Full Board Monday, October 7, 2024 6:00 PM

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

**ROLL CALL:** All Legislators were present with the exception of Mr. Webster.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Curran moved to approve the minutes of September 9, 2024, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

#### SENATOR DAN STEC, 45TH SENATE DISTRICT

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Deputy Clerk read the following correspondence:

- 1. A thank-you card was received from the Church and Community Program for the use of the County Parking Lot for their 50th birthday celebration.
- 2. A resolution was received from the Town of Potsdam on the matter of Council Member Paige.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Ken Gardner, City of Ogdensburg and Daniel Moyer, Town of Gouverneur

#### PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

October 7, 2024

Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

RESOLUTION NO. <u>274-2024</u>

#### AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH APCO INTERNATIONAL FOR THE INTELLICOMM AND GUIDECARD SYSTEM FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS,** Emergency Services staff have reviewed multiple options and determined that APCO International would best benefit the residents of the County as the best option when

considering public safety and emergency communications, and

WHEREAS, IntelliComm expands the current EMD System to include not only medical guidecards but also law enforcement and fire guidecards, offering the most consistent, efficient, and safest dispatching options with each discipline always available on-screen for immediate access as well as portable accessibility from mobile phone devices to help ensure continuity of operations, and

**WHEREAS,** APCO International offers online training and required recertifications for Public Safety Communications, Law Enforcement, Fire Service, EMD managers, and supervisors, and

**WHEREAS,** the cost for APCO International implementation is \$59,413 (XP036404 42004) with an added \$2,891 (X1C34104 41102) estimated cost for training, products, and manuals, and an estimated annual maintenance cost of \$7,000,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with APCO International for the IntelliComm and Guidecard System for Emergency Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 274-2024, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

October 7, 2024

Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 275-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH RELCOMM INC. FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A NEW PHONE SYSTEM INCLUDING THE MITEL REVOLUTION EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the existing Mitel-based telephone infrastructure of the County was installed in 2008 and in dire need of updating from both a hardware/equipment and software perspective, and

**WHEREAS**, the County has expressed an interest in improving its ability to communicate effectively in emergency situations and as a part of this project will be implementing an enterprise-wide internal notification system for emergencies, and

**WHEREAS,** RelComm, the current Mitel support vendor for the County, has provided a detailed thorough plan to effectuate this upgrade, and

WHEREAS, RelComm is also a premier Mitel partner for the expert implementation of the Revolution Emergency Alert system, enabling messages and alerts to be sent to any and all county telephones, and

**WHEREAS**, the new telephone system will displace nine (9) physical controllers with two (2) virtual controllers, reducing maintenance costs and potential points of failure, and

**WHEREAS,** all remaining old telephone handsets (678) will be replaced, resulting in all phones having screens which can receive messages, and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting telephone infrastructure will be improved and service to lines and will have increased redundancy, resulting in reducing the potential service failures,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with RelComm, Inc. for the Implementation of a New Phone System and the Mitel Revolution Emergency Notification System, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for Information Technology, as follows:

#### **DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$423,500

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

01TG0910 50300 F	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$423,500
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#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

CDS16802 25000	C Technical Equipment	\$125,000
CDS16804 42004	C Software	53,500
CDS16804 43007	C Other Fees and Services	245,000
		\$423,500

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 275-2024, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Burke, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 276-2024

### PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2024 AS CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS,** Cybersecurity Awareness Month was launched in October 2004 by the National Cyber Security Alliance and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and is observed nationally, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 theme is "Secure Our World", and

**WHEREAS,** according to the National Cyber Security Alliance 2023 report, eighty-four percent (84%) of people consider online safety a priority, and

**WHEREAS,** ninety-five percent (95%) of data breaches are due to human error, and forty-six percent (46%) of all cyber breaches occur on companies with fewer than 1,000 employees according to Mastercard, and

**WHEREAS,** Cybersecurity Awareness Month continues to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity across our nation, personally and professionally, ensuring that all Americans have the resources they need to be safer and more secure online,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators proclaims October 2024 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 276-2024, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

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Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 277-2024

### MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, older displaced network switches have been used to meet a number of unplanned needs which now have become permanent, and

**WHEREAS**, these older switches are now no longer supported, posing both a support and security risk, and

**WHEREAS**, additional wireless access points are needed to complete wireless network coverage to County office spaces, and

**WHEREAS,** the need for additional monitoring and alerting of network and server equipment trouble has become greater, and will enable the IT Department to respond in a more proactive manner,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Information Technology Infrastructure and Equipment, as follows:

#### **DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

B1019904 49700 B SPEC Contingency Account \$40,000

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

CDS16802 22001	C IT Computer Hardware	\$28,000
CDS16804 42004	C IT Computer Software	12,000
		\$40,000

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 277-2024, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

October 7, 2024

Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

RESOLUTION NO. <u>278-2024</u>

#### DECLARING OCTOBER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS,** October has been designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the 2024 theme is Heal, Hold & Center, and

**WHEREAS,** the St. Lawrence County Domestic Violence Task Force has been working to bring about changes in community norms which support the development of healthy relationships and families in our communities, and

**WHEREAS,** the Task Force is working to create a continuum of services which range from prevention, crisis intervention, and counseling through shelter, advocacy, and legal intervention, and

WHEREAS, as the lead agency of the task force, Renewal House has planned activities throughout the County highlighting Domestic Violence Awareness Month to encourage people to work together, to embrace the many cultural ways to heal from violence, to commit to holding space for survivors and to center those most marginalized in an effort to end domestic violence, to strive to highlight how common domestic violence is and to understand that it is more than physical violence,

**WHEREAS,** last month, the County lost Ilene Burke, Executive Director of Renewal House, a strong advocate for healthy families assisting many victims of domestic violence over the years, and" and

**WHEREAS,** for almost thirty (30) years, Ilene devoted herself to helping others by being a light in the community, and we treasure the qualities of service and devotion to duty of this, our absent friend, and we rejoice in the work she accomplished and sorrow that she is no longer with us."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators declares October Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators encourages all citizens of the County to support the development of healthy, non-violent relationships.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 278-2024, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, Mr. Gennett, and Mr. Fay.

