

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

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present.

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. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Curran moved to approve the April 3rd Full Board and April 17th Special Board meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2023

RECOGNIZING HAMMOND CENTRAL SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM FOR EXCELLENCE AND OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CAPTURING THE 2023 NYSPHSAA GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

By Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, the Hammond Central School Girls' Basketball Team captured the NYSPHSAA Championship Title by defeating Oxford in a hard fought 61-37 victory, and

WHEREAS, showing no weakness on the court, and the Red Devils had a stellar season playing each game with athleticism, intensity, and the mindset of a championship caliber team finishing their season with a record of 21-1, and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Head Coach Alyssa Crosby and Assistant Coaches John Arquiett, Katina Dillon, and Chet Truskowski, these scholar athletes were able to accomplish this incredible feat, and

WHEREAS, the performance of this team is a testimonial to the dedication, devotion and commitment to a team sport with a desire to succeed, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is extremely proud of the achievement of the team as student athletes for devoting the time and energy and putting forth an unselfish team effort thereby bringing honor and credit to their School, Town, and County, and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Board of Legislators recognizes the exceptional accomplishments of the Hammond Red Devil Girls' Basketball Team and their coaches on the impressive and successful championship season,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the Hammond Central School Girls' Basketball Team for Excellence and Outstanding Achievement in Capturing the 2023 NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Championship.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 155-2023, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, 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.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to the Hammond Central School Girls' Basketball Team for winning the NYSPHSAA Class D Girls' Basketball Championship.

A brief recess was called for a small reception and photos, and the meeting resumed at 6:22 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following communications were read by the Deputy Clerk:

1. A resolution was received from Cattaraugus County opposing Part N of Governor Hochul's Article VII Revenue Bill regarding appraisal of large scale solar and wind projects and urging the Senate and Assembly to reject this proposed legislation.
2. A resolution was received from Franklin County in support of efforts to improve Probation and Alternatives to Incarceration in New York State to protect the public and reduce reliance on prisons, jails, and detentions.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Rebecca Allen of Colton and Maggie McKenna of Potsdam, Director of St. Lawrence County Arts Council.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 4-10-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 156-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ACCEPT
A 2023 STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING
FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office has been awarded program funding in the amount of \$10,610 through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Department, and

WHEREAS, this 2023 SCAAP (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program) provides funding to cover costs related to the Correctional Facility from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to accept a 2023 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program funding from the Bureau of Justice Department, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4Z31502 25000	S SCAAP Technical Equipment	\$8,276
S4Z31504 43007	S SCAAP Other Fees and Services	<u>2,334</u>
		\$10,610

INCREASE REVENUE:

S4Z43895 57000	S SCAAP Federal Aid	\$10,610
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 156-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 4-10-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 157-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR
THE COSTS OF PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE MAT PROGRAM**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the budget has been exceeded for the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program prescription account for 2023, and

WHEREAS, the mandated Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program began, as required, late in 2022 after the 2023 Tentative Budget was established, and

WHEREAS, funds were set aside in targeted contingency to be appropriated if the need arose, and

WHEREAS, there are currently 59 incarcerated individuals, fifty percent (50%) of the population, at the Correctional Facility participating in the MAT Program, and

WHEREAS, the requested budget modification is anticipated to provide sufficient funding for the program at the current levels,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that despite the opposition of the unfunded mandate of the MAT Program in a continued effort, the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for costs of prescriptions for the MAT Program at the jail, as follows:

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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$500,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4743204 45100	S FMH Medical Supplies & Expenses	\$500,000
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 157-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) no votes (Perkins and Webster).

Operations Committee: 4-10-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 158-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR
PRESCRIPTION COSTS AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the prescription account has exceeded the budget for 2023, and

WHEREAS, the average population in the County Correctional Facility in 2022 was 110.57, and thus far in 2023 the jail population is trending up with an average population of 117.38 for the first three months, and

WHEREAS, the challenges of pharmaceutical prices rising, along with not being able to predict the population of the jail and medications that may be needed throughout the year, makes establishing an annual budget difficult,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for prescription costs at the Correctional Facility, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL010104 43007	B LB Other Fees & Services	\$400,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4031504 45100	S JAIL Medical Supplies	\$400,000
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 158-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Fay.

Mr. Lightfoot said the last two resolution cost nearly a million dollar and are another mandated program from the State of New York.

Ms. Curran said the reason the County is paying for these costs of prescriptions is that when someone is arrested and remanded to the County Jail, their Medicaid coverage, which is State funded, is removed and the County has to cover the cost of all medical services.

Resolution No. 158-2023 was carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) no votes (Perkins and Webster).

