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St. Lawrence County

BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

Adopted January 2, 2024

Resolution No. _____

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ARTICLE I
Quorum

A majority of the duly constituted membership of the Board of Legislators shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II
Meetings

- A. The Organizational Meeting shall be called pursuant to Section 151 of the County Law. At such Organizational Meeting, the Board will elect a Temporary Chair, Chair, and a Vice Chair.
- B. The Regular Meetings of the Board of Legislators shall be held as identified in Attachment A, or by resolution during a regular meeting or special meeting, the Legislature may determine a date and time for the next meeting.
- C. Special Meetings shall be held at the call of the Clerk upon direction of the Chair or upon written request signed by a majority of the members of the Legislature.
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Suspension of the Rules, if necessary
 - 3. Roll Call
 - 4. Approval of Agenda
 - 5. Presentation of Resolutions
 - 6. Chair's Appointments
 - 7. Adjournment
- D. Pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 for the State of New York and adopted by Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2022 in Resolution No. 360-2022, Legislators are permitted to attend and participate in Board Meetings where such attendance and participation is occasioned by "extraordinary circumstances" pursuant to the requirements reference above in State and Local Law.

ARTICLE III
Order of Business

The Order of Business at each session, except as may be set apart for the consideration of matters for which a Special Meeting has been called, shall be as follows:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Suspension of the Rules, if necessary
- 3. Roll Call
- 4. Prayer
- 5. Pledge of Allegiance
- 6. Approval of Agenda
- 7. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- 8. Reading of Communications
- 9. Citizen Participation
- 10. Presentation of Resolutions

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11. County Administrator's Report
12. Old/New Business
13. Committee Reports
14. Executive Session
15. Appointments
16. Chair's Appointments
17. Adjournment

ARTICLE IV **Members**

- A. All members of the County Board of Legislators shall attend all regular and specially scheduled meetings of the Board of Legislators, all duly called meetings of any special or standing committees of which any of the said Legislators are members, unless they are absent by reason of sickness, or excused by the Chair of the appropriate body.
- B. No member shall speak or debate until he/she has received recognition from the Chair.
- C. No member shall speak a second time to a question, as long as any member desires to speak who has not spoken to the question.

ARTICLE V **Non-members**

Citizens may participate before the Board of Legislators in one of the following ways:

- A. During Citizen Participation period, upon recognition by the Chair. The Speaker will state his/her name and is limited to five minutes, or the timeframe to be announced. The total Citizen Participation time period shall not exceed thirty [30] minutes, unless extended at the discretion of the Chair.
- B. During limitations of gathering and/or attendance, Citizen Participation by submitting a text, video, or audio submission to publiccomment@stlawco.org at least forty-eight (48) hours before the start of the meeting. Participation is subject to community standards and file compatibility.
- C. During the "Presentation of Resolutions" by being granted the floor by the Chair upon request of a Legislator. The citizen may speak on the current agenda item only.

ARTICLE VI **Resolutions**

- A. The term "resolution" as herein used, shall mean a formal proposed action in writing, by one or more of the Legislators, and/or a Committee of the Legislature. Upon introduction, the resolution shall be read by the Clerk upon request. The motion for adoption shall be properly seconded immediately, preceding any debate on the main question.

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- B. A member sponsoring a resolution shall file with the Clerk of the Legislature a copy of said resolution one week prior to the Regular Meeting, at which it is to be introduced. Copies of the resolution and the entire agenda, shall be sent to each Legislator to arrive no later than three days preceding the Regular Meeting.
- C. Any resolution approved by a committee and forwarded to the Board for consideration may only be withdrawn upon the approval of the Board.
- D. Individual Legislators who wish to have their names added, as co-sponsors, to resolutions approved by a Committee may do so at the Committee Meeting by notifying the Deputy Clerk of the Board.