Ms. Curran made a friendly amendment to modify the resolution to add additional language: "Whereas, last month, the County lost Ilene Burke, Executive Director of Renewal House, a strong advocate for healthy families assisting many victims of domestic violence over the years, and" and "Whereas, for almost thirty (30) years, Ilene devoted herself to helping others by being a light in the community, and we treasure the qualities of service and devotion to duty of this, our absent friend, and we rejoice in the work she accomplished and sorrow that she is no longer with us."

Resolution No. 278-2024 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 279-2024

#### AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEFENDERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Defenders Association (NYSDA) developed software that permits indigent defense providers to monitor and track data in a uniform and consistent manner across New York State called Public Defender Case Management System (PDCMS), and

**WHEREAS,** Resolution No. 94-2013, authorized the first contract with NYSDA wherein licenses, maintenance, and support are provided to St. Lawrence County Indigent Defense Providers for the use of the PDCMS, and

**WHEREAS,** Resolution No. 281-2022 authorized a contract for the licenses, maintenance, and support associated with the use of the PDCMS for the period of August 22, 2022 through August 21, 2023, and

**WHEREAS,** the Indigent Defense Providers and NYSDA would like to extend the contract through August 21, 2024 with anticipation of an additional resolution coming forward to prepare for 2024-2025, and

**WHEREAS**, the \$9,000 cost associated with the licenses, maintenance, and support has been, and should continue to be funded by State grant funds received through reimbursement of the Indigent Legal Services Fund (IA011704 43007),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Defenders' Association for the Public Defender Case Management System, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 279-2024, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 280-2024

## AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE FOURTH (4TH) COUNSEL AT FIRST APPEARANCE GRANT FOR 2023 - 2025

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, and this service required that Counties operating an indigent defense program provide counsel for indigent defendants at all critical stages of representation, including 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**, 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, the Office of the Conflict Defender, and the Office of Indigent Defense, and

**WHEREAS,** this contract grants the indigent defender providers a total of \$712,395.74 dollars in funding for this program, and

**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, 18-2020, and 195-2023 authorized accepting the first, second, and third CAFA Grants for 2013-2015, 2017-2019, and 2020-2023 respectively,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the Fourth (4th) Counsel at First Appearance Grant for 2023 - 2025, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 280-2024, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

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Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 281-2024

### AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FOR SECOND STATEWIDE EXPANSION OF HURRELL HARRING REFORMS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS,** Resolution No. 342-2018 authorized a contract with New York State Indigent Legal Services for the acceptance 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 has been awarded the Second Statewide Expansion of Hurrell Harring (HH) reforms through the New York State Indigent Legals Services, and

**WHEREAS**, service providers for indigent defense include; the Office of the Public Defender, the Office of the Conflict Defender, and the Assigned Counsel Program (18-b), are entitled to receive reimbursement of expenditures related to indigent criminal defense representation of a combined \$5,825,102 from April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2027, and

**WHEREAS,** St. Lawrence County service providers for Indigent Defense are eligible to receive funding, as follows:

- April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025: \$1,804,191.21
- April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026: \$1,988,939.90
- April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027: \$2,031,971.68

**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 the Second Statewide Expansion of Hurrell Harring (HH) Reforms, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 281-2024, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 282-2024

#### AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES TO ACCEPT THE FOURTH UPSTATE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND CASELOAD REDUCTION GRANT FOR 2023 THROUGH 2026

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS,** the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services has made a practice of providing competitive grant opportunities associated with the Fourth Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction, and

**WHEREAS,** the purpose for applying for the Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant was to reduce the caseload burden for indigent defense in St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, the extraordinary number of indigent defense cases in conjunction with the number of courts in St. Lawrence County places the Office of the Public Defender in jeopardy of being able to provide even the most basic representation to its current clientele without additional staff, and

**WHEREAS,** in 2023, the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services announced its intention to request proposals for a fourth round of funding associated with the Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction, and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Public Defender applied for and was awarded a total of \$300,000 over three years (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026) to provide continued funding for one Assistant Public Defender Position in the Office of the Public Defender to support the caseload,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services to accept the Fourth Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant for 2023 through 2026, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 282-2024, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 283-2024

# AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR AID TO DEFENSE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER, CONFLICT DEFENDER, AND THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Criminal Justice Services has distributed funds to the Office of the Public Defender, and

**WHEREAS**, this award is intended to support indigent defense services and expenses incurred by the government and not-for-profit entities, and

**WHEREAS,** this funding is to be proportionally distributed by the county among indigent defense service providers based upon the share of criminal defense cases assigned, and

**WHEREAS**, that New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services has awarded \$229,750 to St. Lawrence County for April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2025,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the acceptance of funds from New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services for Aid to Defense-Supplemental Grant for Public Defender, Conflict Defender, and the Assigned Counsel Program.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 283-2024, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 284-2024

# ACCEPTING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES GRANT AWARD AID TO DEFENSE FOR DISCOVERY REFORM FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER, CONFLICT DEFENDER, AND THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Criminal Justice Services has distributed funds to the Office of the Public Defender, and

WHEREAS, this award is intended to support indigent defense services and expenses related to discovery reform implementation, including but not limited to digital evidence transmission and technology, administrative support, computers, hardware, and operating software, data connectivity, development of training materials, staff training additional personnel or increased compensation to reflect additional responsibilities related to discovery, overtime costs and litigation readiness, and

**WHEREAS**, this funding is to be proportionally distributed by the county among indigent defense service providers based upon the share of criminal defense cases assigned.

