

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Denesha moved to approve the May 1st Full Board and May 22nd Special Board meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION:

Finance Committee: 5-22-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 188-2023

PROCLAIMING JUNE AS DAIRY MONTH

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, since 1937, National Dairy Month has been celebrated in June to recognize the important role of the dairy industry, with this year marking the eighty-sixth anniversary of National Dairy Month, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Department of Health and Human Services released the Dietary Guidelines for Americans which reinforces the importance of consuming three daily servings of dairy foods like milk, yogurt, and cheese, and

WHEREAS, dairy farming is a family tradition, one that has been a way of life for many generations, and St. Lawrence County has many family owned and operated farms that have been in existence for over 100 years including the Rhodee Farm in Canton; Kelly Farm in DeKalb; Jackson Farm in Depeyster; Demick Farm in Hammond; Crowe Farm in Heuvelton; Flack, Morrison, Rowen, and Smith Farms in Lisbon; Hopkirk, and Moulton Farms in Madrid; Robert Johnson Farm in Oswegatchie; and Dalton and McKnight Farms in Waddington, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County dairy farmers produced 895 million pounds of milk in 2022, ranking St. Lawrence County fifth in the Northeast Milk Marketing Area which extends from New Hampshire to Virginia, and

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WHEREAS, according to the Northeast Statistical Handbook, in 2022 there were 189 dairy farms operating in St. Lawrence County making the County the third highest number of farm operations in the marketing area, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County dairy farmers, milk processors, and support industries make significant contributions to the economy of the region, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Dairy Festival Days, including the annual parade, will be held in Canton on June 2nd and 3rd, with this year's theme being "Delightfully Dairy,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby proclaims June as Dairy Month.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 188-2023, seconded by Mr. Hull, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Fay, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Webster, Mr. Burke, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Forsythe recognized St. Lawrence County Dairy Farms that have been in existence for over 100 years.

Introduction of Dairy Ambassadors

Resolution No. 188-2023 was adopted by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

There was a brief recess for a reception sponsored by the Dairy Promoters at 6:10 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 6:29 p.m.

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

1. Two resolution were received from Cattaraugus County: (1) Calling for immediate resignation of New York State Parole Board Members Caryne Demosthenes and Carlton Mitchell for allowing the release of Edward Kindt from prison, and (2) Supporting Senator Borrello's legislation prohibiting use of fossil fuels in manufacturing of renewable energy equipment.
2. A resolution was received from Schoharie County opposing the transportation of foreign migrants to Schoharie County.
3. An email was received from Jeffry Wilson of Massena asking why the County declared a State of Emergency for a non-emergency.
4. An email was received from Melisa Garber of Ogdensburg requesting each member of the Board of Legislators vocalize support for NYS Bill S3158 and take immediate action on the CARE Act.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: There was no citizen participation.

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PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 5-8-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 189-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE ALTERNATIVES TO
INCARCERATION (ATI) SERVICE PLAN CONTRACT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board approved an extension of the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Plan Contract No. CL17-1038-D07/C523950 for St. Lawrence County for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, these pre-trial services were funded in the prior year, 2022-2023 contract term, in the amount of \$28,421, and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the ATI Program for 2023 is \$106,812, of which \$28,421 is funded by the ATI Grant (Q1033105 56000 ATI), resulting in a County cost of \$78,391,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Services Plan Contract, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 189-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 190-2023

**OPPOSING SENATE BILL S.6282, “AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 257-C OF THE
EXECUTIVE LAW RELATING TO PROBATION ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; TO
AMEND THE EXECUTIVE LAW IN RELATION TO PROHIBITING CERTAIN FEES
ASSOCIATED WITH PROBATION; AND TO AMEND THE CORRECTION LAW AND
THE EXECUTIVE LAW IN RELATION TO TERMINATION AND
DISCHARGE OF CERTAIN SENTENCES”**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Section 257-C allows for every county and the City of New York to adapt a local law requiring individuals currently serving or who shall be sentenced to a period of probation upon conviction of any crime under article thirty-one of the Vehicle and Traffic Law to

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pay to the local probation department with the responsibility of supervising the probationer an administrative fee, and

WHEREAS, in 1994, St. Lawrence County enacted Local Law No. 1 which allowed the Probation Department to collect a one-time fee of fifty dollars (\$50) for alcohol/drug testing, and

WHEREAS, in 1994, St. Lawrence County enacted Local Law No. 2, which allowed the Probation Department to collect a fee for those persons convicted of any crime under article thirty-one of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, and this administrative fee was a maximum amount of thirty dollars (\$30) per month, and a portion could be waived if the person convicted is considered indigent, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S.6282 seeks to repeal Section 257-C of the Executive Law, which would prohibit the collection of any fee, including, but not limited to, an administrative fee, supervision fee, monitoring fee, or screening fee (alcohol/drug testing), and

WHEREAS, Probation Departments across New York State collect some variation of these fees to help offset departmental budgets, and if these fees discontinue, a greater financial burden will shift from the offenders to law-abiding taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, funding from State aid for Probation Departments dropped from approximately 49.6% in 1990 to around 10% in 2022, and to take further revenue from departments would be detrimental to maintaining staff and services, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Probation Department has collected a total of \$191,945 from 2018-2022: \$125,581 in supervision fees, \$31,620 in drug/alcohol testing fees and \$34,744 in restitution surcharges,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators opposes Senate Bill S.6282, “An Act to Repeal Section 257-C of the Executive Law Relating to Probation Administrative Fees; to Amend the Executive Law in Relation to Prohibiting Certain Fees Associated with Probation; and to Amend the Correction Law and the Executive Law in Relation to Termination and Discharge of Certain Sentences”, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins; Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Mark Walczyk; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Scott Gray; Stephen Acquario, Executive Director of NYSAC; and Luci Welch, President of NYS Council of Probation Administrators (COPA).