ARTICLE VII Committees

- A. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators shall be ex-officio members of all standing and special committees with all the rights & privileges thereof. Except that if both the Chair of the Board and Vice-Chair of the Board are present at a committee meeting, ONLY the Chair will have voting privilege unless the Vice-Chair is a designated member of the Standing Committee, then both would have voting privilege.
- B. The Chair of the Board shall appoint the members and designate the Chair of all standing committees within ten (10) days following his/her election. The Chair of the Board shall also appoint the members and designate the Chair of all special committees or subsequently created standing committees within ten (10) days following creation thereof.
- C. Any vacancy occurring on any standing or special committee shall be filled by the Chair of the Board within thirty (30) days after such vacancy occurs. In the event that such vacancy occurs in the position of Committee Chair, the Board Chair shall designate a new Committee Chair.
- D. All committee appointments serve until new appointments are made by the Chair.
- E. No member shall be Chair of more than one standing committee.
- F. Each Standing or Special Committee shall perform the duties, so designated by the rules of the Board of Legislators, or as assigned by the Chair of the Board.
- G. The Chair of each Standing or Special Committee shall be the presiding officer and shall cause the members thereof to be notified in advance of each meeting. The Committee Chair shall call all necessary meetings. Upon his/her refusal or neglect to call any meetings, the Clerk of the Board, upon written request signed by the Chair of the Board or by a majority of the Committee, shall call such meeting.
- H. A quorum for all committees shall be a majority of the membership of the Committee. Once a quorum has been established, a majority of the Committee members present is sufficient to approve or disapprove a proposed action.

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- I. There shall be the following Standing Committees and their duties shall be those required by law, as directed by the Chair of the Board, or as so designated herein:

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Issues within the jurisdiction of this committee would be those arising out of the following departments: Board of Elections, Conflict Defender, County Clerk, District Attorney, Emergency Services, Human Resources, Information Technology, Planning, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff, the expenditure of money not already appropriated and the transfer of funds.

SERVICES COMMITTEE: Issues within the jurisdiction of this committee would be those arising out of the following departments: Community Services, Office for the Aging, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Services, Weights and Measures, and Youth Bureau, and the expenditure of money not already appropriated and the transfer of funds.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Issues within the jurisdiction of this committee would be issues which would incur the expenditure of money not already appropriated; the issuance of bonds and payments thereon and the transfer of funds. Issues arising from the Board of Legislators, County Attorney, County Treasurer, Real Property, Highway, and Solid Waste shall be under the jurisdiction of this committee, as well as issues involving any outside agencies that are not currently funded within other departmental budgets, such as the Partner Agencies: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Chamber of Commerce, Soil and Water Conservation District, Industrial Development Agency, Trails, and the Historical Association.

Special Committees may be created as needed. Any resolution or action by the Chair establishing a Special Committee shall specify powers, duties, and duration. Special Committees shall include the Labor-Management Committee. Each special committee shall report to the appropriate standing committee or full Board as directed by the Chair. These reports shall be at least quarterly, and more often if needed. When the Committee has completed its work, a final written report shall be made.

- J. The Deputy Clerk of the Board shall arrange for the taking of minutes at all committee meetings and be responsible for their safekeeping. The minutes of each committee shall be kept in a separate minute file provided by the Clerk of the Board of Legislators. The minutes shall contain the time and place and persons present at the meeting; a record of all committee votes and other actions. Written statements by members or non-members may be submitted and shall become a part of the record of the committee. Written summaries may be required by the Committee Chair. The minute book shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators and open to the public. Written Committee minutes and agendas will be posted to a digital repository for the Legislators and be available on the St. Lawrence County website for the public.

- K. Committee Procedures

1. Committees shall meet in accordance with the 2024 Meetings Schedule. Regular Committee Meetings shall begin at 5:30 p.m. When the Chair of a Committee calls special meetings, it shall be the intent of this Board that public announcement thereof will be done as soon as possible.