**WHEREAS**, that New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services has awarded \$229,750 to St. Lawrence County for April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators accepts the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services Grant Award Aid to Defense for Discovery Reform for Public Defender, Conflict Defender, and the Assigned Counsel Program.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 284-2024, seconded by Mr. Fay and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 285-2024

## AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE FY21 OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT (FY21 OPSG) WITH NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 360-2021 approved the contract for the FY21 Operation Stonegarden Grant (FY21 OPSG) in the amount of \$300,000 to key law enforcement agencies in St. Lawrence County, with a contract period of September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, staffing shortages at the Ogdensburg Police Department have resulted in unspent funds for overtime salary and fringe (S1Z31104 43007 SG1), prompting a request for an extension of this grant, and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services would authorize a one-year extension with a new contract end date of August 31, 2025,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension for the FY21 Operation Stonegarden Grant (FY21 OPSG) with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Services, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budget years until the grant is fully expended.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 285-2024, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Reagen thanked the Sheriff for the hard work of the Sheriff's Office for obtaining this grant.

Resolution No. 285-2024 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 286-2024

### MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR OVERTIME EXPENSES IN THE CRIMINAL AND CORRECTIONAL DIVISIONS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, a long standing budgetary practice identifies twenty-five (25%) percent of appropriations for departments with overtime expenses and sets those aside in contingency on an annual basis, and

**WHEREAS,** the Criminal and Correctional Divisions of the Sheriff's Office have exceeded the budgeted amounts in the department budget for overtime this year and are requesting the targeted contingency, and

**WHEREAS,** there are additional funds requested to complete the projection and can be moved from salary accounts to cover the overtime expenses since the overtime is directly related to staffing shortages,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for overtime in the Criminal and Correctional Divisions, as follows:

#### **DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

B1019904 49700 S1031101 11000 S4031501 11000	B SPEC Contingency Account S CRIM Direct Service Workers S JAIL Direct Service Workers	\$84,000 110,750 97,250
	INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:	\$292,000
S1031101 18000	S CRIM Overtime	\$147,000
S4031501 18000	S JAIL Overtime	145,000
		\$292,000

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 286-2024, seconded by Mr. Reagen and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Services Committee: 9-23-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 287-2024

## MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL UNMET NEEDS FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING (NYSOFA)

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS,** the Office for the Aging has received additional Unmet Needs funding for the 2024-2025 State Fiscal Year from the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA), and

**WHEREAS,** Unmet Needs funding provides one-hundred percent (100%) reimbursement for services provided for older adults, and

**WHEREAS,** due to inflation, high costs, and increased requests for services in the Nutrition and Home Care Programs, the Office for the Aging needs to allocate these funds to offset higher expenses in programs for older adults,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Office for the Aging to receive additional Unmet Needs Funding from the New York State Office for the Aging, as follows:

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

ON067724 45200	O NUTR Food & Supplies Expense	\$200,000
ON067724 42800	O NUTR Nutrician Site Supplies	80,000
OA067724 43007	O PFA Other Fees & Services	83,200
		\$363,200
	<b>INCREASE REVENUE:</b>	
ON047725 570C2	OFA Title III-C2	\$200,000
ON047725 570C1	OFA Title III-C1	80,000
OA047725 570BD	OFA Programs for Aging IIIB	83,200
		\$363,200

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 287-2024, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Services Committee: 9-23-2024

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 288-2024**

## MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE/SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND MEDICAID

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, due to higher than expected costs in Temporary Assistance/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid, and

WHEREAS, increases in Foster Care/Adoption are due largely to increases in the cost-of-living adjustments applicable to maximum state aid rates and the Department being required to pay no less than one-hundred percent (100%) maximum state aid rates for Foster Care Programs making it necessary to modify the 2024 Services Budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Social Services for Temporary Assistance/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid, as follows:

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

DAP60104 499DC	D TA Legal Svc for Disabled	\$25,000
DAP60104 499CN	D TA Client Notices	9,000
DAM60104 465MI	D MAEL Other Payments	45,000
DAM60104 420GE	D MAEL Office Supplies	23,000
DSC61194 46500 ADAD	D ADCFC Adoption Subsidies - I	500,000
	-	\$602,000
	<b>DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:</b>	1
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DAB60104 430FI FRAU	D FRAU Investigator Fees	\$55,000
DSS61294 46500	D STS Other Payments	47,000
		\$102,000
	<b>INCREASE REVENUE:</b>	
DSS27015 55000	D LR ST Prior Year Refunds	\$64,956
DSC36195 56000	D SA Child Care	155,000
DSC46195 57000	D FA Child Care	250,000
DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	23,871
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	23,574
DAF46115 57000	D FA Food Stamps Administration	9,494
		\$526,895

#### **DECREASE REVENUE:**

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	\$4,505
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	2,252
DSD36555 56000 CCBG	D SA NYS Child Care Block Grt	3,570
DAF46115 57000	D FA Food Stamps Administration	16,568
		\$26,895

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 288-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

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Services Committee: 9-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 289-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH THE PASS-THROUGH AGENCIES APPROVED BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD FOR FUNDING FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS (OASAS) FOR THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS,** Community Services received funding in the amount of \$417,705 from the OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds for Year 2024, and

**WHEREAS,** the Opioid Settlement Funding is designed to create a lasting impact and emphasis on supporting agencies, programs, and organizations that demonstrate a commitment to serving individuals and families affected by the opioid epidemic, and