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 190-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 191-2023

AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF ONE (1) PARCEL OF 0.3 ACRE TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 1 AND EIGHT (8) PARCELS TOTALING 358.5 ACRES TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 2

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has two Agricultural Districts that help protect and enhance its agricultural resources, and

WHEREAS, the County established March 1st to March 30th as the annual 30-day review period to receive requests to add land to these districts, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the County received requests to add one (1) parcel to Agricultural District 1, and eight (8) parcels to Agricultural District 2, and

WHEREAS, based on criteria specified in Agriculture and Markets Law, the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board reviewed each request at its meeting on April 6th and recommends nine (9) parcels be added to Agricultural Districts 1 and 2, and

WHEREAS, no public comments were received during or before the April 20th public hearing about the recommended additions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes adding one (1) parcel of 0.3 acre to Agricultural District 1, and eight (8) parcels totaling 358.5 acres to Agricultural District 2.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 191-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 192-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NYSTEC FOR VIRTUAL CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER (VCISO) AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, cybersecurity threats remain prevalent throughout the world including governments agencies, and

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WHEREAS, the complexity of these threats and their tendency to change rapidly demands more focus on organizational security, and these demands exceed the ability of County IT Staff to completely address, and require a dedicated focus, and

WHEREAS, NYSTEC is a proven leader in security, has been commissioned by the State of New York to provide cybersecurity services to local governments to secure elections, and has a working relationship with St. Lawrence County and its network environment, and

WHEREAS, NYSTEC provides Virtual Chief Information Security Officer services in lieu of having to hire a CISO at a significant expense, to include but not limited to, regular security assessments, compliance training, vendor contract review, policy assistance, reports, and recommendations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with NYSTEC for Virtual Chief Information ~~Services~~ **Security Officer** (VCISO), upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$20,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD016804 43007	C IT Other Fees & Services	\$20,000
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 192-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 193-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH
NEW YORK STATE INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FOR YEARS 3 AND 4
OF THE HURRELL-HARRING CONTRACT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 342-2018 authorized a contract with New York State Indigent Legal Services for the provision of funding associated with the implementation of

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Senate Bill S.8114 and Assembly Bill A.10706, “An Act to Amend the County Law, the Executive Law, and the State Finance Law in relation to Indigent Defense Services, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Indigent Service providers (Public Defender, Conflict Defender, and Assigned Counsel) are entitled to receive reimbursement of expenditures related to indigent criminal defense representation of a combined \$5,309,997 over the course of five (5) years as follows:

- Year 1 \$353,999.82 (April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019)
- Year 2 \$707,999.64 (April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020)
- **Year 3 \$1,061,999.46 (April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021)**
- **Year 4 \$1,415,999.10 (April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022)**
- Year 5 \$1,769,999.10 (April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023)

WHEREAS, the Hurrell-Harring Grant provides the County with a total of \$2,477,999 in grant funding for Year 3 and Year 4 for the use of Indigent Criminal Defense exclusively,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with New York State Indigent Legal Services for Years 3 and 4 of the Hurrell-Harring Contract, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 193-2023, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 194-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH NEW YORK STATE INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE HURRELL-HARRING FUNDING EXTENDING THE FIVE YEAR CONTRACT TO A SIX YEAR CONTRACT

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 342-2018 authorized a contract with New York State Indigent Legal Services for the provision of funding associated with the implementation of Senate Bill S.8114 and Assembly Bill A.10706, “An Act to Amend the County Law, the Executive Law, and the State Finance Law in relation to Indigent Defense Services, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Indigent Service providers (Public Defender, Conflict Defender, and Assigned Counsel) are entitled to receive reimbursement of expenditures related to indigent criminal defense representation of a combined \$5,309,997 over the course of five (5) years, and

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WHEREAS, Indigent Legal Services is providing the opportunity to extend for a sixth year, April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, allowing additional time for utilization of remaining funds for expenditures during the extension period,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension with New York State Indigent Legal Services for the Hurrell-Harring funding extending the five year contract to a six year contract, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 194-2023, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 195-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO ACCEPT THE THIRD COUNSEL AT FIRST APPEARANCE GRANT FOR 2020-2022 AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, a settlement of a longstanding legal dispute between several counties, several named plaintiffs, and the State of New York resulted in a new mandate recognized as the Counsel at First Appearance, or Hurrell-Harring, service required that Counties operating an indigent defense program to provide counsel for indigent defendants at all critical stages of representation, to include arraignment, and

WHEREAS, in 2014 St. Lawrence County was one of the first counties to apply for and receive funding for the creation of one of the first Counsel at First Appearance (CAFA) Programs, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services recognizes the challenges this creates for many counties particularly those with a number of rural courts, and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services issued requests for proposals for a second grant associated with counsel at first appearance, and

WHEREAS, the availability of a grant to subsidize efforts toward implementation of a system to provide an attorney at first appearance for the indigent population that will assist the Office of the Public Defender, Office of the Conflict Defender, and the Office of Indigent Defense, and

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WHEREAS, funds will be utilized to assist the support functions of the offices that provide indigent defense by providing a Legal Secretary for the Office of the Public Defender, a Keyboard Specialist in the Office of the Conflict Defender, as well as assistance to the anticipated cost of the Assigned Counsel Program for the provision of counsel at first appearances for clients,

WHEREAS, Resolution Nos. 248-2013 and 18-2020 authorized accepting the first and second CAFA Grants for 2013-2015 and 2017-2019, respectively,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to accept the Third Counsel at First Appearance Grant for 2020-2022, and sign a contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 195-2023, seconded by Mr. Hull and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 5-15-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 196-2023

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE STOP-DWI HIGH VISIBILITY ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Community Services STOP-DWI Program has requested an increase amount of \$2,800 through the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee with a contract period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Funds provides funding that will cover special costs related to increased impaired driving saturation patrols during the 100 Deadliest Days Of Summer Campaign, and engaging the public with educational materials,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Community Services for the STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Funds from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A7133154 43007 GTSC	GTSC Other Fees and Services	\$2,800
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A7133895 56000 GTSC	A State Aid GTSC	\$2,800
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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 196-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 5-15-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 197-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR AN INTERN PROGRAM