Operations Committee: 4-10-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 159-2023

**CALLING ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL AND NEW YORK STATE
LAWMAKERS TO REVERSE COURSE AND RESTORE BIOMASS AS AN
IMPORTANT RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE TO STRENGTHEN
THE ECONOMY AND ENCOURAGE LAND STEWARDSHIP AND
RESPONSIBLE FORESTRY PRACTICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Denesha, District 6;
Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Mr. Hull, District 8

WHEREAS, the cogeneration plant located on Fort Drum has provided an estimated three hundred (300) jobs across Northern New York to loggers, truck drivers, landowners, saw mill operators and others involved in the forest products industry, and

WHEREAS, due to the failure to recognize the benefits of biomass and forestry industry of the Empire State by Governor Hochul, the Public Service Commission, and leadership of the New York State Senate and Assembly, the plant is being forced to close, and

WHEREAS, the closure will cut off Fort Drum and the 10th Mountain Division, the largest single site employer in New York, from a reliable on-post electrical generating plant that supplies one-hundred percent (100%) of its energy needs, and

WHEREAS, closing the plant will make Fort Drum dependent on less secure energy sources that could be jeopardized by cyber-attacks, sabotage, natural disasters, and major weather events, and

WHEREAS, the loss of three-hundred direct and indirect forestry industry jobs will impact eighty (80) North Country businesses and cost the region an estimated \$25 million that will have a multiplier effect on the economy across the region, and

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WHEREAS, forestry owners, farmers, land owners, saw mills, wood pellet companies, local governments, and others will also be negatively affected by the closure of the plant, and is just the latest example of how poorly thought out and ill-conceived the energy policies of New York are hurting working class citizens, reducing the availability of good paying jobs, increasing the price of electricity, and contributing to New York State being the worst place to do business in the nation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators calls on Governor Hochul and New York State lawmakers to reverse course and restore biomass as an important renewable energy source to strengthen the economy and encourage land stewardship and responsible forestry practices, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Hochul; U.S. Senator Charles Schumer; U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand; Congresswoman Elise Stefanik; Congresswoman Claudia Tenney; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Mark Walczyk; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; Assemblyman Scott Gray, New York Forest Owners Association, Empire State Forest Products Association, New York State Association of Counties, New York State Association of Towns, and all counties of New York State.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 159-2023, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Hull, Mr. Webster, Mr. Gennett, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Lightfoot.

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

Mr. Denesha said the legislation makes no sense.

Mr. Reagen said it is a travesty to jeopardize the economy of St. Lawrence and Jefferson counties at a time like this for no apparent reason. Many families in St. Lawrence County involved in the forest industry are going to be harmed by this legislation. Forests are renewable resources, and that is not understood by people from the City.

Ms. Curran said the taxpayer will not benefit from this and may even be put in peril by this legislation.

Ms. Haggard said biomass power plants emit 150% of the carbon dioxide (CO₂) of coal and between 300% - 400% percent of the CO₂ of natural gas.

Mr. Webster said employees will be losing their jobs and this will affect the taxpayers. Many small villages are worried about where they will now pile their brush and fallen trees. It was picked up at no cost to them, and now there will be nowhere to take it.

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

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Resolution No. 159-2023 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) no vote (Haggard).

Operations Committee: 4-10-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 160-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT AND
MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE POLICY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department is an enterprise fund, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 151-2018 authorized the Solid Waste Department to obtain a separate comprehensive insurance policy in an effort to relieve the County from costly claims, and

WHEREAS, the current insurance policy through U.S. Specialty Insurance Company expires on April 12, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department wishes to renew the policy through April 12, 2024 for a total cost of \$52,557.51,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract and Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Solid Waste Department for the purchase of a comprehensive insurance policy, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WA017104 49700	W ADM Contingency Account	\$16,558
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WA017104 41405	W ADM Comprehensive Insurance	\$16,558
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BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the policy be retroactive to April 12, 2023 upon adoption of the resolution.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 160-2023, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 4-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 161-2023

**PROCLAIMING MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH
WITH THE 2023 THEME “AGING UNBOUND”**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County includes a growing number of older Americans who contribute their time, wisdom, and experience to our community, and

WHEREAS, the 2023 theme for Older Americans month is “Aging Unbound,” which offers an opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes, and

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

WHEREAS, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County recognizes the need to create a community that offers the services and supports older adults may need to make choices about how they age, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County can work to build an even better community for older residents by not limiting thinking about aging; exploring and combating stereotypes; emphasizing the many positive aspects of aging; inspiring older adults to push past traditional boundaries; and embracing diversity in our communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims May as Older Americans Month with the 2023 Theme “Aging Unbound”, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every resident is urged to celebrate older citizens, help create an inclusive society, and accept the challenge of flexible thinking around aging.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 161-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Perkins and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 4-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 162-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SITE AGREEMENT WITH THE CANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR USAGE OF THE KITCHEN FACILITY BY THE CANTON NUTRITION CENTER AT RIVERSIDE DRIVE APARTMENTS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging has operated a Nutrition Center at the Canton Housing Authority apartment building located at 37 Riverside Drive, Canton, for many years, and