**WHEREAS,** on July 9, 2024, the St. Lawrence County Community Services Board approved the use of \$230,500 of the 2024 OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds to new and existing pass-through agencies for harm reduction, treatment, housing, prevention, and transportation,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with the approved pass-through agencies for funding received from New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) for Opioid Settlement Funds, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A2742304 465CM OSF	Claxton Hepburn Med Cnt OSF Pymt	123,000
A2742304 465NH OSF	New Hope OSF Payments	<u>7,500</u>
		\$230,500

#### **INCREASE REVENUE:**

A2734865 56000 OSF A SA Opioid Settlement Funds \$230,500

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

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Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 289-2024, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

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Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 290-2024

# ADOPTING REGULATIONS ENTITLED "PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS OF ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY" AND REPEALING ALL PREVIOUS REGULATIONS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY REGARDING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 165-74 establishing regulations controlling access to records of St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators repealed and adopted a new policy regulating and controlling access to records of St. Lawrence County by Resolution No. 101-2010, and

**WHEREAS,** the current regulations are now out of date and not in compliance with the Public Officer's Law, Article 6, as amended by the New York State Legislature effective September 4, 2024, and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Legislature is desirous of adopting regulations which conform to the current requirement of Public Officer's Law, Article 6, entitled the "Freedom of Information Law,"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators hereby adopts and promulgates the following regulations entitled "Public Access to Records of St. Lawrence County," and hereby repeals and prior regulations to the Freedom of Information Law.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 290-2024, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

October 7, 2024

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

**RESOLUTION NO. 291-2024** 

#### AUTHORIZING COLLECTION OF OMITTED TAXES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS,** Sections 520 and 551 of the Real Property Tax Law make provisions for the taxation of exempt property upon transfer of title and addition of omitted parcels from the roll of the previous year, and

**WHEREAS,** Section 520 states that the property shall be taxed pro rata for the unexpired portion of any fiscal year during which said transfer of title occurred, and

**WHEREAS,** for purposes of any fiscal year or years during which title to such property is transferred, such property shall be deemed to have been omitted,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the collection of omitted taxes.

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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 291-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

October 7, 2024

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

RESOLUTION NO. <u>292-2024</u>

#### ADOPTION OF THE EQUALIZATION RATES FOR 2025 COUNTY TAXES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS,** Section 900 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law requires that county taxes be levied upon the basis of the full valuation of taxable real property determined in accordance with Article 8 of that law, and

WHEREAS, Article 8 requires the apportionment of county taxes upon the aggregate full value of taxable real property in each city and town determined by dividing the assessed

valuation thereof by the county equalization rate established for each city and town by the county equalization agency, and

**WHEREAS,** Section 804 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law requires the adoption of the county equalization rates by the county legislature,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators adopts the equalization rates for 2025 County Taxes, as follows:

<b>MUNICIPALITY:</b>	EQUALIZATION RATE:
Ogdensburg	100
Brasher	81
Canton	72
Clare	1.99
Clifton	70
Colton	87
DeKalb	75
Depeyster	99
Edwards	69
Fine	89
Fowler	8
Gouverneur	76
Hammond	77
Hermon	85
Hopkinton	70
Lawrence	78
Lisbon	60
Louisville	60
Macomb	40
Madrid	72
Massena	80
Morristown	82
Norfolk	68
Oswegatchie	79
Parishville	5.10
Piercefield	81
Pierrepont	68
Pitcairn	100
Potsdam	69
Rossie	84
Russell	52
Stockholm	67
Waddington	63

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 292-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

October 7, 2024

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

RESOLUTION NO. <u>293-2024</u>

## AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TRANE U.S. INC. FOR HEATING, VENTING AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Highways has specialized HVAC units throughout its buildings, including the new outposts in Lisbon, Potsdam and Russell, and

**WHEREAS,** the County has contracted with TRANE US, Inc. ("TRANE") for the maintenance of these units for the past several years, and

**WHEREAS,** TRANE has updated the renewal documents for the period of October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025 to include the new Highway outposts at a total cost of \$32,693 (HR051304 42202),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an annual service agreement with TRANE US, Inc. for heating, venting, and air conditioning (HVAC) services the Department of Highways, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 293-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

October 7, 2024

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 294-2024

### MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR FUEL, EQUIPMENT REPAIR, AND MACHINERY RENTAL

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Highways budgets appropriation and revenue accounts to reflect current and projected operations, and

**WHEREAS,** along with the overall price increases of equipment parts, there have been several costly inter-departmental repair jobs this year, resulting in increased expenses, and

**WHEREAS**, multiple storms have caused extensive damage to infrastructure, leading to additional repair costs and increased equipment and fuel usage, and

**WHEREAS**, while the damages have increased equipment and fuel usage, they have also resulted in an increase in revenue from emergency repairs and other related services, and

**WHEREAS**, the continued fuel cost increases can be partially offset by increases in revenue from emergency repairs, but additional measures may be necessary to balance the budget,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for Fuel, Equipment Repair, and Machinery Rental, as follows:

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HD051304 42200	H ER I/D Equip Repair & Main	\$116,500
HR051304 42200	H RM I/D Equip Repair & Main	103,000
HR051304 44100	H RM I/D Fuel Charges	73,000
HR051304 454SS	H RM Shop Supplies	7,000
HR051304 441FI	H RM Fuel Island Diesel Purch	15,000
		\$314,500
	<b>INCREASE REVENUE:</b>	
HD012895 55000	H Equip Repairs - Other Depts	\$116,500
HR028015 55000	H Rental of Equip – Other Fund	165,000
HR024015 55001 NYC	RM NYCLASS Investment Earnings	20,000
HR027705 550GR	H LR Department Gasoline Reimb	13,000
		\$314,500
	<b>INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:</b>	
HG051484 40600	H HSOG Machinery Rental	\$75,000
	<b>INCREASE REVENUE:</b>	
HG027705 55000	H HSOG Services Other Government	\$75,000