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2. County Departments must submit any resolution for Committee consideration with the Clerk of the Board by the submission deadline in accordance with the 2024 Meeting Schedule.
3. Rules for Legislators wishing to submit a resolution for committee consideration:
 - a. If the resolution is to be in the committee packet, then it must be submitted by the submission deadline, or
 - b. If the resolution is to be on a revised committee agenda, then it must be received by close of business the Friday before the regular committee meeting, or
 - c. If during discussion of any agenda item then by motion with or without a copy of the resolution, or
 - d. If under old/new business, then by motion with or without a copy of the resolution.
4. Within three (3) days of its introduction, any and every resolution, which has not been acted upon by the Board shall be referred by the Chair to the appropriate committee.
5. Every resolution referred to any committee shall be placed on the regular agenda of that committee.
6. Within six (6) weeks of its referral to committee, every resolution shall be reported back to the Board of Legislators with the committee's recommendation, unless tabled to a specific date, either favorable or unfavorable, and with minority reports, if any.
7. When any resolution is being considered by a committee, its proponent or any other legislator may come before the Committee and speak for or against the resolution. Any member of the public wishing to address the Committee on an agenda item may, upon nomination by a Legislator and recognition by the Chair, speak for or against the measure. The Committee may set a time limit of not more than five minutes on how long each individual may speak.
8. A member of the public who wishes to be on the agenda shall contact the Board Office, by submission date, eleven (11) days in advance of a committee meeting, and request to be put on the agenda. The Board of Legislators' Office will discuss the matter to be put on the agenda with the Chair of the Committee, and at the Chair's discretion, may or may not add the matter to the agenda for the next committee meeting, or a future committee meeting.
9. All presentations to Committees, which are unrelated to resolutions on the agenda, will be limited to a ten-minute presentation and a ten-minute question session.

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10. In accordance with County Law Article 4, Section 154, committees have no power to do anything by which the County may become obligated and all of their actions must be reported to and sanctioned by the Board.
11. Pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 for the State of New York and adopted by Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2022 in Resolution No. 360-2022, Legislators are permitted to attend and participate in Committee Meetings where such attendance and participation is occasioned by "extraordinary circumstances" pursuant to the requirements reference above in State and Local Law.

ARTICLE VIII
Limitations and Amendment

- A. Notwithstanding any provisions herein contained, any decision of any committee or Chair thereof, or of the Chair of the Board of Legislators, may be overruled by a majority vote of the Legislature.
- B. These rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of the Legislature at any meeting of the Legislature upon the following conditions:
 1. The Legislator requesting the Suspension of the Rules shall provide an explanation of the necessity for the Suspension of the Rules.
 2. A copy of the resolution to be offered under Suspension of the Rules shall be on the desk of each Legislator at the beginning of the meeting or placed there before a vote is taken.
- C. These rules may be rescinded or changed by a majority vote of the total membership of the Board of Legislators at any meeting of the Board of Legislators, provided each member has had ten (10) days written notice of the proposed change.
- D. Questions of Order and procedure not governed by these rules, or the laws of the State of New York, shall be decided according to Robert's Rules of Order Revised. The Legislature shall provide a desk copy of a current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Revised for each member.
- E. For purposes of a reconsideration vote, the next monthly meeting is considered to be the "next succeeding day" to our previous session. (rf. Roberts Rules of Order Revised, Section 36, page 156).
- F. A Legislator will be permitted to abstain from voting if he/she declares a conflict of interest.
- G. At each meeting of the Board, the roll call votes will be on a rotation basis with the first roll call of the year starting with District One. Thereafter, the first roll call of each Board Meeting shall start with the next person in the rotation as determined by the rotation of the Roll Call Vote Program, or the designated official vote tally recording program.

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- H. In order to maintain the integrity of its proceedings, cellular telephones or other recording devices that are deemed to be distracting and disruptive to the meeting may be limited at the discretion of the Chair.