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has an opportunity to provide a field placement opportunity to an Eastern Gateway Community College student seeking a Health Information Management Degree, at no cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, the interested student is currently a Certified Coding Associate through The American Health Information Management Association, and

WHEREAS, if approved the student would complete 56 hours of internship on-site at Community Services, Human Services Center, Canton, as required by the college, and

WHEREAS, this intern placement in the billing unit would be mutually beneficial for both the student and Community Services Behavioral Health Clinics,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with Eastern Gateway Community College for an Intern Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 197-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 198-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH
NORTH COUNTRY INDEPENDENT PRACTICE ASSOCIATION (IPA), LLC,
FOR HEALTH PROVIDER SERVICES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 92-2023, adopted March 6, 2023, authorized the Chair to sign an agreement with North Country Independent Practice Association (IPA), LLC, for behavioral health provider services for Community Services, and

WHEREAS, the North Country Independent Practice Association (IPA), LLC, was established to coordinate and assist with payer contracting, as well as to develop a clinically integrated network of Participating Providers who work together to promote high quality coordinated and efficient care to patients, and

WHEREAS, the IPA contracts with licensed physicians and other health care professionals, and makes certain contract proposals available to these physicians and other providers, and

WHEREAS, the IPA seeks to provide high quality and efficient services by assuring that participating providers utilize clinical protocols as a part of the clinical and financial integration program of the IPA and as a condition of participation in the IPA, and by gathering data, applying evidence-based medicine and best clinical practice protocols, and implementing appropriate pay-for-performance incentives based on outcomes, and

WHEREAS, the IPA intends to work with Providers to develop clinical integration and quality improvement initiatives that will distinguish IPA and Provider through the use of shared clinical data, establishment of quality, safety, efficiency, and patient satisfaction measures and benchmarks, and development of evidence-based clinical protocols to improve Provider performance and efficiency,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Participation Agreement with the North Country Independent Practice Association (IPA), LLC, for health provider services for Public Health, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 198-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 199-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH
ST. LAWRENCE HEALTH INITIATIVE 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 has awarded funding to local health departments for the New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOH will work with local health departments 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, increase preparedness for future public health emergencies, and provide support for coordination and maintenance of the program, and

WHEREAS, the original agreement will expire July 31, 2023, and this grant has had an extension to June 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Public Health will place up to two (2) fellows with the St. Lawrence Health Initiative, and will provide the program oversight, technology equipment, and supplies needed from grant funding while the fellows employment relationship will remain with the State,

WHEREAS, Public Health will provide the program oversight, technology equipment, and supplies needed from grant funding,

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

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 199-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 5-15-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 200-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JACK VENESKY, CPA AND ASSOCIATES FOR PREPARATION OF THE PRESCHOOL/SCHOOL SUPPORTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM (SSHSP) ANNUAL MEDICAID COST REPORT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024 PROGRAM YEAR

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is required to file an annual Preschool/School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP) Medicaid Cost Report, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA and Associates has been providing this service for Public Health, and a proposal has been received for the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA and Associates to continue providing these services at no change to the annual cost of \$4,500 (PK040504 43003),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Jack Venesky, CPA and Associates for preparation of the Preschool/School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP) Annual Medicaid Cost Report for the Public Health Department for the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 Program Year, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 200-2023, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 201-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH HEALTH RESEARCH INC. AND NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (HRI/NYSDOH) FOR A CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) SPONSORED GRANT FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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, sponsored the Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce and Data Systems (CFDA# 93.967) Grant, and has awarded funding to local health departments, and

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WHEREAS, funding must be used to strengthen county public health departments, which can include expanding the workforce through hiring of public health positions, supporting retention of current staff, making upgrades to the workplace to increase employee satisfaction, providing public health training, and providing public health support services to the public health department, and

WHEREAS, long-term outcomes of this funding investment include improvements in the public health of the jurisdiction, especially among socially and economically marginalized communities, and

WHEREAS, Public Health is eligible to receive a lump sum payment of \$766,583 (PPZ44015 57000 IWD), and the terms of this grant is for five (5) years for the period of December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2027,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Health Research Inc. and the New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) for a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sponsored grant for the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 201-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 202-2023

**PROHIBITING PLACEMENT OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATION
KNOWN AS ‘TIKTOK’ ON COUNTY-OWNED DEVICES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Gennett, District 13;
and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, TikTok, a popular social media application, is a wholly owned subsidiary of ByteDance, a Chinese corporation, and

WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China exercises control and oversight over ByteDance, under the Chinese National Intelligence Law of 2017, Data Security Law of 2020, and Cryptology Law of 2020, and

WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China can direct ByteDance to share user information, including real-time physical locations of users, as well as persistent access to the TikTok platform through encryption keys and “backdoor” functions, and

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WHEREAS, TikTok gathers broad swaths of information from its users including personally identifiable information, location information, device specifications, and

WHEREAS, the continued operation use of TikTok on US government devices serves as a valuable tool to the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party to conduct corporate and international espionage and may allow the People's Republic of China to track the real-time locations of public officials and employees, and

WHEREAS, access to information and data from users using TikTok and its ability to share that data with a foreign adversary constitutes a risk to life-sustaining infrastructure such as emergency dispatch services, water and sewer safety, and electric grid, and internet access, and

WHEREAS, currently the device application known as 'TikTok' is prohibited in over thirty (30) states for many reasons including the concern included above related to unrestricted access to data, and

WHEREAS, in the 2021-2022 New York State Legislative Session Senate Bill S9613 proposed a similar ban and the State took up the concern in the bill, but ultimately adopted a policy that prohibited the application (app) on government owned devices, and

WHEREAS, there is a compelling public interest in protecting devices owned by St. Lawrence County from any unauthorized access, and

WHEREAS there may be extremely limited circumstances where County employees may need to access this application for fact-finding and investigation purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators prohibits placement of the social media application known as 'TikTok' on all County-owned devices, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County departments who may require access to this application will submit requests to Information Technology and may be granted limited and revocable access on devices that are not connected to the County network, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators directs the County Administrator to provide a full list of all software and hardware solutions currently used in County operations which fall under the jurisdiction of the Chinese Communist Party, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges all local governments and private businesses which are engaged in work of a public nature to adopt a similar restriction of 'TikTok' on their devices and networks, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Mark Walczyk; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; and Assemblyman Scott Gray.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 202-2023, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Webster, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 203-2023