WHEREAS, per the New York State Office for the Aging regulations, County Offices for the Aging are required to have a site agreement in place for all facilities, and

WHEREAS, currently the Office for the Aging does not pay a usage fee for the Site, as it is open to all the residents of the building,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a site agreement with the Canton Housing Authority for usage of the kitchen facility by the Canton Nutrition Center at Riverside Drive apartments, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 162-2023, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 4-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 163-2023

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR OFFICE FURNISHINGS AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR THE SATELLITE OFFICE IN MASSENA AND OFFICES IN CANTON

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, it was determined that outreach to the public from the Massena area would be improved by Social Services staff working daily in a Massena-based office, and the Board of Legislators agreed to expand services by authorizing a second satellite office to be located in Massena, and

WHEREAS, furnishings are being completed at the Massena Satellite location, as well as to offices located in Canton,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for Social Services for office furnishings and computer equipment for the Satellite Office in Massena and offices in Canton, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60102 21000	D ADM Furniture & Fixtures	\$5,000
DAA60102 22001	D ADM Computer Hardware	10,000
DAS60102 21000	D SG Furniture & Fixtures	<u>25,000</u>
		\$40,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DMM61004 46500	D Medicaid to State	\$18,746
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	\$2,307
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	5,830
DAS46155 570CW	D FA FFFS Child Welfare Service	7,768
DAS46155 57000 EAF	D SA EAF Foster Care Revenue	1,555
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	<u>3,794</u>
		\$21,254

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 163-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 4-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 164-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
FOR THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES GRANT
FOR THE TERM OF AUGUST 1, 2021 THROUGH MAY 31, 2023**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, information regarding allocations for the Adult Protective Services Grant has been received and it is necessary to modify the 2023 Budget for Social Services, and

WHEREAS, these funds are being made available to provide resources to enhance, improve, and expand the ability of Adult Protective Services to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and

WHEREAS, this allocation is one-time funding to be used from August 1, 2021 through May 31, 2023,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for Social Services for the Adult Protective Services Grant, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60104 43007 APSG	D APSG Other Fees & Services	\$11,306
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DAG46105 57000 APSG	D FA APSG Revenue	\$11,306
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 164-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 4-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 165-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
FOR THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES GRANT
FOR THE TERM OF AUGUST 1, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, information regarding allocations for the Adult Protective Services Grant has been received and it is necessary to modify the 2023 Budget for Social Services, and

WHEREAS, these funds are being made available to provide resources to enhance, improve, and expand the ability of Adult Protective Services to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and

WHEREAS, this allocation is one-time funding for use from August 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for Social Services for the Adult Protective Services Grant, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60104 43007 APSG	D APSG Other Fees & Services	\$51,975
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DAG46105 57000 APSG	D FA APSG Revenue	\$51,975
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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. 165-2023, seconded by Mr. Fay, Mr. Gennett, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 4-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 166-2023

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE
NEW YORK STATE RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, a new funding allocation for the New York State Rental Supplement Program (RSP) is being provided to the Department of Social Services, and

WHEREAS, this Program was established to provide rental assistance to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or are facing an imminent loss of housing, and

WHEREAS, this allocation is one-time funding for use from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for Social Services for the New York State Rental Supplement Program, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60104 43007 RSP	D Rent Supplement Program Payments	\$309,135
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DAG36105 56000 RSP	D Rent Supplement Program Revenue	\$309,135
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 166-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 4-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 167-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING (MOUs) WITH AREA TREATMENT PROVIDERS FOR THE CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR CLIENTS IN OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services established and opened an Opioid Treatment Program on July 18, 2022, and this program provides clinic services to clients, and

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

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Addiction Services is encouraged by the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Service (NYS OASAS) to enter into service agreements in order to provide a continuum of care with other area providers for their patients participating in an opioid treatment program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with area treatment providers for the continuity of care for clients in opioid treatment programs, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the MOUs may include other documentation necessary to effectuate the terms of the agreement between area treatment providers, such as rehabilitation providers, hospital systems, other addiction services providers, and the Community Services Department.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 167-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Fay.

Mr. Hull asked to change the title to say “memoranda” in place of “memorandums.”

