

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: Mr. Gennett moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Gennett moved to approve the July 3, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A thank you card was received from the family of Michael Cunningham regarding the floral arrangement sent for the memorial services.
2. A thank you card was received from Natalie Appel of Hermon DeKalb Central School for the off-track betting scholarship she received from St. Lawrence County. She said she will use it to further her education.
3. An email was received in support of the CARES Act from Reverend Katrina Hebb of the First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam asking the Board to support holding clergy responsible for becoming mandated reporters.
4. A resolution was received from Greene County urging the Governor to veto Assembly Bill 4282B and Senate Bill S3505B to move certain local elections to even-numbered years.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: John Wayne Johnston, Hammond; Susan McHeffey, Gouverneur; Sam Bryant, Star Lake; Wes Lincoln, Brasher Falls; and Christina McCarthy, Brasher Falls

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 7-10-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 255-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK
STATE INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FOR YEAR FIVE OF THE
HURRELL-HARRING CONTRACT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 342-2018 authorized the provision of funding associated with the implementation of the Hurrell-Harring Grant through Indigent Legal Services, and

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WHEREAS, under the contract, and as a result of the negotiations, 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, for Year 5 (April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023), the Hurrell-Harring Grant provides the County with \$1,769,999.10 in grant funding for the use of Indigent Criminal Defense,

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopted Resolution No. 255-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 7-10-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 256-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ACCELERATED TRANSIT CAPITAL FUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) awarded St. Lawrence County \$113,510 under the 2023 Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) Program, and

WHEREAS, eligible projects include rehabilitating, restoring, and modernizing public transit assets that have a minimum service life of five (5) years, and

WHEREAS, the NYS DOT requires grantees to execute grant agreements within thirty (30) days of receiving an award notification, and

WHEREAS, funds must be obligated within three-years of an executed grant agreement,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with New York State Department of Transportation for Accelerated Transit Capital Funds, 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:

N2B56302 25000	N Technical Equipment	\$113,510
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B35945 56002	N SA Capital Funds for Bus	\$113,510
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

Ms. Curran moved to adopted Resolution No. 256-2023, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 7-10-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 257-2023

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR A FIRE INVESTIGATION TEAM GRANT

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, FM Global has awarded a grant of \$2,996 to the Office of Emergency Services to provide funds to purchase four (4) Apple iPads to help fire investigators more efficiently investigate and determine the origins and causes of fires, and

WHEREAS, the iPads will be issued to fire investigators and stored at the Office of Emergency Services or on the mobile command vehicle,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X1034104 42000	X Fire Office Supplies & Expenses	\$2,996
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INCREASE REVENUE:

X1015895 55000	X Other Public Safety Revenue	\$2,996
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Ms. Curran moved to adopted Resolution No. 257-2023, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Gennett and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 7-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 258-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH MEDICAID
MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMERCIAL INSURANCES
FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER SERVICES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services is in the process of updating and/or establishing new contracts with insurance providers that cover the North Country Region, and

WHEREAS, there are approximately nine (9) major insurance organizations that serve the St. Lawrence County Community that are a mix of Medicare and Medicaid Managed Care Organizations as well as several private commercial payers, and

WHEREAS, throughout this contracting process the Department will be receiving consultation from EPOCH as part of our current Agreement as per Resolution No. 48-2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with Medicaid managed care organizations and commercial insurances for behavioral health provider services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Services will provide the County Administrator with updates to include terms, rates, and any other metrics to be shared with the Board of Legislators.

Mr. Hull moved to adopted Resolution No. 258-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 7-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 259-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LETTER TO MEDICARE
AS PART OF THE CREDENTIALING PROCESS FOR THE OPIOID
TREATMENT PROGRAM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services is in the process of updating credentialing with Medicare to include the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP), and

WHEREAS, as part of this credentialing process, the application requires for a signed letter on the letterhead of the responsible government or tribal organization, and

WHEREAS, this letter will attest that the County will be legally responsible in the event there is any outstanding debt owed to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service (CMS), and

WHEREAS, this must be signed by an “authorized official” who has the authority to legally and financially bind the County to the laws, regulations, and program instructions of Medicare,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a letter to CMS as part of the Medicare credentialing process, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopted Resolution No. 259-2023, seconded by Mr. Fay, Mr. Burke, Mr. Gennett, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 7-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 260-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH FORT DRUM REGIONAL HEALTH PLANNING
ORGANIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A HEALTH RESOURCES AND
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA) GRANT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization (FDRHPO) has received a four year Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant which begins July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2027, and