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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 294-2024, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 295-2024

### MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR BROWN'S FALLS ROAD BRIDGE OVER LITTLE RIVER, BIN 3340920

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS,** St. Lawrence County is responsible for maintaining its infrastructure for the safety of the traveling public, and

**WHEREAS,** the Brown's Falls Road Bridge over Little River in the Town of Fine is in need of replacement, and

**WHEREAS,** this project is not eligible for CHIPS reimbursement due to the cost exceeding the maximum allowable limits for in-house projects,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for Brown's Falls Road Bridge Over Little River, BIN 3340920, as follows:

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HM551104 454BS B27 H B27 Miscellaneous Bridge Sup \$200,000

#### **DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HM551124 454BS B1 H B1 Miscellaneous Bridge Sup \$200,000

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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 295-2024, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. <u>296-2024</u>

## AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FOUR-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL AGREEMENT ON STATE HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS,** Resolution No. 133-82 authorized the Chair of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators to sign an Agreement (Contract No. D210577) (HS023025-55000) with New York State Department of Transportation entitled "Snow and Ice Agreement" and with certain municipalities as subcontractors (HS051444-465CO), and

WHEREAS, the term of the original Agreement was for a period of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1982, and the said Agreement provides that the parties may, at the end of each year of the term of the Agreement, extend such term for an additional year, and

WHEREAS, the present term of the Agreement, as extended, expired on June 30, 2024,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a four-year contract extension with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Snow and Ice Control Agreement on State Highways, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the approval of the municipalities that perform the work of control of snow and ice as subcontractors of St. Lawrence County.

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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 296-2024, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Lightfoot, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. <u>297-2024</u>

## AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH J. J. KELLER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING (ELDT) TRAINER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Highways utilizes various pieces of motor equipment in its daily operations, and

**WHEREAS,** a New York State commercial driver's license, Class A and Class B, is required to operate this equipment, and

**WHEREAS**, the current labor market has made it increasingly difficult to hire and retain qualified licensed individuals, and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Highways entered into a one-year contract with J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc. (J. J. Keller) in 2022 to provide St. Lawrence County with an Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Trainer Certification Program for entry-level driver training for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) A & B, and

**WHEREAS,** since that time, the Department of Highways has had twenty-eight (28) employees successfully complete the course and obtain CDLs, and

**WHEREAS,** with the success of this program, the Department wishes to renew the contract with J.J. Keller & Associates, Inc., and

**WHEREAS**, the cost for Driver Training Services will be \$359.66 a month (HM351104-41102).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract renewal with J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc. for the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Trainer Certification Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 297-2024, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 298-2024

### MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR TROPICAL STORM DEBBY

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS,** Tropical Storm Debby has caused substantial damage to numerous roads throughout the County, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Highways has reduced its surface treatment program for 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the increased need for road repairs can be partially offset by a decrease in surface treatment,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for Tropical Storm Debby, as follows:

#### **DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HM351104 454ST	Surface Treating	\$125,000
	INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:	
HM299509 90600	CR Transfers to Capital Fund	\$125,000
	INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:	
HM651104 454HS TSD	H TSD Highway Supplies	\$125,000
	<b>INCREASE REVENUE:</b>	
06TG5031 90300	CP Transfers from CR	\$125,000
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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 298-2024, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 299-2024

# AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR THE 2024 BRIDGE NY PROJECT FUNDED BY THE BRIDGE FORMULA PROGRAM FOR COUNTY ROUTE 49 BRIDGE OVER EAST BRANCH OF ST. REGIS RIVER, BIN 3341940, PIN 775432

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of the Costs of a Transportation Project, which may be eligible for Federal Aid and/or State Aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY Funds.

**WHEREAS,** a project for the Preliminary Design Phase and Right-of-Way for the County Route 49 Bridge over East Branch St. Regis River, BIN 3341940, PIN 775432 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, 23CFR as amended and PUB.L. 117- 58 also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law" (BIL), and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators wants to advance the above project by making a commitment of one-hundred percent (100%) of the costs for the Preliminary Design and Right-of Way for the Project or portions thereof,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for the 2024 Bridge NY Project funded by the Bridge Formula Program for the County Route 49 Bridge over East Branch St. Regis River, BIN 3341940, PIN 775432, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes St. Lawrence County to pay one-hundred percent (100%) of the cost of Preliminary Design Phase and Right-of-Way work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for Federal Aid, State Aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators agrees that St. Lawrence County shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of Federal Aid, State Aid or Bridge NY funding awarded to the Department of Highways, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event the Project costs not covered by Federal Aid, State Aid or Bridge NY funding exceed the amount appropriated above, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon notification of the Department of Highways thereof, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or State Aid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and funding of Project costs of St. Lawrence County and permanent funding of the local share of Federal Aid and State Aid eligible Project costs within 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.

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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 299-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

October 7, 2024

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

RESOLUTION NO. <u>300-2024</u>

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR THE 2024 BRIDGE NY PROJECT FUNDED BY THE BRIDGE FORMULA PROGRAM (BFP) OFF-SYSTEM FOR COUNTY ROUTE 36 BRIDGE OVER GRASSE RIVER, BIN 3342040, PIN 775433

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of the Costs of a Transportation Project, which may be eligible for Federal Aid and/or State Aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY Funds.