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CAPITAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2023 Budget for the Department of Highways includes Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) road and bridge projects at a flat funding level from previous years, and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 New York State Budget includes funding for regular CHIPS, Extreme Winter recovery (EWR), PAVENY, and Pave Our Potholes (POP), totaling \$8,307,944, and

WHEREAS, there was an increase of \$502,197 for the 2023 CHIPS Budget, and these additional funds will be used for overlay projects on County Routes 47 and 49,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Department of Highways for an increase in the Capital Highway Improvement Program, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

HM035015 56000	H SA CHIPS Maintenance	\$2,968,818
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM151124 454PM H1	H H1 Paving Materials	\$2,627,874
HM551124 454BS B1	H B1 Miscellaneous Bridge Supplies	<u>340,944</u>
		\$2,968,818

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 203-2023, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 204-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO PREPARE AN APPENDIX A FOR THE BUCKTON STATE FOREST SEGMENT FOR THE MULTI-USE TRAIL

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved Resolution No. 193-2017 which amended Local Law 2 for the Year 2015, “A Local Law permitting and regulating all-terrain vehicle operation on certain County Roads,” and

WHEREAS, this Local Law 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 in the Buckton State Forest in the Town of Stockholm is requested as an addition into the County Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. has agreed to provide environmental services needed to prepare the Appendix A environmental checklist for the new trail segment for a fee not to exceed \$5,500 (BF079894 43007 TRAIL),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for environmental services to prepare an Appendix A for the Buckton State Forest Segment for the Multi-Use Trail, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 204-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Burke, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Hull, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Finance Committee: 5-22-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 205-2023

**APPROVING NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR LAZY RIVER
ROAD BRIDGE OVER GRASSE RIVER, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332**

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 Preliminary Design for the Lazy River Road Bridge over the Grasse River, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of eighty-percent (80%) federal funds and twenty-percent (20%) non-federal funds, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wants to advance the project by making a commitment of one-hundred percent (100%) of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of Preliminary Design,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves New York State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement for Preliminary Design for Lazy River Road Bridge over Grasse River, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to pay in the first instance one-hundred percent (100%) of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Preliminary Design for the Project or portions thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all necessary funds have been appropriated pursuant to the 2023 Budget (HM299509 90600) 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 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 sign all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for available Federal Aid and/or State “Marchiselli” Aid for the advancement or approval of the Project, and provide for the administration of the Project and the municipality’s first instance funding of Project costs and

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permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid eligible projects costs and all project costs with appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and

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

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

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 205-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 206-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH COENCORP FOR FUEL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR ALL HIGHWAY FUEL ISLAND LOCATIONS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways now has four (4) fuel island locations including the Highway Maintenance Shop in Canton, and the Outposts in Lisbon, Potsdam, and Russell, and

WHEREAS, COENCORP software tracks all fuel deliveries, consumption, and vehicle data,

WHEREAS, the current agreement with COENCORP expires in May 2023, and

WHEREAS, COENCORP has updated the renewed contract to include the new Highway outposts at a total cost of \$10,445 (HR051304 42004), with a term of May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with COENCORP for fuel management software for all Highway Fuel Island locations, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 206-2023, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Finance Committee: 5-22-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 207-2023

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR SOLID WASTE TO SUPPORT EQUIPMENT REPAIR, RECYCLING, AND BUILDING & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department is an Enterprise Fund that operates in a fee for service model with appropriation and revenue accounts that reflect current and projected operational costs, and

WHEREAS, the expenses for equipment repairs (\$180K), recycling tipping fees (\$210K), and building & property maintenance (\$50K) are projected to exceed the 2023 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the fiscal areas that are projecting these increases could be offset by a reduction in the Department level contingency account in the Solid Waste Budget as well as increase in revenue from investment earnings, and

WHEREAS, the market for recycling has been extremely volatile over the last couple of years and with that in mind, efforts have been made that to mitigate the impact of it the users through a variety of measures,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Solid Waste Department Budget for equipment repair, recycling, and building & property maintenance, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WT081604 40800	W TRS Building & Property Maintenance	\$50,000
WT081604 42202	W TRS Equip Repair & Maintenance	20,000
WH081604 42202 LEAC	W LEAC Equip Repair and Maintenance	10,000
WH081604 42202 MSW	W MSW Equip Repair and Maintenance	100,000
WH081604 42202 RECY	W RECY Equip Repair and Maintenance	50,000
WH081604 43018 RECY	W RECY Tipping Fees	<u>210,000</u>
		\$440,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WA017104 49700	W ADMIN Contingency Account	\$400,000
WT081604 42200	W TRS I/D Equip Repair & Maintenance	<u>20,000</u>
		\$420,000

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INCREASE REVENUE:

W1024015 55001	SW Investment Earnings	\$10,000
W1024015 55001 NYC	SW NYCLASS Investment Earnings	<u>10,000</u>
		\$20,000

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 207-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 5-22-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 208-2023

**AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF A NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
FEDERAL COURT ACTION AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET
FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, there is pending in the Northern District of New York Federal Court an action known to the Board of Legislators and subject to confidentiality restrictions, and

WHEREAS, this case was commenced on February 22, 2022, and

WHEREAS, a settlement of the matter has been proposed whereby the parties would agree that the County employees named in the action would have absolute immunity from any and all civil liability except for the relief proposed herein, and

WHEREAS, the parties would agree that the extent of the monetary liability for the settlement would be limited to the amount of \$12,500, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 71-1991, St. Lawrence County established a self-insured liability casualty reserve in accordance with Section 6n of the New York State General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §6-n “upon the creation of the fund, the municipality may make expenditures from the fund for any loss, claim, action or judgment for which the municipal corporation is authorized or required to purchase or maintain insurance...”, and

WHEREAS, this fund pays nominal or small claims with a separate line item established within the annual budget of the County Attorney to resolve claims that cumulatively do not exceed \$50,000 in the fiscal year, and