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ATTACHMENT A
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators 2024 Meetings Schedule
 January – December

DATE	MEETING/HOLIDAY	SUBMISSION DATE	PRE-COMM DATE	DATE	MEETING	SUBMISSION DATE	PRE-COMM DATE
January 2	Organizational Meeting			July 1	Board Meeting		
8	Operations	12/28	1/3	8	Operations	6/27	7/3
15	Martin Luther King, Jr.			15	Services	7/3*	7/10
22	Services	1/11	1/17	22	Finance	7/11	7/17
29	Finance	1/18	1/24	29	Open		
February 5	Board Meeting			August 5	Board Meeting		
12	Operations / Services	2/1	2/7	12	Operations	8/1	8/7
19	Presidents' Day			19	Services	8/8	8/14
26	Finance	2/15	2/21	26	Finance	8/15	8/21
March 4	Board Meeting			September 2	Labor Day		
11	Operations	2/29	3/6	9	Board Meeting		
18	Services	3/7	3/13	16	Operations	9/5	9/11
25	Finance	3/14	3/20	23	Services	9/12	9/18
April 1	Board Meeting			30	Finance	9/19	9/25
8	Operations	3/28	4/3	October 7	Board Meeting – Tentative Budget		
15	Services	4/4	4/10	14	Columbus Day		
22	Finance	4/11	4/17	21	Operations / Services	10/10	10/16
29	Open			28	Finance	10/17	10/23
May 6	Board Meeting			November 4	Board Meeting – Longevity Ceremony		
13	Services / Operations	5/2	5/8	11	Veterans Day		
20	Finance	5/9	5/15	18	Services / Operations	11/7	11/13
27	Memorial Day			25	Finance	11/14	11/20
June 3	Board Meeting			December 2	Board Meeting – Memorial Ceremony		
10	Operations	5/30	6/5	9	Operations	11/27*	12/4
17	Services	6/6	6/12	16	Services	12/5	12/11
24	Finance	6/13	6/19	23	Finance	12/12	12/18
				30	Open		

Please Note: The deadline for submission is close of business on the submission date.

Pre-Committee Review will begin at **9:15 a.m.** for Operations and Finance Committees and **12 p.m.** for Services Committee.

**Note: In reference to Submission Date or Pre-Committee Date, If the day falls on a holiday, it will be due the previous day (Shown in Italics)*

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Operations Committee: 12-11-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT RENEWING THE VOTER REGISTRATION, SIGNATURE DIGITIZATION, FULL DOCUMENT IMAGING, ELECTION REPORTING AND INTERFACE MESSAGING SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH NTS DATA SERVICES, LLC FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 163-2007 approved the purchase and original contract for the NTS Data Services, LLC, system, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections would like to continue maintenance and support services related to voter registration, signature digitization, full document imaging, election reporting and interface messaging with NTS Data Services, LLC (E1014504 42004) for a contract period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, NTS Data Services, LLC has the knowledge, expertise, required software, associated technology and services to provide a quality solution to the needs of the Board of Elections,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the contract with NTS Data Services, LLC, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 2-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Renewing the Voter Registration, Signature Digitization, Full Document Imaging, Election Reporting and Interface Messaging System Maintenance and Support Agreement with NTS Data Services, LLC for the Board of Elections", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Services Committee: 12-11-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AMENDMENTS TO THE
CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS (YDP) AND YOUTH SPORTS AND EDUCATION FUNDING (YSEF)
PROGRAMS GRANT FUNDING**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

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

WHEREAS, signing the RAP Signature Page qualifies the County for reimbursement from New York State in the 2023 Program Year, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 185-2023 was adopted on May 22, 2023, authorizing the 2023 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page and contracts with various organization for Youth Development Programs (YDP), and

WHEREAS, staffing difficulties prevented Claxton Hepburn from executing the Thriving Families Program in 2023, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 171-2023 was adopted on May 1, 2023, authorizing the 2023 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page and contracts with various organization for Youth Sports and Education Funding (YSEF), and

WHEREAS, Girls on the Run did not expend \$3,200 in 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Advisory Board Allocation Committee met on November 1, 2023 and recommended reallocation of \$4,100 allocated to the Thriving Families Program to various Youth Development Programs (YDP) for 2023 and \$3,200 to various Youth Sports and Education Funding (YSEF) Programs for 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign amendments to the contracts with various organizations for Youth Development Program (YDP) and Youth Sports and Education Funding (YSEF) Program Grant Funding, as follows:

<u>YDP Organizations:</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>
Claxton Hepburn Thriving Families	\$4,100	\$0
SLC Arts Council-Rising Teens	\$6,000	\$7,500
Town of Stockholm Recreation	\$3,000	\$4,500
Ogdensburg Command Performance	\$2,145	\$2,545
Canton Free Library	\$4,000	\$4,200
PAL of Massena	\$4,500	\$5,000

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<u>YSEF Organizations:</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Amended</u>
Girls on the Run	\$5,000	\$1,800
Parishville Recreation	\$3,000	\$4,800
Potsdam Recreation	\$4,000	\$5,400

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 4-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign Amendments to the Contracts with Various Organizations for Youth Development Programs (YDP) and Youth Sports and Education Funding (YSEF) Programs Grant Funding”, adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Services Committee: 12-11-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE YOUTH AS SOLUTIONS GRANT AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE YOUTH BUREAU

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the National Youth Leadership Council has awarded the Youth As Solutions (YAS) Grant in the amount of \$500 to the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau, and

WHEREAS, the mission of YAS is to create a generation of students who are passionate about making a positive impact in their schools and communities by addressing areas of impact in community health, educational equity, and environmental justice, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau Youth Committee was selected to receive a \$500 grant to address an issue impacting community health in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Committee will complete a community needs investigation, plan and prepare a service project that meets those needs, implement the project by March 29, 2024, and submit a final service-learning showcase video for national recognition, and

WHEREAS, YAS provides training through monthly virtual meetings, and

WHEREAS, Service-learning empowers youth to be involved in their own learning, share their voice, and care about their community, and

WHEREAS, this award will increase the budget of the Youth Bureau by \$500,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the National Youth Leadership Council for the Youth As Solutions Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the Youth Bureau, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Y2073104 42000	Y Office Supplies & Expense	\$500
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INCREASE REVENUE:

Y2027055 55000	Y Gifts & Donations	\$500
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 5-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the National Youth Leadership Council for the Youth as Solutions Grant and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Youth Bureau”, adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Services Committee: 12-11-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2024 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN SIGNATURE PAGE, SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR YOUTH TEAM SPORTS GRANT, SIGN CONTRACTS FOR YOUTH TEAM SPORTS (YTS) FUNDING, AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE YOUTH BUREAU

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires that the Youth Bureau submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2024 Youth Development Program (YDP) Year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature Page will qualify the County for reimbursement from New York State in the 2024 Program Year, and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2024 for Youth Team Sports (YTS) is \$52,517 (Y4073204 46100), and

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

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP), plan, provide fiscal/grants management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2024 RAP,

WHEREAS, OCFS has made RAP Funds (Y4073204 46100) available to provide Youth Team Sports (YTS) Funding, and

WHEREAS, various agencies have submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Youth Team Sports (YTS) funding through the Youth Bureau,

WHEREAS, a new fund was created under the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for the purpose of providing awards to support Youth Team Sports Programs for underserved youth under age 18, and

WHEREAS, each municipal Youth Bureau was provided an allocation for the Youth Team Sports funding (YTS) for local community-based organizations and nonprofits, and

WHEREAS, YTS Funding is grounded in the principles of positive youth development, and

WHEREAS, this funding provides support to local team sports programs in communities where programs may be scarce or under-resourced, and

WHEREAS, this award will increase the budget of the Youth Bureau by \$52,517,

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Services Committee: 12-11-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2024 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN SIGNATURE PAGE, SIGN CONTRACTS WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR YOUTH SPORTS & EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS, SIGN CONTRACTS FOR YOUTH SPORTS & EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE YOUTH BUREAU

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires that the Youth Bureau submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2024 Youth Development Program (YDP) year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature Page will qualify the County for reimbursement from New York State in the 2024 Program Year, and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2024 for Youth Sports & Education Funding (YSEF) Infrastructure is \$10,344 (Y4073204 46500), and