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WHEREAS, for the purpose of this grant, FDRHPO seeks to work with the integrated rural health network in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties to administer whole person-centered care management for the rural population through transitional care management after patients' discharges from inpatient or emergency department settings, in addition to implementing chronic care management where eligible high risk, high needs patients work with their care team on comprehensive care planning to achieve patients' identified wellness goals, engage in preventive care, and

WHEREAS, the expected outcomes include increased closure of identified care gaps, reduced hospital readmissions, increased access to care through telehealth services, improved patient-centered care, patient engagement in care planning, and increased collaboration between primary care and community providers, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Community Services is a participating member of the North Country Independent Practice Association (IPA), and therefore has been asked to participate in this HRSA grant, and

WHEREAS, this HRSA funding would allow Community Services to receive \$80 per patient for providing transitional case management services and \$60 per patient for providing chronic care management services, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of funding the Department (A3116205 55000) will receive is based on the number of individuals identified by FDRHPO over the four year period of the grant who are eligible and in need of these specialized case management services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization for the purpose of participation in the HRSA Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Hull moved to adopted Resolution No. 260-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 7-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 261-2023

PROCLAIMING AUGUST AS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is observing National Immunization Awareness Month in August to highlight the importance of vaccinations for people of all ages, and

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WHEREAS, providing children the vaccines, recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, before their second (2nd) birthday is the best way to protect against fourteen (14) serious and potentially deadly diseases, and

WHEREAS, vaccines recommended for individuals are based on age, health conditions, job, lifestyle, and travel habits, and

WHEREAS, some childhood vaccines can diminish in effectiveness over time making it necessary for adults to keep vaccinations up-to-date to help protect themselves and others, and

WHEREAS, it is important for pregnant women to receive vaccinations not only to protect themselves, but to create protective antibodies that will be passed on to her baby providing short-term protection, and

WHEREAS, vaccinations are one of the most convenient and safest preventive care measures available,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

Mr. Hull moved to adopted Resolution No. 261-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Mr. Fay, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-31-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 262-2023

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR PAVING PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL 10 MILES OF PAVING

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Board of Legislators demonstrated a commitment to address the challenges associated with ongoing maintenance of the County road system by adding ten (10) miles or \$2.1M to the Budget for paving, and for 2023, the recommendation was to add an additional ten (10) miles of paving throughout the County for a second consecutive year, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is required to maintain 573 miles of County roads and its infrastructure for the safety of the traveling public, and the County paves approximately twenty-eight (28) to thirty-two (32) miles of road annually, and

WHEREAS, upon review of the 2022 unaudited results, the Board of Legislators would like to address the impact of the cost of materials for the 2023 paving budget, and expand the 2023 paving schedule, and

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WHEREAS, the 2023 Budget approved 38.65 miles of road, and cost increases have become prohibitive, but additional funding will restore the ability of the Department accomplish the intended number of miles paved in the 2023 Budget and provide for an additional ten (10) miles of paving,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Department of Highways for paving projects and authorizes an additional 10 miles of paving, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$1,200,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$1,200,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199019 90300	T IFT GF Transfer to CR	\$1,200,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6350319 90100	T IFT CR Transfer from GF	\$1,200,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM151104 454PM H1	H H1 Paving Materials	\$1,200,000
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Mr. Gennett moved to adopted Resolution No. 262-2023, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Curran, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Hull, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-31-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 263-2023

**APPROVING THE 2023 ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT FEE RATES**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department sets fee rates during the budget process, and

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WHEREAS, the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) has imposed a three dollar (\$3) per ton increase in tipping fees for Solid Waste beginning January 2023, and

WHEREAS, recycling tipping fees have increased from \$13.27/ton in 2022 to \$104.82/ton in 2023, and recycling fees for tires have increased from \$168.00/ton to \$193.20/ton, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department is an Enterprise Fund that relies on various fees charged to haulers and the public to finance its operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the 2023 St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department fee rates, effective October 1, 2023, as follows:

DESCRIPTION	PRICE/TON-UNIT 2023	REVISED PRICE/TON-UNIT UNIT 2023
Trash / Ton - Non-Hauler	\$176 Per Ton	\$188 Per Ton
Compacted Trash / Ton - Hauler	\$108 Per Ton	\$116 Per Ton
Trash / Ton - Hauler	\$143 Per Ton	\$153 Per Ton
C&D Debris - Non-Hauler	\$172 Per Ton	\$184 Per Ton
C&D Debris - Hauler	\$143 Per Ton	\$153 Per Ton
Shingles	\$143 Per Ton	\$153 Per Ton
Mattress/Box Spring Any Size	\$9 Per Unit (Mattress/box spring: \$18)	\$10 Per Unit (Mattress/box spring: \$20)
Weight Only	No Charge	No Charge
Weight Only - Charge	\$5 Per Unit	\$5 Per Unit
Spring / Fall Municipal Cleanups	\$128 Per Ton	\$137 Per Ton
Single Trash Bag	\$4 Per Unit	\$5 Per Unit
Recyclables - Non-Hauler	\$45 Per Ton	\$50 Per Ton
Recyclables - Hauler	\$45 Per Ton	\$50 Per Ton
General Hauling Fee **	1 Unit =1 Hour (\$125 Minimum)	1 Unit =1 Hour (\$125 Minimum)
Unloading Service Fee - Non-Hauler	\$25 Each Time	\$25 Each Time
Unloading Service Fee - Hauler	\$15 Each Time	\$15 Each Time
Uncovered Load Fee	\$15 Per Unit	\$15 Per Unit
Ogdensburg Municipal Sludge	\$125 Per Ton	\$134 Per Ton
WWTP GRIT	\$100 Per Ton	\$100 Per Ton
Municipal Sludge	\$125 Per Ton	\$134 Per Ton
County Trash Bags - Large (5 Pack)	5 Unit Minimum \$22	5 Unit Minimum \$24
County Trash Bags - Small (10 Pack)	10 Unit Minimum \$22	10 Unit Minimum \$24
Oversized (>44") & Off-Road Tires	\$200 Per Ton (0-180 lbs.: \$15 min.)	\$224 Per Ton (0-180 lbs.: \$15 min.)
Car & Truck Tires (<44")	\$200 Per Ton (0-240 lbs.: \$15 Min)	\$224 Per Ton (0-240 lbs.: \$15 min.)
Recycling Tags (5 Pack)	\$2 For 5 Tags	\$3 For 5 Tags

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Combo Pack (Bags & Tags)	\$24 For 5 Bags and Tags	\$26 For 5 Bags and Tags
Contamination Charge	\$50 Per Unit (\$50 Minimum)	\$50 Per Unit (\$50 Minimum)
Direct Haul Fuel Surcharge	\$12 Per Ton	\$13 Per Ton
Direct Haul MSW	\$11 Per Ton	\$12 Per Ton
Direct Haul C&D	\$11 Per Ton	\$12 Per Ton
(DH) Sludge-Non Beneficial	\$12 Per Ton	\$13 Per Ton
(DH) Sludge-Beneficial	\$12 Per Ton	\$13 Per Ton
(DH) Sewage Sludge	\$12 Per Ton	\$13 Per Ton
(DH) Industrial Waste	\$12 Per Ton	\$13 Per Ton
(DH) Contaminated Soil	No Charge	No Charge
(DH) Asbestos-Friable	\$12 Per Ton	\$13 Per Ton
(DH) Asbestos-Bulk	\$12 Per Ton	\$13 Per Ton

Mr. Gennett moved to adopted Resolution No. 263-2023, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Haggard and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 264-2023

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE APPORTIONMENT
FOR THE YEAR 2024**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Self-Insured Plan has developed its budget for the for the year 2023, and

WHEREAS, the participant allocation of the plan costs is to be provided by September 1, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following apportionment of Workers' Compensation costs for the year 2024 be applied to the participating municipalities of St. Lawrence County:

	2024	2023	Increase /
	<u>Apportionment</u>	<u>Apportionment</u>	<u>Decrease (-)</u>
St. Lawrence County	\$1,330,347	\$1,225,487	\$104,860
Soil and Water Conservation District	\$2,694	\$11,070	(\$8,376)
<u>CITY:</u>			
Ogdensburg	\$288,924	\$283,169	\$5,755

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TOWNS:

Brasher	\$33,332	\$27,262	\$6,070
Canton	\$48,198	\$47,059	\$1,139
Clare	\$7,840	\$7,276	\$564
Clifton	\$37,565	\$33,489	\$4,076
DeKalb	\$31,055	\$27,098	\$3,957
DePeyster	\$11,240	\$10,229	\$1,011
Edwards	\$29,832	\$26,990	\$2,842
Fine	\$43,461	\$38,864	\$4,597
Fowler	\$28,995	\$26,350	\$2,645
Gouverneur	\$37,971	\$36,366	\$1,605
Hammond	\$14,862	\$17,641	(\$2,779)
Hermon	\$30,813	\$26,813	\$4,000
Hopkinton	\$26,825	\$21,640	\$5,185
Lawrence	\$30,028	\$24,584	\$5,444
Lisbon	\$55,637	\$52,002	\$3,635
Louisville	\$56,758	\$48,131	\$8,627
Macomb	\$17,314	\$17,792	(\$478)
Madrid	\$23,891	\$25,409	(\$1,518)
Massena	\$102,375	\$106,743	(\$4,368)
Morristown	\$36,095	\$29,749	\$6,346
Norfolk	\$43,539	\$34,990	\$8,549
Oswegatchie	\$34,282	\$33,036	\$1,246
Parishville	\$56,659	\$54,404	\$2,255
Pierrepont	\$41,929	\$40,811	\$1,118
Pitcairn	\$14,019	\$10,793	\$3,226
Potsdam	\$87,939	\$74,728	\$13,211
Rossie	\$13,446	\$13,194	\$252
Russell	\$28,251	\$24,984	\$3,267
Stockholm	\$35,483	\$28,902	\$6,581
Waddington	\$21,996	\$20,703	\$1,293

VILLAGES:

Canton	\$98,290	\$120,528	(\$22,239)
Gouverneur	\$81,118	\$79,148	\$1,970
Hammond	\$1,166	\$969	\$197
Heuvelton	\$15,375	\$12,777	\$2,598
Massena	\$337,512	\$271,480	\$66,032
Norwood	\$31,910	\$28,823	\$3,087
Potsdam	\$210,599	\$169,467	\$41,132
Rensselaer Falls	\$1,363	\$1,069	\$294
Richville	\$17	\$18	(\$1)
Waddington	\$19,055	\$8,032	\$11,023

TOTAL:

	\$3,500,000	\$3,200,069	\$339,689
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Mr. Gennett moved to adopted Resolution No. 264-2023, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Hull, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-31-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 265-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR
RENOVATIONS AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX AND APPOINTING THE
OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE/CLERK OF THE WORKS FOR THE PROJECT**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Denesha, District 6; and Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, in 1994, St. Lawrence County renovated the building at 49½ Court Street, Canton from an emergency bunker to a Public Safety Complex that included new administrative office space for economic development and the One-Stop Career Center, a location for law enforcement, and public safety answering point (911 Center), and

WHEREAS, after nearly thirty (30) years of continuous use and changes to Department funding, the Complex is in need of updated functional space and technology, the Buildings & Grounds Committee has reviewed the current and future needs of the Public Safety Complex and is ready to make recommendations for improvements, and

WHEREAS, currently the Sheriff's Office (Road Patrol & Civil Enforcement), Emergency Services (PSAP), Planning, and Conflict Defender are the County Departments that occupy the Complex, along with the New York State Police who lease space on the first floor, and

WHEREAS, the needs surrounding a new state-of-the-art Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) or commonly referred to as the 911 Center have been evaluated along with the upgrade to the radio system will increase the volume in the center with an additional two (2) desks and capacity for two (2) more in the future will provide for better equipment and ability to respond, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the District Attorney indicated an interest in sharing space in the Public Safety Complex with the Sheriff's Office, the New York State Police, and Emergency Service with the 911 Center, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee assembled the Departments and began working with a firm to design a space that would provide adequate office space, update the PSAP, create an official Emergency Operations Center (EOC) adjacent to the Emergency Services Department, and provide secure access points throughout the Complex, and

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WHEREAS, the County authorized \$5M of the ARPA Funding provided in 2021 to be utilized for capital projects with this being the first project ready for construction, and