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WHEREAS, the 2023 year has seen an unusual number of motor vehicle accidents on county vehicles, which when combined with the current matter, is projected to exceed the budgeted 2023 amount, and

WHEREAS, due to the number of claims received in the first portion of 2023, it will be necessary to transfer money from the Casualty and Liability Reserve account, by increasing the appropriated fund balance to cover those payments as they come due,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes settlement of a Northern District of New York Federal Court Action, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Lawrence County, upon receipt of appropriate general releases and a stipulation of discontinuance in a form approved by the County Attorney, is hereby directed to settle this claim on behalf of the County of St. Lawrence by payment of the sum of \$12,500, and

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

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

08TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$50,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

08TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$50,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

LR019314 46505	L Property Loss Payments	\$50,000
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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 208-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 209-2023

ADOPTING MORTGAGE TAX REPORT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mortgage Tax Report as submitted by the County Clerk and County Treasurer is hereby accepted and the County Treasurer is authorized and directed to issue the amounts as set forth in the report to the various tax districts in this County, as follows:

<u>Town/Village</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brasher	\$4,807.58
Canton:	
Village of Canton	12,560.99
Village of Rensselaer	538.38
Town of Canton	44,073.65
Clare	0.00
Clifton	1,138.99
Colton	6,278.22
Dekalb:	
Village of Richville	133.31
Town of Dekalb	3,590.41
DePeyster	2,864.36
Edwards	2,101.48
Fine	6,960.19
Fowler	17,618.32
Gouverneur:	
Village of Gouverneur	3,867.25
Town of Gouverneur	11,048.94
Hammond:	
Village of Hammond	270.53
Town of Hammond	12,360.57
Hermon	2,875.03
Hopkinton	5,706.94
Lawrence	9,116.35
Lisbon	12,755.60
Louisville:	

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Village of West Massena	1,306.48
Town of Louisville	14,270.80
Macomb	2,464.00
Madrid	5,928.34
Massena:	
Village of Massena	12,823.10
Town of Massena	27,798.54
Town of Morristown	15,715.38
Norfolk:	
Village of Norwood	99.80
Village of Massena	1.73
Town of Norfolk	14,407.45
Ogdensburg	47,058.17
Oswegatchie:	
Village of Heuvelton	991.57
Town of Oswegatchie	18,413.02
Parishville	6,885.50
Piercefield	5,937.68
Pierrepoint	15,859.44
Pitcairn	2,428.69
Potsdam:	
Village of Potsdam	18,854.21
Village of Norwood	4,204.33
Town of Potsdam	75,733.76
Rossie	3,932.51
Russell	6,173.45
Stockholm	14,541.02
Waddington:	
Village of Waddington	2,054.11
Town of Waddington	7,981.66
Totals	\$486,531.83

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 209-2023, seconded by Mr. Hull, Mr. Burke, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Finance Committee: 5-22-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 210-2023

OPPOSING NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S4976A AND ASSEMBLY BILL A2084, “AN ACT TO AMEND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, IN RELATION TO PROHIBITING THE USE OF LEAD AMMUNITION IN THE TAKING OF WILDLIFE ON STATE-OWNED LAND AND LAND CONTRIBUTING SURFACE WATER TO THE NEW YORK CITY WATER SUPPLY”

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4, Mr. Smithers, District 5,
Ms. Terminelli, District 14, and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, hunting is a way of life and an economically important tradition across St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, NYS Senate Bill 4976A and Assembly Bill A2084 prohibits the use of lead ammunition in taking of wildlife on wildlife management areas, state forests, forest preserves, state parks or any other state-owned land that is open for hunting and on land contributing surface water to the New York City water supply, and

WHEREAS, while recognizing the potential harm cause by lead ammunition to the environment, an outright ban is neither logical or feasible, and

WHEREAS, the current science on this subject does not warrant a full ban on the use of lead ammunition while hunting, and resources would be better spent on educating hunters about non-lead alternatives, and developing programs to increase the supply and availability of non-lead hunting ammunition, and

WHEREAS, the availability of ammunition is currently erratic and manufacturers are severely backlogged and struggling to keep shelves stocked, and an outright ban on lead ammunition, without prior education, incentives, or phasing in, will hinder hunters and ultimately impact wildlife management programs, and

WHEREAS, a ban would likely hurt rural communities most where access to non-lead alternatives is minimal and costly, and

WHEREAS, further research should be conducted to understand the full scope and extent of impacts of lead hunting ammunition and how it affects the water supply in New York City,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators opposes NYS Senate Bill S4976A and Assembly Bill A2084, “An Act to Amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in Relation to Prohibiting the Use of Lead Ammunition in the Taking of

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Wildlife on State-Owned Land and Land Contributing Surface Water to the New York City Water Supply,” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Mark Walczyk; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; and Assemblyman Scott Gray.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 210-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha and Mr. Webster.

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

Resolution No. 210-2023 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 5-22-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 211-2023

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

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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Title	Name	Standard Workday	Term	Social Security Number (last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (Check only if member is Tier 1)	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted (Check only if official did not submit ROA)
Legislator	Rita Curran	6 hours	1/1/2023-12/31/2026	7674	62709118		6.80	
Legislator	Dan Fay	6 hours	1/1/2023-12/31/2026	0532	38626982		3.58	
Legislator	David Forsythe	6 hours	1/1/2023-12/31/2026	9155	43554971		8.39	
Legislator	John Gennett	6 hours	1/1/2023-12/31/2026	8632	73609091		2.28	
Legislator	Nicole Terminelli	6 hours	1/1/2023-12/31/2026	1786	63705140		4.41	
Legislator	Glenn Webster	6 hours	1/1/2023-12/31/2026	0844	73609125		8.53	
Coroner	James M. Sienkiewicz	6 hours	1/1/2023-12/31/2026	6729	42218743		.98	
Coroner	Steven M. Cary	6 hours	1/1/2023-12/31/2026	5677	73666083		4.03	