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

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP), plan, provide fiscal/grants management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2024 RAP, and

WHEREAS, OCFS has made Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Funds (Y4073204 46500) available to provide Youth Sports & Education Funds (YSEF) Infrastructure Funds, and

WHEREAS, various agencies have submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for YSEF Infrastructure Funding through the Youth Bureau,

WHEREAS, one-time funding was created under the New York State OCFS for the purpose of providing infrastructure funds to support Youth Sports & Education Funding (YSEF) Programs for underserved youth ages 6-17, and

WHEREAS, each municipal youth bureau was provided an allocation for the Youth Sports & Education Funding (YSEF) Infrastructure Funds for local community-based organizations and nonprofits, and

WHEREAS, this award allows one-time investments in infrastructure for physical activity, and will increase the 2024 Budget of the Youth Bureau by \$10,344,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2024 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page, sign contracts with the New York State Office Of Children And Family Services for Youth Sports & Education Infrastructure Funds, and sign contracts for Youth Sports & Education Infrastructure Funds, and

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Services Committee: 12-11-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2024 RESOURCE ALLOCATION
PLAN SIGNATURE PAGE AND SIGN CONTACTS FOR YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires that the Youth Bureau submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2024 Youth Development Program (YDP) year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature Page will qualify the County for reimbursements from New York State in the 2024 Program Year, and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2024 for Youth Development Programs (YDP) is \$106,456 (Y4073204 46000), and

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

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP), plan, provide fiscal/grants management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2024 RAP, and

WHEREAS, OCFS has made Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Funds (Y4073204 46000) available to provide Youth Development Programs, and

WHEREAS, various agencies have submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Youth Development Program (YDP) Funding through the Youth Bureau,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2024 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page and sign contracts for Youth Development Program Funds, upon approval of the County Attorney, to the following organizations:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Village of Massena Therapeutic	\$2,445
SLC Arts Council-Rising Teens	\$8,000
Town of Stockholm Recreation	\$4,500
Ogdensburg Command Performance	\$3,500
NCCM STEAM Programs for Youth	\$4,000
Canton Free Library	\$4,200
PAL of Massena	\$6,000
Hepburn Library of Waddington	\$6,700
Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club	\$10,000
Claxton Hepburn Thriving Families	\$4,100
Gouverneur Recreation	<u>\$11,200</u>
Total	\$64,645

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 8-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign the 2024 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page and Sign Contacts for Youth Development Program Funds”, adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Services Committee: 12-11-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2024 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN SIGNATURE PAGE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR YOUTH SPORTS & EDUCATIONAL FUNDING

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires that the Youth Bureau submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2024 Youth Development Program Year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature Page will qualify the County for State reimbursement in the 2024 Program Year, and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2024 for Youth Sports and Educational Funding (YSEF) is \$37,541 (Y4073204 46500), and

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

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP), plan, provide fiscal/grants management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2024 RAP,

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has made Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) funds (Y4073204 46500) available to provide Youth Sports & Educational Funding (YSEF), and

WHEREAS, various agencies have submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Youth Sports & Educational Funding (YSEF) through the Youth Bureau,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2024 Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) signature page and authorize the Chair to sign contracts for Youth Sports and Educational Funding, upon approval of the County Attorney, with the following organizations:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Girls on the Run	\$5,000
Town of Clifton	\$7,400
Hermon DeKalb PeeWee	\$7,341
Parishville Recreation	\$4,800
Louisville Recreation	\$3,000
Town of Fowler Recreation	\$4,000
Potsdam Recreation	<u>\$6,000</u>
Total	\$37,541

January 2, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 9-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign the 2024 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page and Authorize the Chair to Sign Contracts for Youth Sports & Educational Funding”, adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Services Committee: 12-11-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2024