Resolution No. 167-2023 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 168-2023 (TABLED)

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH (OMH) AND OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORT (OASAS) TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AS PASS-THROUGH FUNDING TO APPROVED AGENCIES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for Community Services for funding received from NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) and Office of Addiction Services (OASAS) to St. Lawrence County as pass-through funding to approved agencies, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4143224 465AR	A CSS ARC	\$9,193
A4143224 465CA	A CSS Citizen Advocate Advances	334
A4143224 465CC	A CSS Catholic Charities	10,097
A4143224 465RO	A CSS Reachout Advances	643
A4143224 465SS	A CSS Step By Step Advances	21,241
A4143224 465SV	A CSS Seaway Valley Prevention Council	44,231
A4243224 465AR	A CRV ARC Advances	3,481
A4243224 465CC	A CRV Catholic Charities	2,817
A4243224 465RO	A CRV Reachout Advances	16,748
A4243224 465SS	A CRV Step By Step Advances	11,119
A4243224 465TL	A CRV NCTLS Advances	4,483
A4243224 465UH	A CRV United Helpers Advances	2,002
A4343224 465RO	A CPP Reachout Advances	1,543
A4343224 465SS	A CPP Step By Step Advances	7,109
A4443224 465AR	A OFS ARC Advances	19,583
A4443224 465CH	A OFS CHJC Advances	516
A4443224 465NR	A OFS NRCIL Advances	80,216
A4443224 465TL	A OFS NCTLS Advances	6,154
A4443224 465UH	A OFS United Helpers Advances	<u>67,929</u>
		\$309,439

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INCREASE REVENUE:

A4134905 56000	A SA CSS Mental Health	\$85,739
A4234905 56000	A SA CR Other Mental Health P	40,650
A4334905 56000	A SA CPP Other Mental Health P	8,652
A4434905 56000	A SA OFS Other Mental Health P	<u>174,398</u>
		\$309,439

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A2142304 46500	A St. Joe's Rehab Center	\$2,218
A2342504 46500	A NCFH Canton Other Advances	6,978
A2442504 46500	A SEACAP Other Advances	<u>14,525</u>
		\$23,721

INCREASE REVENUE:

A2144865 57000	A FA St. Joe's Rehab Center	\$2,218
A2344885 57000	A FA NCFH Canton Alcohol Addiction	6,978
A2444885 57000	A FA SEACAP Alcohol Addiction	<u>14,525</u>
		\$23,721

DECREASE APPROPRIATION:

A3543204 430CN	A ICM Client Needs	\$201
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DECREASE REVENUE:

A3534905 56000	A SA Intensive Case Management	\$201
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Mr. Hull moved to table this resolution to the next Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 4-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 169-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
MONARCH RESIDENTIAL TO PROVIDE LEAD HAZARD TRAININGS
TO CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Planning Office and Public Health Department are mutually engaged in a Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program funded by a Fiscal Year 2018 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Lead-Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) Grant, and

WHEREAS, approximately seventy-five percent (75%) of St. Lawrence County homes were built prior to the ban on lead-based paint, and

WHEREAS, local Code Enforcement Officers should be knowledgeable in lead hazards and lead-safe renovation practices, and

WHEREAS, Monarch Residential specializes in construction projects providing services to public works/engineering, building, planning, and fire departments for municipalities, and

WHEREAS, Monarch Residential is qualified to provide trainings (N1080904 43007 LEAD) on lead hazards to Code Enforcement Officers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Monarch Residential, and any additional required documents for the program, to provide lead hazard trainings to Code Enforcement Officers, not to exceed \$5,000, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 169-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 4-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 170-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has renewed the Immunization Action Plan Grant (Contract #DOH-C38466GG-3450000) with the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department, and

WHEREAS, the term of the grant will be five (5) years, beginning April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2028, with the total grant amount being \$270,130, and

WHEREAS, the estimated grant award for each year of this contract will be \$54,026 (PP034725 56000 IMM), and

WHEREAS, these funds will be utilized to reduce vaccine preventable disease among children and adults in the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an Immunization Action Plan Grant Contract, and any additional cost of living adjustments, with the New York State Department of Health, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 170-2023, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Ms. Curran, Mr. Fay, and Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 4-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 171-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2023 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN SIGNATURE PAGE, SIGN CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR YOUTH SPORTS AND EDUCATION FUNDING, AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE YOUTH BUREAU

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires that the Youth Bureau submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2023 Youth Development Program Year, and

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WHEREAS, signing of the RAP Signature Page will qualify the County for State reimbursement in the 2023 Program Year, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has made RAP Funds available to provide Youth Sports & Educational Funding (YSEF), and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2023 for YSEF Funding is \$28,156, and