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 211-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 212-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY (DANC) FOR ASSISTANCE WITH GRANT WRITING FOR THE 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, since 1982, St. Lawrence County has operated 32 programs, funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, to rehabilitate homes owned and occupied by low-income households, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the County anticipates applying for additional CDBG funds in order to continue its housing programs, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Office will not have adequate capacity in 2023 to support the application for additional CDBG funds in order to continue its housing programs due to a retirement and new staff in training, and

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WHEREAS, the Planning Office has issued a Request for Quotes (RFQ) to provide assistance with grant writing services in order to prepare the 2023 CDBG application for funding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for assistance with grant writing for the 2023 Community Development Block Grant application, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N1080204 43007 N ADM Other Fees & Services \$3,500

INCREASE REVENUE:

N1027015 55000 N Planning Prior Year Refund \$3,500

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to sign any additional documents necessary for the application, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 212-2023, seconded by Mr. Hull and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 213-2023

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Perkins, District 7 and Mr. Webster, District 11

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 twelve (12) positions, of those reviewed all were existing positions in six (6) departments, and

WHEREAS, one of the twelve positions reviewed was removed from the list to be reevaluated, and one (1) new position that approved at a prior vacancy review committee was added,

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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	Laborer	306000017	FT	Permanent	Immediate
WIOA	Employment and Training Counselor	701000027	FT	Contingent	Immediate
County Administrator/B&G	Building Maintenance Worker	304200008	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Administrator/B&G	B&G Crewleader	302800001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Treasurer	Senior Account Clerk	100200015	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Senior Caseworker	815400003	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Case Supervisor, Grade B	816000001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services/Medical Svc	Keyboard Specialist	003100037	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Child Support	Senior Account Clerk	100200009	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services/HEAP	Social Welfare Examiner	814000060	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Accounting	Director of Finance*	101800001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff/Correctional Facility	Corporal	603300003	FT	Provisional	Immediate

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 101200004, Fiscal Manager, will be abolished in Social Services, and

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

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

Mr. Perkins moved to adopt Resolution No. 213-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Mr. Hull moved to remove the following resolution from the Table, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 5-15-2023

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

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A4443224 465TL	A OFS NCTLS Advances	6,154
A4443224 465UH	A OFS United Helpers Advances	<u>67,929</u>
		\$309,439

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:

A2134865 56000	A SA St. Joe's Rehab Center	\$2,218
A2334865 56000	A SA NCFH Canton Alcohol Addiction	6,978
A2434865 567000	A SA 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 substitute the following resolution in place of Resolution No. 168-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Gennett.

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RESOLUTION NO. 214-2023 (SUBSTITUTE)

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH (OMH) 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 authorized the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for Community Services for Funding Received from NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) 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	78,238
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	2,312
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	\$163,643
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>96,494</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:

A2134865 56000	A SA St. Joe's Rehab Center	\$2,218
A2334865 56000	A SA NCFH Canton Alcohol Addiction	6,978
A2434865 567000	A SA 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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Resolution No. 214-2023 was adopted unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 215-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
250TH COMMEMORATION COMMISSION TO CELEBRATE AND PROMOTE
THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the United States will commemorate the 250th anniversary of events surrounding the American Revolutionary War beginning in 2025 and continuing until 2033, and

WHEREAS, New York State has created the NYS 250th Commemoration Commission to celebrate the events surrounding the founding of our nation, and

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WHEREAS, the NYS Commission is to be co-chaired by the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the Commission of the Department of Education or their designees and includes the New York State Historian as well as other stakeholders from around the State who have knowledge of history, historic preservation, and tourism, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County would like to participate in the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution with New York State, other counties and municipalities, and will form a local committee called the St. Lawrence County 250th Commemoration Commission, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the St. Lawrence County 250th Commemoration Commission will be to celebrate and promote the role of New York State and St. Lawrence County in the American Revolution by educating, engaging, and inspiring our citizens and visitors, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Historian will recommend interested parties, heritage organizations, municipalities, and others to participate with the Commission to the County Administrator and Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County 250th Commemoration Commission will focus its efforts on important events, people, and places during the Revolutionary War time period within St. Lawrence County and promote, observe, and celebrate the role of St. Lawrence County in the American Revolution, and

WHEREAS, local projects, such as creating historical sites to attract tourists, supporting celebrations, creating or restoring local historical markers and hosting historical presentations, will enhance historical tourism opportunities in our County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the creation of the St. Lawrence County 250th Commemoration Commission to celebrate and promote the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolutionary War, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County 250th Commemoration Commission will support local efforts to educate, engage, and inspire municipalities and communities, to enhance historical tourism opportunities in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to appoint members to the 250th Commemorative Commission.

Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 215-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard and Mr. Hull.

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

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Resolution No. 215-2023 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 216-2023

PROCLAIMING JUNE AS FAMILY MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Hull, District 8

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5 and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the family institution is the fundamental building block – “the true origin of society,” as stated by American Founding Father James Wilson, and

WHEREAS, the intellectual and moral development of children starts with healthy families, and

WHEREAS, mothers and fathers have the natural and pre-political right and responsibility to direct and manage the education, growth, and development of their children, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General’s 2023 Report on the Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation attributes, in part, this striking public health crisis to the fact that “family size and marriage rates have been in steady decline for decades,” and

WHEREAS, data from the National Center for Education Statistics has shown that, in 2021, children under age 18 are over four times less likely to be living in poverty if they live in a married-couple household (as compared to a single-parent household), and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau reported in 2020 that approximately 18.3 million children in the U.S., more than 1 in 4, were living without a father in the home, and notable scientific studies have evidenced a strong correlation between father absence and children’s poorer educational achievement, increased mental illness, and higher incarceration risk, and