WHEREAS, the goals of this project is to assimilate law enforcement and the District Attorney's Office in one location and making dramatic improvements to the PSAP (911 Center) to increase capacity and improve service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the solicitation of bids for the renovation and construction at the Public Safety Complex, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the acting architect on the Project, Beardsley Design & Associates work on behalf of the County to conduct the necessary activities for the bid process, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Buildings & Grounds Supervisor assigned to the County Administrator's Office will be assigned to represent the County as the Owner's Representative/Clerk of the Works.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopted Resolution No. 265-2023, seconded by Mr. Webster, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-31-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 266-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A CAPITAL RESERVE FROM
THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF CAPITAL PROJECT
MANAGEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators have been taking measures to establish and maintain fiscal stability for the County and in order that the process continue the County Administrator makes annual recommendations for building upon existing reserves and creating new ones when warranted, and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2018, there have been five reserves established and funded each year since their creation, and this recommendation comes in anticipation of a capital expenditure anticipated for 2025, and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the County issued a bond to purchase equipment for the Highway Department to ensure the safety of the workforce and to ensure the work completed could be done in a timely and efficiently manner with proper equipment, and

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WHEREAS, in the planning discussion around equipment at that time, the County made tentative plans to purchase equipment again after a ten year period providing an opportunity to make payments on the bond before looking at financing options for equipment that had not yet been replaced, and

WHEREAS, when possible, the Board of Legislators would like to avoid financing for equipment and begin planning for the future through the prefunding of capital purchases for equipment and as a result of the improved fiscal health of the County over the past two years it is now an option,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the creation of a reserve from the 2022 Budget for the purpose of a Capital Reserve for equipment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capital Reserve be initially funded to a balance of \$1,000,000 from the 2022 results, this reserve is being established for the purpose of supporting the future equipment needs of the County.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopted Resolution No. 266-2023, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 7-25-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 267-2023

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A (NO. _) FOR THE YEAR 2023, "ALLOWING 12 AND 13 YEAR OLD LICENSED HUNTERS TO HUNT DEER WITH A FIREARM OR CROSSBOW DURING HUNTING SEASON WITH THE SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT LICENSED HUNTER" AND RESCINDING LOCAL LAW B FOR THE YEAR 2021

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Denesha, District 6;
Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, in 2021 the New York State Legislature as a part of the enacted 2021-2022 New York State Budget, adopted a temporary program, allowing the opportunity for young hunters, ages 12 and 13, to hunt deer with firearms and crossbow through 2023 in accordance with Environment Conservation Law § 11-0935, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ECL § 11-0935, should a locality wish to permit 12 and 13 year olds to participate in the new hunting opportunities, the locality must pass a local law to opt into the program, and, in doing so, notify the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) to be added to a map of localities who have passed this local law, and

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WHEREAS, on June 7, 2021, by Resolution No. 168-2021, St. Lawrence County opted in to the program and adopted Local Law B, for the Year 2021 allowing 12 and 13 year old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of an adult licensed hunter, and

WHEREAS, on February 1, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) released a report affirming that the youth hunting pilot program had been beneficial to thousands of families across the State with more than 1,800 deer harvest reports being submitted by youth hunters, and

WHEREAS, the DEC conducted a post-hunting survey that found 82% of youth hunters and 87% of their adult mentors were moderately or greatly satisfied with their youth big game hunting experience, and additionally no hunting-related shooting incidents, violations, or license revocations involving 12 and 13 year old hunters occurred during the first two (2) years of the pilot program, and

WHEREAS, as part of the enacted 2023-2024 budget, New York State extend the authorization for the deer hunting pilot program from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that a Local Law adoption be preceded by a public hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law A (No. __) for the Year 2023 will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A (NO. _) FOR THE YEAR 2023,
“ALLOWING 12 AND 13 YEAR OLD LICENSED HUNTERS TO HUNT DEER WITH
A FIREARM OR CROSSBOW DURING HUNTING SEASON WITH THE
SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT LICENSED HUNTER” AND RESCINDING
LOCAL LAW B FOR THE YEAR 2021**

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL 11-0935, St. Lawrence County elects to participate in the temporary program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through 2025.

Section 2. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer, under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas where and during the hunting season in which such firearms may be used.

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- Section 3. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows.
- Section 4. Supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with at least three (3) years of experience who exercises dominion and control over the youth hunter at all times is required.
- Section 5. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters as well as their adult supervisors shall be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York.
- Section 6. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters shall remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader.
- Section 7. Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year olds with a firearm or crossbow.
- Section 8. A copy of this local law shall be sent to the New York State Department of Conservation.
- Section 9. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopted Resolution No. 267-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Curran, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Fay, Mr. Webster and Mr. Forsythe.