WHEREAS, OCFS will reimburse St. Lawrence County for contract and county agency program expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP), plan, provide fiscal/grants management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2023, and

WHEREAS, various agencies have submitted a RFP for YSEF through the Youth Bureau,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2023 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to sign contracts with various organizations for Youth Sports and Educational Funding, upon approval of the County Attorney, as follows:

Girls on the Run	\$5,000
Gouverneur Recreation	\$11,156
Parishville Recreation	\$3,000
Louisville Recreation	\$2,000
Town of Fowler Recreation	\$3,000
Potsdam Recreation	\$4,000

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Y4073204 46500	B LB Other Fees & Services	\$18,732
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INCREASE REVENUE:

Y4038205 5600C	Y Office of Children & Family	\$18,732
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 171-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Gennett, Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 4-24-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 172-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE JEFFERSON-LEWIS-HAMILTON-HERKIMER-ONEIDA BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES) FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Highway and Solid Waste Departments employ staff who are required to maintain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL), and

WHEREAS, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act (FMCSA) requires all CDL drivers comply with random drug and alcohol testing, and

WHEREAS, as part of its administrative support services, BOCES offers facilitation of Drug and Alcohol Testing of drivers holding a CDL pursuant to the FMCSA and assists with maintaining compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Clearinghouse mandate, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the program for 2022 for the Department of Highways was \$4,454 (HM351104 430DT) and the Solid Waste Department was \$601 (WO081604 43004), and both Departments would like to continue participating in the BOCES Drug and Alcohol Testing Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an inter-municipal agreement with the Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for the Drug and Alcohol Testing services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 172-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Finance Committee: 4-24-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 175-2023

MODIFYING THE PY22 WIOA BUDGET TO TRANSFER FORMULA FUNDS FROM ADMINISTRATION 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, ten percent (10%) of each of the three WIOA Programs (Adult, Youth and Dislocated) is designated as Administration, and

WHEREAS, WIOA Technical Advisory #17-6 states that Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDB) may transfer up to one-hundred percent (100%) of Administration back to the originating program funds in all three programs but cannot exceed the original ten percent (10%) designated as Administration, 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, the LWDB authorized Resolution Number 23-C08-06 authorizing the transfer of funds from the Administration 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 Administration Accounts to Adult Accounts, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UA262924 461TU	Adult Training Tuition Fees	\$25,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UG262901 12000	ADM Supervisory/Administrative	\$2,270
UG262901 14000	ADM Clerical	10,464
UG262904 41400	ADM Liability Insurance	389
UG262904 41901	ID Printing	203
UG262904 42600	ADM Books & Periodicals	78
UG262904 43005	ADM Ad Fees	544
UG262904 44300	ADM Mileage Reimbursement	155
UG262904 44500	ADM Other Travel Reimbursement	155
UG262904 49900	ADM Miscellaneous Expense	155

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UG262908 81000	Retirement	1,521
UG262908 83000	Social Security	974
UG262908 84000	Workers' Compensation	333
UG262908 84500	Group Life Insurance	27
UG262908 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	7,486
UG262908 86500	Dental Insurance	183
UG262908 89000	Vision Insurance	<u>63</u>
		\$25,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

UA247905 57000	U FA Adult Training	\$25,000
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DECREASE REVENUE:

UG247905 57000	Administrative Pool Revenue	\$25,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 175-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 4-24-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 176-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO APPROPRIATE REMAINING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR BALLISTIC VESTS FOR PROBATION OFFICERS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by 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, recognizing the importance of improving public safety measures that are significant to the employees of St. Lawrence County, funds were appropriated to provide ballistic vests for Probation Officers in the amount of \$13,000, and

WHEREAS, of the funds appropriated, \$13,000 has been allocated to provide ballistic vests for improving the safety of Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County, and

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WHEREAS, on November 7, 2022, Resolution No. 393-2022 authorized the Chair to sign a contract for Ballistic Vests for Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County in the amount of \$10,000 from ARPA Funding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract appropriating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for ballistic vests for Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County, and

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

Q1940895 57000 ARP6	Q APR 6.1 Probation Vests	\$3,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Q1931404 45300 ARP6	Q APR 6.1 Probation Vests	\$3,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any funds not spent in 2023 be rolled over through 2024 and be fully expended by 2026, in accordance with the U.S. Treasury Final Rule.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 176-2023, seconded by Mr. Webster, Mr. Hull, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Reagen.

