following individual to the **Workforce Development Board (Term to expire: 3-31-2025)**, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe):

Christopher Coffey, 20 Root Road, Potsdam 13676

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: There were no Chair's Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice Chair Perkins adjourned the April Full Board Meeting at 8:52 p.m., as there was no further business.