WHEREAS, National Family Month is celebrated during the five-week period between Mother’s Day in May and Father’s Day in June as recognized and proclaimed by the 105th U.S. Congress Res. #302, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims June as Family Month in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes that statistics do not dictate individual outcomes, and every child has the capacity to live a healthy and successful life, even in the most difficult situations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators honors County employees of the Department of Social Services, Community Services, Public Health, and other County services that faithfully provide support and hope to families in our community, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators commits governmental will and resources of the County toward fostering and encouraging healthy families, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes that government ought not supplant parents in the healthy rearing and development of children and commits to uphold the natural rights of parents in that endeavor.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 216-2023, seconded by Mr. Webster, Mr. Fay, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Gennett, and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Hull said this proclamation recognizes that the historical family institution of father, mother, and child is the fundament pre-political building block of human civilization. American founding father, James Wilson, called it the true origin of society. Decades of national statistics and human observation demonstrate the relationship between healthy families and a healthy community. In society today where social stability, education, and mental health are all moving in the wrong direction one should remind themselves that family plays the pivotal role in correcting these trends. It is important to recognize that statistics do not dictate individual outcomes and every child has the capacity to live a healthy and successful life even in the most difficult situations. In that spirit this resolution honors County employees from the Department of Social Services, Community Services, Public Health and other departments that offer support and hope to families in our communities. The Board commits resources and attention towards fostering and encouraging healthy families and recognizes that government should not supplant parents in the healthy rearing and development of children, and further commits to upholding the natural rights of parents.

Ms. Haggard said she was delighted to see this resolution declaring June as national family month. The family is the core of what makes our great Nation. There are all kinds of families, and it is wonderful that it coincides with pride month, where the LBGTQ community is recognized and celebrated, a community in which many families in St. Lawrence County belong. Furthermore, June is national gun violence awareness month which is critically important to families as gun deaths are now the number one cause of the deaths of children and adolescence, according to the New England Journal of Medicine. June is also Alzheimer's awareness month and sadly so many families face this challenge, and of course in June the last enslaved African-American people learned they were freed. Let us be aware of all the diversity that makes up this County as national family month is celebrated.

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

Resolution No. 216-2023 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 217-2023

AUTHORIZING AN OFFICIAL REQUEST OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ADOPT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE A SECOND FAMILY COURT JUDGE FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

By Ms. Terminelli, District 14

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1, Mr. Sheridan, District, 4,
Mr. Smithers, District 5, and Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, Family Court hears cases involving child custody, adoption, determination of support payments, and the paternity of children along with dealing with all types of family disputes and also handles most cases involving youths between 8 and 16 years old who are charged with offenses that would be crimes if committed by adults, and

WHEREAS, Family Courts across the State are struggling to handle larger caseloads and more complex cases, and that strain has a negative impact on children and families who need their cases to be heard in a timely manner, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is in the Fourth (4th) Judicial District with one (1) Family Court Judge, and in an effort to alleviate a backlog of cases the Board of Legislators believes that creating an additional judge will be of tremendous assistance in addressing the problems and getting the resources needed to protect vulnerable children and families, and

WHEREAS, since at least 2016, St. Lawrence County has maintained the highest number of filings in Family Court in the Fourth (4th) Judicial District which consists of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, Washington, and St. Lawrence Counties, and

WHEREAS, thus far in 2023, St. Lawrence County follows Schenectady County in the number of filings and there are three (3) Family Court Judges that manage caseloads there, and

WHEREAS, one measure, undertaken by the Office of Court Administration, to address the additional filings has been to assign judges from other courts and other counties to assist in the proceedings for the St. Lawrence County Family Court, and

WHEREAS, in May 2023, Chair Forsythe reconvened the Family Court Committee to take another look at the need and return a recommendation to the Board of Legislators whether there is a need to request a second Family Court Judge in St. Lawrence County at this time, and

WHEREAS, the Committee reviewed information and statistics which demonstrate that St. Lawrence County has consistently had the highest filings across the Fourth (4th) Judicial District with a seven-year average filing per judge of over 5K filings, understanding that the judges assisting the Family Court in St. Lawrence County have responsibilities that require their attention in their own courts which include Judges of City Court, Surrogate Court, and Courts in other counties,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes an official request of the State of New York to adopt legislation that would provide a second Family Court Judge for St. Lawrence County in the Fourth Judicial District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the timeline associated with the request would be approval by New York State in the 2023 Session, with an election in 2024, for the second Family Court Judge in St. Lawrence County to be sworn in and begin their term in 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first review by the Committee included an assessment with the Office of Court Administration of space to accommodate a second court space and were preliminarily approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the renovations to accommodate a second Family Court Judge would be completed adjacent to the existing Family Court space thereby making more efficient use of security and staff already in place, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the timeline prescribed above would provide sufficient time for renovations to be complete prior to the second Family Court Judge taking office, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Dan Stec, Senator Marc Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Chief Administrative Judge Felix Catena, and the Office of Court Administration.

Ms. Terminelli moved to adopt Resolution No. 217-2023, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Sheridan.

Mr. Lightfoot said he will vote against this resolution for reasons he discussed at length during the committee meeting. He said he feels duty-bound to raise his objections as the costs are unknown, as well is the available space for an additional court room.

Mr. Smithers said this was researched in a very reasonable manner. Legislator Terminelli, as Chair of the Committee, and County Administrator Ruth Doyle laid out a plan for space which seems very affordable. There is certainly a need for an additional family court judge, as families have such a lengthy delay in their court proceedings. He said it is a necessary step and demands the attention of the Board.

Mr. Reagen said he was skeptical and concerned at first, but the County Administrator has assured the Board of a plan and based on her recommendation he is willing to support this.

Mr. Forsythe thanked the committee, and said he will support the recommendation of the committee.

Resolution No. 217-2023 was adopted by a voice with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Lightfoot).