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

Resolution No. 176-2023 was adopted unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 177-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN MAINTENANCE AND SOFTWARE AGREEMENTS WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR A MAILING MACHINE AND SYSTEM IN CENTRAL PRINTING AND MAIL AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Central Printing and Mail Unit provides service to all County departments for print requests and mailing services, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, over 270,000 pieces of outbound mail were processed through the current mailing machine and system, and

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WHEREAS, the mail machine currently in use was put in service in 2018 and the lease on the machine is now expired, and

WHEREAS, a competitive process was performed with the vendors on New York State Office of Governmental Services (OGS) contract, and

WHEREAS, a cost analysis was performed comparing continuing with a lease arrangement verses purchasing a new machine and purchasing proved to be cost effective over a five year period, and

WHEREAS, the abilities of the new machine will increase efficiency of tasks and new services such as rate shopping and electronic certified mail are expected to reduce postage costs significantly,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign maintenance and software agreements with Pitney Bowes for a Mailing Machine and System in Central Printing and Mail, 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	\$23,872
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BM016702 22000	B CM Office Equipment	\$23,872
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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 177-2023, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 178-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
FOR ASSIGNED COUNSEL REPRESENTATION FOR 2023-2025**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is mandated to provide indigent defense under Section 18-b of County Law, and

WHEREAS, the current Plan filed with New York State Office of Courts Administration indicates that St. Lawrence County provides indigent representation through an Office of the Public Defender, an Office of the Conflict Defender, and Assigned Counsel through the St. Lawrence County Bar Association, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 9-2016 authorized the last contract for Assigned Counsel Representation from 2015-2017 with the St. Lawrence County Bar Association and since the expiration of the contract in 2017, a month to month contract has remained in place ensuring that the County has representation provided by Assigned Counsel for indigent individuals entitled to representation who cannot otherwise be represented by the Office of the Public or Conflict Defender, and

WHEREAS, the Contract (IA011704 43007) includes a provision of the designation of an Assigned Counsel Administrator by the Bar Association who will implement the Assigned Counsel Plan by providing panel attorneys for criminal and for family matters required under the law, and

WHEREAS, the terms of the new contract include the initiation and oversight by the Assigned Counsel Administrator to establish a mentorship program for attorneys and the implementation of a program that would provide training and continuing legal education opportunities for qualified panel attorneys, and

WHEREAS, these activities are intended to improve the provision of representation by existing panel attorneys as well as assist with recruiting new panel attorneys to the Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the St. Lawrence County Bar Association for 2023-2025 for Assigned Counsel Representation, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution 178-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 179-2023

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING FOR THE SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) awarded a multi-year option for the County to engage in a septic system replacement program, and

WHEREAS, this successful program began in 2018 with the County receiving \$225,000 and subsequently spending the entire amount on the repair or replacement of forty (40) deficient septic systems along specified waterbodies throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$340,000 was made available in 2021, and is currently being spent down through the second round of this program, and

WHEREAS, the NYSEFC has made available an additional \$635,000 in funding for the third round of the Septic System Replacement Program, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has previously offered to provide financial assistance for administrative costs associated with program implementation as this type of funding is absent from the grant in its current format, and

WHEREAS, the intent to move forward with grant implementation with funds provided by the SWCD will occur with efforts to locate additional sources of funds to support the administration of the grant, noting that it is possible that implementation may be impacted when administrative funding is exhausted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County to receive additional administration funding for the Septic Replacement Program, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N1087904 43007 EFC N GEN NAT Resources Cont \$25,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

N1012895 55000 EFC N LR Other Gen Department Income \$25,000

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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. 179-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 180-2023

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO SOLAR PROJECT ON PARCEL 40.004-2-20.22/1 LOCATED AT 50 COGSWELL CORNERS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF MADRID

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Acer Solar, LLC (the “Company”) intends to build and operate a solar energy system as defined by the New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 487 (the “Project”) located at 50 Cogswell Corners Road in the Town of Madrid (Tax Parcel No. 40.004-2-20.22), and

WHEREAS, for those Taxing Jurisdictions that have not opted out of RPTL Section 487; pursuant to RPTL Section 487(9) (a), such a taxing jurisdiction could indicate its intent to require a PILOT Agreement with the developer, under which the developer (or any successor owner of the Project) will be required to make annual payments to the Taxing Jurisdiction for each year during the term of the PILOT Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency manages the PILOT negotiation process for St. Lawrence County with developers of such solar energy systems, and

WHEREAS, the Company seeks to enter into a payment in lieu of tax agreement with St. Lawrence County pursuant to the following terms:

- Fifteen-year payment in lieu of tax agreement pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 487,
- \$5,000 per MW payment to the effected jurisdictions, increasing 2% annually during the term of the agreement; and distributed to St. Lawrence County, Madrid-Waddington School and Town of Madrid based on their pro-rata property tax Distribution, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves payment in lieu of taxes agreement in relation to solar project on parcel 40.004-2-20.22/1, located at 50 Cogswell Corners Road in the Town of Madrid, and

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BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorized the Industrial Development Agency to finalize the execution of payment in lieu of tax agreement for the County pursuant to the terms set forth and to administer the billing and collection for the County for the term of the PILOT, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 180-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Perkins).