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

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services received funding from the OASAS Opioid Settlement Funding, 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 October 3, 2023 the Community Services Board approved the use of the OASAS Opioid Settlement Funding to new and existing pass-through agencies for harm reduction, treatment, housing, prevention and transportation, and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Settlement State Funding will follow the calendar year and can be rolled over to subsequent years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with approved pass-through agencies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 budget for funding received from New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) for the Opioid Settlement Funding for Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A2442504 46500 OSF	A SEACAP OSF Payments	\$150,000
A2542304 46500 OSF	SLC Public Health OSF Payments	56,000
A2642304 46500 OSF	MILC OSF Payments	<u>150,000</u>
		\$356,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

A2434865 56000 OSF	A SA Opioid Settlement Funds	\$150,000
A2534865 56000 OSF	A SA Opioid Settlement Funds	56,000
A2634865 56000 OSF	A SA Opioid Settlement Funds	<u>150,000</u>
		\$356,000

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

January 2, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 11-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts with Approved Pass-Through Agencies and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Funding Received from New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) for the Opioid Settlement Funding for Community Services", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Services Committee: 12-11-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2024

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH (OMH) TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AS PASS-THROUGH FUNDING TO APPROVED AGENCIES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received a OMH State Aid funding authorizations to St. Lawrence County as pass through funding for community agencies that includes salary and fringe support adjustments, and

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

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4243224 465TL	A CRV NCTLS Advances	\$2,800
A4443224 465UH	A OFS United Helpers Advances	<u>26,749</u>
		\$29,549

INCREASE REVENUE:

A4234905 56000	A SA CR Other Mental Health P	\$2,800
A4434905 56000	A SA OFS Other Mental Health P	<u>26,749</u>
		\$29,549

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 12-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2023 Budget for Community Services for Funding Received from New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) to St. Lawrence County as Pass-Through Funding to Approved Agencies”, adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REPLACE COUNTY ROUTE 22 OVER SAWYER CREEK, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited qualifications for engineering services for the replacement of County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek, and

WHEREAS, the best qualified consultant for this project has been determined,

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

Consultant:	Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Contract Title:	County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek Town of Fowler
Engineering Fee:	Not to Exceed \$267,000 HM651204 430ED 2322

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for engineering services to replace County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 15-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace County Route 22 Over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REPLACE COUNTY ROUTE 34 OVER TROUT BROOK, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426

By Mr. Gennett, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited qualifications for engineering services for the replacement of County Route 34 over Trout Brook, and

WHEREAS, the best qualified consultant for this project has been determined,

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

Consultant:	Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Contract Title:	County Route 34 over Trout Brook Town of Potsdam
Engineering Fee:	Not to Exceed \$275,000 HM651204 430ED 2334

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contact with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for engineering services to replace County Route 34 over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 16-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace County Route 34 Over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE
SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT FOR RECYCLING**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department budgets appropriation and revenue accounts to reflect current and projected operations, and

WHEREAS, recycling tipping fees have exceeded the 2023 budget due to fees increasing from \$13.27/ton in 2022 to \$103.28/ton in 2023, and

WHEREAS, the projected overages in these expenses can be offset within the existing Solid Waste Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for Solid Waste Department, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WT081604 40801	W TRS Bldg Improvements	\$45,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WH081604 43018 RECY	W RECY Tipping Fees	\$45,000
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 18-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Solid Waste Department for Recycling", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
TO FORMALLY ADOPT A CREDIT POLICY**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department has a responsibility to provide disposal services for the residents of St. Lawrence County in a safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible manner, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department incurs significant costs in providing these services, including the costs of labor, equipment, and materials, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department relies on the timely payments from its account holders in order to cover these costs and to continue to provide quality services, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department has experienced a number of unpaid and delinquent accounts, which has strained the financial resources and ability of the Department to operate effectively, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department has a responsibility to establish a credit policy to ensure that its account holders are financially responsible for the services they receive,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department to formally adopt a Credit Policy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Credit Policy be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 19-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department to Formally Adopt a Credit Policy", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Credit Policy & Application

NYSDEC Operating Permit 6A-143



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
44 PARK STREET
CANTON, NY 13617

PHONE: (315) 379-9084 FAX: (315) 379-1061

www.stlawco.gov

January 2, 2024

St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department Governance Policies

Subject: Solid Waste Credit Policy

Adopted:

Resolution:

Solid Waste Department Credit Policy

1. St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department may extend credit under the terms outlined below upon completion, submission, and acceptance of attached Credit Application, Authorization for Release of Credit Reference Information and Guarantee of Payment. Applications must be filled out completely with all requested information. Applications received that are incomplete will not be considered.