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RESOLUTION NO. 218-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENTS FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE ON THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3 and Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is authorized and directed to enter into agreements with towns for and on behalf of the County to provide for winter maintenance as provided in Section 135 and Section 135A of Highway Law, and

WHEREAS, a new agreement has been successfully negotiated with the towns and is proposed for three (3) plowing seasons, beginning on or about October 1, 2023 and ending June 1, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Towns will be divided into two tiers with the Towns of Clifton, Fine, Piercefield, and Pitcairn being Tier II, and the other towns being Tier I, and

WHEREAS, compensation to the municipalities for the agreement will include Tier I towns at \$5,450 per mile for the 2023-2024 winter season, \$5,700 per mile for 2024-2025, and \$5,900 per mile for 2025-2026 (HC051424 40500), and

WHEREAS, compensation to the municipalities for the agreement will include Tier II towns at \$5,922 per mile for the 2023-2024 winter season, \$6,194 per mile for 2024-2025, and \$6,411 per mile for 2025-2026 (HC051424 40500), and

WHEREAS, there are thirty-two (32) towns in St. Lawrence County with twenty-six (26) under contract with the County for winter maintenance with the Towns of Canton, Clare, Pierrepont, Lisbon, Potsdam, and Russell not participating in the multi-year agreement at this time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign multi-year agreements for winter maintenance on the County Road System, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Smithers moved to adopt Resolution No. 218-2023, seconded by Mr. Fay, Mr. Gennett, and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Smithers said this was a process and the County worked to maintain a very cordial, workable relationship with the Towns regarding these contracts.

Mr. Sheridan said he will vote against this resolution for reasons he voiced at the previous meeting.

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Resolution No. 218-2023 was carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Sheridan).

RESOLUTION NO. 219-2023

**ENCOURAGING NEW YORK STATE TO TRANSFER AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE BLACK LAKE BOAT LAUNCH TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND TO REMEDIATE TO ACCOMMODATE
MODERN CONDITIONS**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; and Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, Black Lake is the largest lake in St. Lawrence County with over 60 miles of shoreline; its numerous islands, massive bays, mid-lake shoals, and rocky points and shoreline make it an outstanding fishery, and

WHEREAS, according to the 2017 New York State Statewide Angler Survey, Black Lake has an estimated economic impact output of over \$16 million dollars and is an economic engine for New York State and the ever-dependent tourism economy in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the same study concluded that Black Lake averages 369 fisherpersons per day and those anglers travel an average of 156 miles to fish Black Lake, and

WHEREAS, the public boat launch for Black Lake is owned and operated by New York State Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation, which lacks funding to remediate the grounds, launch, and dock, and

WHEREAS, the boat launch is extremely busy and is the key access point to the Lake, making the fishing and recreation industry reliant on its operability and efficiency, and

WHEREAS, the current state of the boat launch and associated dock is not suitable for the number of boaters or modern boating equipment, does not provide for safe loading and unloading, and discourages anglers and visitors that are integral to the local economy, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Conservation operates the majority of the boat launches located outside of New York State Parks and may have sufficient funding and the expertise to remediate and have oversight responsibilities of the Black Lake boat launch,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages New York State to transfer agency responsibility of the Black Lake boat launch to the Department of Environmental Conservation and to remediate to accommodate modern conditions, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Mark Walczyk, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, New York State Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation, New York Department of Environmental Conservation, and Black Lake Association.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 219-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Sheridan.

Mr. Forsythe said the last economic study of Black Lake showed an economic benefit of \$15 million dollars for St. Lawrence County, and the boat launch is in dire need of repair. The boat launch is a ten (10) feet in length and boats longer than ten (10) feet are trying to dock. The parking lot also needs maintenance, surrounding trees need trimming, and a security system should be installed. The Office of the NYS Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservations are responsible for the boat launch, but state there are not funds to maintain the boat launch. New York State needs to take care of what they own.

Mr. Denesha asked if there was a boat wash station to eliminate evasive species at this launch. Mr. Forsythe said he did not believe there was.

Mr. Lightfoot said this is the only sizable public boat launch on Black Lake. He said the boat launch is dangerous the way it is now, and he hopes the State of New York will see fit to transfer ownership to a department that has the will and the funding to bring this up to the standards that it should be for a lake that was ranked number four (4) for fishing in New York State.

Resolution No. 219-2023 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle said the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) tracking of funds can be located on the County Website, under the Board of Legislators' page.

Last week, three County departments – Public Health, Youth Bureau, and Community Services – attended a health and wellness fair in Heuvelton. There have been further requests for County departments to attend other events.

The annual Chamber of Commerce Tourism Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14th, at the Town Hall in Waddington.

The NYS Office of Emergency Management will be hosting a training for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on June 13th in the Legislative Board Chambers.

Ms. Doyle said, at request of the Board, a list of hardware and software used by the County, with connections to China, has been shared with the Board via email.

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The upgrade made to MUNIS, the County financial system, was complete and made operational today.

County email has been changed from stlawco.org to stlawco.gov.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reagen made a motion to authorize the County Administrator and Treasurer to pay the City of Ogdensburg what is owed as a result of the decision by the New York State Supreme Court of appeals on the real property matter, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Mr. Reagen said the fight between the City and County has gone on for several years, has divided communities and members of this Board of Legislators, and has create ill-will in many communities. The City is facing serious financial problems, and part of those problems are from the decision of the County to redistribute sales tax. The County lost their case at State Supreme Court and again at Appeal Court. He said it is now time to assist the City of Ogdensburg in their time of need.

Ms. Haggard said she understands and agrees that when the County has an obligation it should be met, but she would like to hear from the County Attorney about the legality of this issue.

Mr. Smithers moved to table this proposed resolution to the upcoming Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a roll call vote with ten (10) yes votes, and five (5) no votes (Curran, Reagen, Forsythe, Lightfoot, and Perkins).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel and appointments, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Fay, and Hull, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Open Session at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to appoint the following individual to the **Office for the Aging Advisory Council**, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Mary Jones, 240 County Route 59, Potsdam 13676

Mr. Lightfoot moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Fish and Wildlife Management Board (Term to expire: 12/31/2024)**, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

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Don Sadue, 236 Stammer Road, Gouverneur 13642

Mr. Lightfoot moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Workforce Development Board (Term to expire: 1/27/2026)**, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Shena Patrick, 243 Prospect Avenue, Massena 13662

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Chair Forsythe appointed the following individuals to the St. Lawrence County 250th Commemoration Commission: Mr. Reagen (Chair), Ms. Curran, Ms. Haggard, and County Historian Nancy LaFaver.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Forsythe adjourned the June Full Board meeting at 8:54 p.m., as there was no further business.