RESOLUTION NO. 181-2023

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Sheridan, District 4 and Mr. Hull, District 8

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 eight (8) positions, of those reviewed six (6) were existing positions, and two (2) were new positions in five (5) 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:

<u>Department/Unit:</u>	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Office for the Aging	Account Clerk	100100044	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Human Resources	Personnel Officer	015200001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services/Preventative	Caseworker	815000038	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services/Preventative	Keyboard Specialist	003100080	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Heavy Equipment Operator	310100005	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Heavy Equipment Operator	310100017	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services/OTP	Registered Professional Nurse*	501000074	FT	Permanent	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. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 181-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Hull, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 182-2023

**OPPOSING THE “NEW YORK HOUSING COMPACT” AS PROPOSED IN
GOVERNOR HOCHUL’S FY2024 EXECUTIVE BUDGET**

By Ms. Curran, District 15
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, the FY 2024 Executive Budget includes the “New York Housing Compact”, and

WHEREAS, the New York Housing Compact consists of the “New Homes Targets and Fast-Track Approval Act” and the “Transit-Oriented Development Act of 2023”, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Bills are Article 7 Bills in the NYS 2023/2024 budget which due to their inclusion as such eliminates proper legislative process that will make for better legislation, and

WHEREAS, the housing issues outlined in the Bill are not of statewide concern and are focused on New York City and the surrounding suburbs and do not meet the level allowing the State to remove Home Rule of zoning, and

WHEREAS, the Governor claims that the “New Homes Targets and Fast-Track Approval Act” is necessary in order to forestall restrictive land use practices that inhibit and limit housing Development, and

WHEREAS, as proposed the “New Homes Targets and Fast-Track Approval Act” amends General Municipal Law and overrides the local town land use regulations as adopted in the town zoning codes around the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the “New Homes Targets and Fast-Track Approval Act” requires a Town to meet or exceed a Residential Dwelling Growth Target or enact by local law two of five “preferred actions” in order to be considered in “Safe Harbor” status, and

WHEREAS, all town services, such as police, volunteer emergency services, and/or the school community services would be grossly impacted, and

WHEREAS, under the proposal, appeals can be brought to a new State Housing Review Board usurping the Home Rule authority of local land use boards who understand the local community, and

WHEREAS, the new amended Town Law, as proposed by the Governor would require certain new zoning to be exempt from SEQRA review which would potentially adversely impact the water quality including but not limited to; impacts on traffic and roads, potential impacts on storm water, impact due to building on steep slopes, impact on volunteer emergency services, impacts on police department staffing, impact of additional school age students and the schools

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ability to absorb them, increase of sidewalk and mobility connectivity and all standard evaluation criteria typically provided in a generic environmental impact statement, and

WHEREAS, the new amended town law would prohibit municipalities from adopting reasonable and appropriate development regulations to insure the development is compatible with the surrounding uses, such as lot coverage, open space, building height, setbacks, floor area ratios or parking requirements, and

WHEREAS, the residents of the St. Lawrence County have had a voice and participated in land use decisions for decades, from the updating of the various Comprehensive Plans in towns to participating in public hearings and volunteering on town boards and committees, and

WHEREAS, should this proposal by the Governor survive budget negotiations, the residents of St. Lawrence County will be disenfranchised from their local elected officials, local volunteer boards and render certain resident input meaningless,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators opposes the “New York Housing Compact” as proposed in Governor Hochul’s FY2024 Executive Budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators implores the New York State Legislature to continue to fight against the inclusion of the Housing Compact proposal from the FY 2023/2024 Budget, and future budgets, and engage local Governments in dialogue and address these goals, 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.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 182-2023, seconded by Mr. Hull and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 183-2023

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2023 AS MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Ms. Terminelli, District 14
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Hull, District 8

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month was established in 1949 to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in the lives of Americans, and also to celebrate recovery from mental illness, and

WHEREAS, additionally, Mental Health Awareness Month strives to reduce the stigma, negative attitudes, and misconceptions that surrounds mental illnesses, and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Mental Health Month campaign is focused on how surroundings impact mental health, and calls upon individuals to look around, look within, and topics specifically addressed throughout the month will include safe and stable housing and healthy home environments, and

WHEREAS, nearly one in five adults in the United States live with a mental illness, and

WHEREAS, mental health challenges are a growing concern for teens and young adults, and suicide rates among young people have increased over the past decade, and

WHEREAS, mental health impacts the emotional, social, environmental, financial, and overall well-being of a person, and

WHEREAS, one-third of the United States population lives in a county designated as a mental health professional shortage area, and

WHEREAS, the best way to observe mental health awareness month is to take care of yourself, take care of your loved ones by checking up on friends and family, and talk about mental health with your peers, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes mental health awareness as a priority in St. Lawrence County, and confirms that mental well-being is equally as important as physical well-being for citizens, communities, schools, businesses, and the economy of St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims the month of May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourage all citizens to promote mental well-being and awareness, ensure access to appropriate services and care, and support overall quality of life for those living with mental illness.