**WHEREAS,** a project for the Preliminary Design Phase for the County Route 36 Bridge over Grasse River, BIN 3342040, PIN 775433 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, 23CFR as amended and PUB.L. 117- 58 also known as the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law" (BIL), and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators wants to advance the above project by making a commitment of one-hundred percent (100%) of the costs for the Preliminary Design for the Project or portions thereof,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for the 2024 Bridge NY Project funded by the Bridge Formula Program (BFP) Off-System for the County Route 36 Bridge over Grasse River, BIN 3342040, PIN 775433, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes St. Lawrence County to pay one-hundred percent (100%) of the cost of Preliminary Design work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for Federal Aid, State Aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators agrees that St. Lawrence County shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of Federal Aid, State Aid or Bridge NY funding awarded to the Department of Highways, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the event the Project costs not covered by Federal Aid, State Aid or Bridge NY funding exceed the amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Department of Highways thereof, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or State Aid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and funding of Project costs of St. Lawrence County and permanent funding of the local share of Federal Aid and State Aid eligible Project costs within 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.

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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 300-2024, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 301-2024

# IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO SALVAGE POTSDAM SANDSTONE FROM THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDINGS AT THE ST. LAWRENCE PSYCHIATRIC CENTER IN OGDENSBURG TO BE USED FOR FUTURE RESTORATION PROJECTS TO PRESERVE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY IN THE VILLAGE OF POTSDAM

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10

**WHEREAS,** Potsdam Sandstone is a well-cemented sandstone of nearly pure quartz, renowned for its reddish hues, ranging from salmon pink to orange-red, and its strength in construction, and

**WHEREAS,** Potsdam Sandstone is named for its type locality in Potsdam, New York, where it was noted in outcrops along the Raquette River, and was extensively quarried in the 19th century, beginning in 1809, notably at the Clarkson Quarry, and

**WHEREAS,** Potsdam Sandstone was used for many buildings and projects throughout the Village of Potsdam, including numerous iconic structures, as well as sidewalks, foundations, and gravestones, and

WHEREAS, of the seventy (70) buildings in St. Lawrence County that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, twenty-eight (28) are located in or near the Village of Potsdam and made of Potsdam Sandstone, including the Civic Center and Potsdam Public Museum, and

**WHEREAS,** prominent buildings elsewhere have also utilized Potsdam Sandstone, including the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa and the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany, and

WHEREAS, the reddish-hued historic Potsdam Sandstone structures and history of quarrying have led the community to name the Potsdam Central School mascot as the Sandstoners, and the Village beach and recreational fields as Sandstoner Park, and

**WHEREAS,** the Potsdam Sandstone quarries on the Raquette River ceased operation a century ago, and

**WHEREAS,** unoccupied buildings located at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center in Ogdensburg, that were constructed with exterior Potsdam Sandstone masonry, are now set to be demolished,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators supports efforts to salvage Potsdam Sandstone from the demolition of the buildings at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center in Ogdensburg to be used for future restoration projects to preserve architectural history in the Village of Potsdam.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 301-2024, seconded by Mr. Fay, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Forsythe asked if the salvaged sandstone was to be used in Potsdam only. Ms. Haggard said it is not only for Potsdam; there is an application process to request the sandstone.

Resolution No. 301-2024 was adopted by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

October 7, 2024

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

RESOLUTION NO. <u>302-2024</u>

## PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HISTORY MONTH AND RECOGNIZING THE COUNTY HISTORIAN AND ALL LOCAL HISTORIANS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN PRESERVING ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HISTORY

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS,** Resolution No. 345-2020 was adopted in December of 2020 declaring October as St. Lawrence County History Month, and

**WHEREAS,** a Petition to form St. Lawrence County was received in the New York State Assembly on February 8, 1802, was read and sent to committee, then the bill passed the Assembly on February 18, 1802 called "The Act to erect part of this state into a county, by the name of the County of St. Lawrence" and was passed March 3, 1802, and

**WHEREAS,** when the County was organized formally on March 3, 1802, it included four towns: Lisbon, Madrid, Massena, and Oswegatchie, and

**WHEREAS,** all contributions of the founding officials in the early days of St. Lawrence County are recognized, appreciated, and supported by those who follow in their footsteps and preserve the good work of the County today, and

**WHEREAS**, the first Board of Supervisors included Nathan Ford in Oswegatchie, Alexander J. Turner in Lisbon, Joseph Edsell in Madrid, and Matthew Perkins in Massena, and

**WHEREAS**, the first County Clerk was Louis Hasbrouck who was responsible for the first fire-proof Clerk's Office and the first record in the office was recorded on May 29, 1802, and

**WHEREAS,** the first Sheriff was Elisha Tibbetts, the first St. Lawrence County Judge was Nathan Ford, and the first Court of Common Pleas was held "on the first Tuesday in June 1802" at the old barracks in Oswegatchie, and

- WHEREAS, the first term of the General Sessions of the Peace was held June 1, 1802 at the old barracks in Oswegatchie and the Surrogate Court first convened April 27, 1805 by Matthew Perkins to hear the last will and testament of Ezekiel Colburn, and
- **WHEREAS,** the first newspaper published in the County was "The Palladium" by John C. Kipp and Timothy Strong of Vermont with money given to them to purchase a building and a press in 1810 by David Parish and Daniel Church, and
- **WHEREAS**, the first St. Lawrence County Historian, J. Otto Hamele of Wanakena, took office on January 1, 1945, and
- **WHEREAS,** St. Lawrence County has a County Historian along with a number of local historians governing thirty-five (35) towns, five (5) villages, and one (1) city, and
- **WHEREAS,** the County and local historians in St. Lawrence County are responsible for research, writing, teaching, public presentations, historic preservation, and coordinating civic and patriotic commemorations that highlight the rich history of this great County, and
- **WHEREAS,** throughout the month of October, the County Historian will partner with the local town and village historians to share information about the County and plan events that will feature portions of St. Lawrence County history,
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators proclaims October as St. Lawrence County History Month, and recognizes the County Historian and all Local Historians for their contributions in preserving St. Lawrence County History, and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the importance of commemorating the anniversary and declaring a month specific to St. Lawrence County history is intended to cultivate an opportunity for information sharing and to reach new audiences that will preserve the rich history in every area of the County.