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

Resolution No. 267-2023 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 268-2023

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

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

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WHEREAS, the Vacancy Review Committee reviewed nineteen (19) positions, of those reviewed eleven (11) were existing positions in eleven (11) departments,

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

Department/Unit:	Title:	Position	Type	Duration	Timeline
Office for the Aging	Nutrition Services Aide*	801000028	PT	Permanent	Immediate
Office for the Aging	Nutrition Services Aide*	801000029	PT	Permanent	Immediate
Office for the Aging	Nutrition Services Aide*	801000030	PT	Permanent	Immediate
Office for the Aging	Nutrition Services Aide*	801000031	PT	Permanent	Immediate
Office for the Aging	Nutrition Services Aide*	801000032	PT	Permanent	Immediate
Office for the Aging	Nutrition Services Aide*	801000033	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Medical Billing Clerk*	004000002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Medical Consultant	510800003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Defender	Assistant Public Defender	021400008	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Child Support	Clerk	002300001	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Sheriff/Jail	Correction Officer	603000060	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Sheriff/Road Patrol	Deputy Sheriff	605000012	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Clerk/DMV	Motor Vehicle Clerk	009100029	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Highway Maintenance Supervisor	311000004	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Solid Waste	Senior Site Crewleader	332400001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Real Property	Real Property Tax Services Aide	107000001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Administrator/BOL	Assistant County Administrator	023900001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Administrator/B&G	Custodial Worker	303000003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Administrator/B&G	Custodial Supervisor*	303100002	FT	Provisional	Immediate

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position Nos. 801000021, 801000022, 801000024, 801000025, 801000026, and 801000027, Temporary Services Aides, be abolished in the Office for the Aging; Position No. 100100040, Medical Billing Clerk, be abolished in Community Services; and Position No 303000013, Custodial Supervisor, be abolished in Buildings and Grounds, and

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. Gennett moved to adopted Resolution No. 268-2023, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Hull, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 269-2023

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR FLOORING AND CUBICLES IN THE HAROLD B. SMITH BUILDING

By Mr. Hull, District 8

WHEREAS, the Harold B. Smith Building opened in 1973 and is in need of updates to the office area, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has supported expansion of services in the community which has created working area in the Harold B. Smith Building for creative solutions in office space configurations, and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to update the office environment follows upgrades to the HVAC System and drinking fountains, reception areas for the public, and improved monitoring of the property and facility over the last couple of years, and

WHEREAS, following the office suite renovations, the intentions are to continue with improvements to the bathroom facilities, and

WHEREAS, the first phase of the project will be to replace carpets and install cubicles to offices on the first and second floors of the Department of Social Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for Social Services for flooring and cubicles in the Harold B. Smith Building, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAM60102 21000	D MAEL Furniture	\$80,542
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	\$40,299
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	<u>40,243</u>
		\$80,542

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopted Resolution No. 269-2023, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard and Mr. Hull, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle said the 2023 Ag Tour is scheduled for Friday, August 18th, departing the Court House at 9:45 a.m., and touring the Never Tire Farm, Robert Zufall Farm and solar array, and Woodcrest Dairy. All farms are located in Lisbon. Lunch will be provided by the Blue House.

The Vacancy Review Committee will meet tomorrow to review twelve (12) positions.

The Office for the Aging will hold its annual senior picnic on Thursday, August 17th at the Morristown Fire Hall.

Auditors, Drescher & Malecki, LLP, will present the 2022 Audit Final Results at the next Operations Committee meeting.

A temporary structure will be placed at the end of the scales at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station at this time until a permanent structure can be secured.

The State of Emergency regarding concerns associated with the May 11, 2023 expiration of the Title 42 Orders will be extended through September 8, 2023.

Ms. Doyle introduced Cayce Salvino, the new Soil and Water Conservation District Manager to the Board of Legislators.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Denesha said to dress casual on ag tour and be sure to wear close-toed shoes. Hardhats and waiver of liability will need to be signed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – There were no Committee Reports

Mr. Lightfoot moved to go to Executive Session at 6:42 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, and personnel, seconded by Mr. Hull, Mr. Fay and Ms. Curran and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Two straw poll votes were taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Open Session at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Chair Forsythe made the following appointments:

Probation Issues and Officer Safety Committee – Mr. Webster

Indigent Burial Rates Committee – Ms. Haggard

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ADJOURNMENT: Chair Forsythe adjourned the August Full Board Meeting at 8:43 p.m., as there was no further business.