Ms. Terminelli moved to adopt Resolution No. 183-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Hull, and Mr. Perkins.

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

Resolution No. 183-2023 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 184-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR USE OF PARKING LOTS AT THE COUNTY COMPLEX FOR THE ANNUAL DAIRY FESTIVAL PARADE

By Mr. Fay, District 9
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, annually, the Canton Chamber of Commerce requests the use of County parking lots at the H.B. Smith Building and the Courthouse for the staging area/line up of the annual Dairy Festival Days Parade held on June 3, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Canton Chamber of Commerce would hold the County harmless from and all liability arising from the use of County parking lots,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the Canton Chamber of Commerce for use of the parking lots at the County Complex for the annual Dairy Festival Parade, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Fay moved to adopt Resolution No. 184-2023, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Denesha.

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

Resolution No. 184-2023 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle said there was a ribbon cutting ceremony held today for the opening of the new bus stop/shelter located at 6 Judson Street, in front of the Harold B. Smith Building.

The Vacancy Review Committee will meet tomorrow to consider twelve (12) vacancies from five (5) departments.

County Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observation of Memorial Day.

The CHSI, Inc. Board of Directors held their quarterly meeting last week.

The department orientation for new Legislators will be completed this month.

Bills are being introduced for the New York State Budget, and these will be reviewed.

Ms. Doyle thanked the Canton Fire Department who responded to a report of a fire by a concerned citizen who thought they saw fire and smoke coming from the old Jail and Court House on April 26th. The buildings were inspected but thankfully no signs of fire were found.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Haggard made a motion to remove the resolution that was tabled at the Services Committee meeting entitled, “Authorizing the Chair to Sign the 2023 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Plan and Sign Contracts with Various Organizations for Youth Development Grant Program.”

Chair Forsythe said that resolution was tabled to the May Services Committee Meeting. County Attorney Button said the resolution would have had to have been noticed prior to it coming off the table at a time other than the date it was tabled to.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no Committee Reports.

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A straw poll vote was taken during Executive Session on pending litigation.

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Open Session at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Gennett, and Mr. Reagan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individuals to the **St. Lawrence County Fair Housing Task Force (Term to expire: 4/3/2027)**, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Mr. Fay and Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Katie Geidel, 182 Fearl Bridge Road, Winthrop 13697

Michael Zagrobelny, 27 Brookview Drive, Waddington 13694

Ms. Curran moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **Environmental Management Council (Terms to expire: 4/23/2025)**, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Mr. Fay and Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Lucas Hanss, 16 Cornell Avenue, Massena 13662

Brian Washburn, 625 Judson Street Road, Canton 13617

Ms. Curran moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **Fire Advisory Board (Term to expire: 2/28/2026)**, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Mr. Fay and Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Adrian Bush, 8352 State Highway 56, Norfolk 13667

Robert Crowe, 51 State Street, Canton 13617

Arthur Howie, 608 Academy Street, Post Office Box 5, Hammond 13646

Mr. Hull moved to appoint the following individual to the **Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council (Term to expire: 8/31/2025)**, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Maria Drake, 48 Pine Street, Potsdam 13676

Mr. Gennett moved to appoint the following individual to the **Recreational Trails Advisory Board (Term to expire: 3-31-2026)**, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Ron Bush, 933 Tracy Road, Lisbon 13658

Mr. Gennett moved to appoint the following individual to the **Workforce Development Board (Term to expire: 3-31-2025)**, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Christopher Coffey, 20 Root Road, Potsdam 13676

Mr. Gennett move to reappoint the following individual to the **Workforce Development Board (Term to expire: 1/1/2026)**, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Dallas Sutton, 713 Elizabeth Street, Ogdensburg 13669

May 1, 2023

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Forsythe made the following appointments:

Remote Work Workgroup: Mr. Burke (Chair), Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Hull.

Family Court Judge Committee (reinstated): Ms. Terminelli (Chair), Mr. Reagen, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Perkins.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Forsythe adjourned the May Full Board Meeting at 7:47 p.m., as there was no further business.