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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 302-2024, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 303-2024

# ADOPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW G (NO. ) FOR THE YEAR 2024, AMENDING LOCAL LAW 1 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

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

The County hereby amends Local Law 1 for the Year 2023, a local law 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, specifically, **Section 1.**, omitting "through 2025" to now state as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> 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.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 303-2024, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Denesha said he would love to see New York State make this a permanent program. He said it reminds him of the bumper sticker that state, "kids who hunt and fish do not mug little old ladies."

Ms. Curran said a few weeks ago the DEC hosting a youth waterfowl and pheasant hunt on Wilson Hill in Louisville. Young hunters had classroom training to learn about proper gun safety followed by a hunt.

Mr. Forsythe said he has pushed for this for many years. Everyone remembers their first deer hunt. He encourage the State to make this a permanent program.

Resolution No. 303-2024 was carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

#### RESOLUTION NO. 304-2024

#### **AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES**

By Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Fay, District 9; and Ms. Curran, District 15

**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 nine (9) positions in eight (8) departments, with two (2) new positions being requested, and of those nine (9) positions reviewed all were approved,

**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
Conflict Defender	Assistant Conflict Defender	021500008	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Clerk's Office	Index Clerk	002500001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Emergency Services	Dispatcher	612100004	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Probation	Account Clerk	100100038	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff's Office	Correction Officer	603000042	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Account Clerk	100100035	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Highway	Heavy Equipment Operator*	310100026	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Solid Waste	Heavy Equipment Operator*	309800022	FT	Permanent	Immediate

<sup>\*</sup>new positions

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Assistant Civil Engineer, Position No. 313100004 will be abolished in the Highway Department; and Site Crew Leader, Position No. 332300003 will be abolished in Solid Waste, 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.

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Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 304-2024, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

#### RESOLUTION NO. 305-2024

## MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COURTHOUSE FAMILY COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO COMPLETE FINAL DESIGN AND PREPARE BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE PROJECT

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

**WHEREAS,** on December 22, 2023, Governor Hochul signed legislation that would provide additional judges across the State of New York and included in that legislation was one (1) additional Family Court Judge for St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS,** this action required the County and the Office of Courts Administration to work together on a capital project to renovate the existing 1993 Court House that would accommodate a new courtroom space, and

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2024, Resolution No. 64-2024 authorized the County to acquire the services of LaBella Associates, and appropriated \$50K to start the design, and

**WHEREAS**, there have been many discussions and alterations made to the initial drawings to accommodate requests by the Court, and at this point the County is prepared to move forward to final design and preparation of the bid documents, and

**WHEREAS,** while the anticipation of occupying the renovated space was originally intended for February 2025, the timeline for occupation is delayed and is now anticipated to be the third or fourth quarter of 2025,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Court House Family Court Improvement Project to complete final design and prepare bid documents for the project, as follows:

#### **DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

T6199509 90600	T IFT GR Transfer to CP	\$100,000
BG619974 43007 FMCT	Family Court Improvements	100,000
		\$200,000

#### **INCREASE REVENUE:**

T6650319 90100 T IFT CP Transfers from GF \$100,000

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 305-2024, seconded by Ms.Terminelli, Ms. Curran, Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Denesha asked the County Administrator to speak to this resolution. Ms. Doyle said this resolution will allow the County to move forward with the project, and have funds available to begin the process.

Resolution No. 305-2024, carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

#### October 7, 2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 306-2024

AUTHORIZING THE VOLUNTARY ACQUISITION OF LAND KNOWN AS "21 HARROWGATE COMMONS" IN THE TOWN OF MASSENA AND PROCLAIMING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF AN UNLISTED ACTION PURSUANT TO 6 NYCRR PART 617 AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

**WHEREAS,** since 2008, the County has leased space in the Town of Massena for the Department of Motor Vehicles, Probation Departments, and more recently relocated the backup 911 Center to this location at 21 Harrowgate Commons, owned by the Harrowgate Properties, Inc., and

**WHEREAS,** over the past decade, St. Lawrence County government has steadily expanded and as a result the space currently being utilized limits the ability of the County to expand departments, personnel, and services, and

**WHEREAS,** in an effort to minimize the economic cost, as well as accommodate expanded services, it was determined that an attempt to acquire 21 Harrowgate Commons in a negotiated voluntary transaction should occur should the property be listed by the owners, and

**WHEREAS,** the owners of 21 Harrowgate Commons have listed the property for purchase with an asking price of \$985,000, and

**WHEREAS,** through negotiations, a tentative agreement has been reached, subject to Board approval, for a full and final purchase price of \$905,000, and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed action, the purchase of real property located at 21 Harrowgate Commons in the Town of Massena for use as satellite offices for County services, is considered an Unlisted Action pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA), with coordinated review being optional and not recommended, and

**WHEREAS,** the County Highway Department has prepared Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) dated October 3, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Full Environmental Assessment Form, the SEQRA record to date, State and Federal law, as well as other relevant planning, zoning and environmental factors and the following findings pursuant to SEQRA have been considered by the Board of Legislators:

- 1. The action is for the purchase and improvement/renovation of real property located at 21 Harrowgate Commons, Massena, New York, for use as a satellite location for County offices, and
- 2. The completion of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) is optional for an Unlisted Action, but has provided the County Board with sufficient information on which to base its determination of significance, and
- 3. The property is presently improved with one building, parking, lighting, drainage, and other related sight improvements, and
- 4. The parking on site is adequate for the needs of the County and its constituents, and
- 5. No exterior façade changes are planned at this time, therefore no significant negative environmental impacts are expected in the vicinity, and
- 6. The adaptive reuse of the existing facilities and improvements on site will result in no significant adverse environmental impacts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the voluntary acquisition of land known as '21 Harrowgate Commons', in the Town of Massena and proclaims a negative declaration of an unlisted action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA), and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office, as follows:

#### **DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

01TG0911 50300 Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated \$905,000

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

01TG0910 50300 Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated \$905,000

#### **INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

BG016202 28000 BLDG Buildings \$905,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA, for the purchase of real property located at 21 Harrowgate Commons, Massena, New York for use as a satellite office, as the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement, and any ancillary documents necessary for the purchase of improved real property located at 21 Harrowgate Commons, Massena, New York, for \$905,000 plus any incidental costs or fees associated with closing sale to serve as a satellite office for various county services subject to and conditioned upon the following terms and conditions all to be made part of formal contract of sale, upon review and approval of the county attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 306-2024, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Haggard, and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Lightfoot said buying this property is a very wise move on the part of this Board. It is a lot of money, but considering the amount of rent paid at this location, the building would be paid in eight (8) to ten (10) years. He said this was forward-looking on the part of this Board, and it will serve many people in the Massena area without having to travel to Canton. Mr. Lightfoot thanked Mr. Maginn for his part of the transaction

Resolution No. 306-2024 was carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) abstain (Fay), and one (1) absent (Webster).

October 7, 2024

#### RESOLUTION NO. 307-2024

# AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF A CAPITAL PROJECT, PREPARING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

**WHEREAS,** there is an inherent responsibility on County Staff to maintain the facilities owned and operated by the County for its employees and to provide services to its citizens, and

**WHEREAS,** for many years maintenance has been deferred and it has been challenging to prioritize facility renovations and upgrades due to the fiscal health of St. Lawrence County, and

**WHEREAS,** given the changes to the fiscal condition of the County, this year has provided an opportunity to address long deferred maintenance and refocus efforts on improving facilities and the work environment for staff, and

**WHEREAS,** the Court House addition was a Capital Project completed in 1993 and the windows used are a wood frame that are in great need of replacement with energy efficient secure windows as well as some others located in the older section of the Court House, and

**WHEREAS,** the Surrogate Building has single pane windows and the window replacement in this Building has long been deferred with only repairs made where necessary, and are also in great need of energy efficient secure windows, and

**WHEREAS,** the investment in the former County Jail, made this year to address deferred maintenance included replacement of the roof, repointing of the stone work, removal of the bars, and replacement of the damaged porch area has been instrumental in improving the integrity of the Building and would now be complimented with new energy efficient secure windows, and

**WHEREAS**, the approach to this project is recommended to be phased in with replacements in areas of the 1993 Court House being addressed immediately and the others in the Court House along with the Surrogate and the Old Jail being replaced in 2025, therefore opening a capital project would be the recommendation to provide the timeline necessary to complete the Project,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes opening a Capital Project, and authorizes preparing a Request for Proposals for the Window Replacement Project, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office, as follows:

#### **DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$75,000			
INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:					
T6199509 90600	T IFT GR Transfer to CP	\$75,000			
INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:					
BG619974 43007 WR	Window Replacement Improvements	\$75,000			
INCREASE REVENUE:					
T6650319 90100	T IFT CP Transfer from GF	\$75,000			

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 307-2024, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Ms. Curran, Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Fay.

Mr. Denesha said this project is necessary as the condition of the windows in the Court House are bad and has been on the deferred maintenance list for a number of years.

Resolution No. 307-2024, was adopted by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Ms. Doyle gave an update on capital projects: The Public Safety Building Project is on time and on budget. The consoles in the 911 Center are being installed and the video wall is being prepared for installation. The office furniture order is being finalizing, and the exterior work is underway. Traffic along Court Street will be reduced to one lane of traffic this week to prepare waterlines for the sprinkler system. The Old Jail Project will wrap up in few weeks. The Court House Improvement Project drawings for the new Family Court Room are finalized.

The Residential Blighted Property Program is proceeding with three (3) properties: 209 Rennselaer Street, Rennselaer Falls, 20 Larnard Street, Potsdam, and 5658 Sycamore Street in Massena.

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) will be holding the 39<sup>th</sup> annual wellness fair on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Flyer for the event are on Legislators' desk.

#### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Haggard said Canton-Potsdam Hospital hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the new Rochester Health Regional Care Pavilion at the hospital. Legislator Hull and herself were in attendance, and it was announced that over \$15 million dollars was raised locally for the project.

Mr. Denesha said the breast cancer walk, held in Gouverneur, raised over \$200,000. The money raised will help local individuals who have been diagnosed with cancer throughout their treatment and recovery.

Mr. Forsythe said the water levels at the Upper and Lower Lakes Wildlife Management Area have been drastically lowered which will affect opening season of waterfowl hunting. Legislator Sheridan said he attended a meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Management Board for Region 6, and there was great concern expressed to the NYS DEC regarding this matter. They asked that a press release be put out as soon as possible as people travel from all over to come and hunt this location.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There were no committee reports.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Hull moved to go to Executive Session at 7:27 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay and Mr. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Mr. Fay moved to go to Open Session at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Mr. Gennett moved to reappoint the following individual to the Fair Housing Task Force (Term to expire 10/7/2028), seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Frederick J. Hanss, Post Office Box 94, 16 School Street, Hannawa Falls

Mr. Gennett moved to reappoint the following individual to the Canton Human Services Initiative, Inc. Board of Directors (Term to expire 9/14/2027), seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Webster).

Ruth A. Doyle, 48 Court Street, Canton

**CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS:** There were no Chair's appointments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Forsythe moved to adjourn the Full Board Meeting at 8:17 p.m., as there was no further business.