2. Credit applications may be subject to trade reference verifications and the results of these verifications will be considered by the Deputy Director of Solid Waste and the Superintendent of Highways, or his/her designee.

3. The St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department billing cycle is monthly. A statement of account is generated for transactions incurred from the 1st of the month through the last day of the month.

4. Payments for new transactions are due within 30 days of the statement date on which those transactions appeared.

5. A late payment fee of 1 ½% of the outstanding balance will be charged for statements over 30 days.

6. If an account is 30 or more days past due, charging privileges may be revoked until the account becomes current. Such action will be at the discretion of the Deputy Director of Solid Waste or his/her designee.

7. Customers who hold a Solid Waste Disposal Permit for St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department transfer stations may be subject to revocation of that permit and their trucks denied entry to the transfer station for accounts deemed by St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department to be severely delinquent.

8. In cases where a customer's check is returned for insufficient funds, a \$15.00 service charge will be applied to the account, and the customer's account will be considered past due until the debt has been satisfied. The customer's waste hauler permit may also be revoked, if applicable.

9. For accounts that are denied credit terms, payment must be made Cash on Delivery (COD) for any transactions processed for that customer.

10. Accounts for which there has been no credit activity for a period of 2 years will be closed. It will be necessary to reapply for future credit transactions. The County will retain the right to employ collection efforts for outstanding debt.

11. St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to deny credit to anyone for any reason.

12. St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department reserves the right to request an updated credit history and re-evaluate such approval at any time.

13. Completed credit applications can be mailed to:

St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department
44 Park Street
Canton, NY 13617

January 2, 2024

St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department

44 Park Street

Canton, NY 13617

Phone: (315) 379-9084

Fax: (315) 379-1061

Credit Application

Company Information (Please type or print)

Company Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

Street

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No.: _____ Fax No: _____ Email: _____

Organizational Profile

Corporation Partnership Proprietorship Municipality LLC

Other (specify) _____ Type of Business: _____

Taxpayer ID: _____ Date Business Started : _____

List names, titles, addresses and telephone nos. of all officers, directors, principals or partners:

Do any unsatisfied judgments exist? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever filed bankruptcy? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Bank Reference

Bank

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No: _____ Fax No: _____ Contact: _____

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Trade References (3 Required)

Company Name:

_____ Email: _____

Address:

_____ City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No: _____ Fax No: _____ Contact: _____

Account Number: _____ Credit Limit Assigned: \$ _____

Company Name:

_____ Email: _____

Address:

_____ City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No: _____ Fax No: _____ Contact: _____

Account Number: _____ Credit Limit Assigned: \$ _____

Company Name:

_____ Email: _____

Address:

_____ City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No: _____ Fax No: _____ Contact: _____

Account Number: _____ Credit Limit Assigned: \$ _____

Terms and Conditions:

St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department requires full payment for each billing period on or before the 30th day after the end of the period. A 1.5% late fee will be due if payment is not received within 30 days of the statement date. If a customer's account is more than 30 days past due, the customer's charging privileges and/or permit may be revoked until the account is paid in full, including any accumulated late fees. If a collections action or legal action is required by St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department, the Applicant will be responsible for all reasonable charges associated with the same, including attorney fees.

January 2, 2024

<p>By my signature I certify that I have the authority to sign for St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department and I grant permission to St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department to run a credit history on the Applicant. I also certify that the information herein provided is true and accurate and attest to the same under the penalty of perjury.</p> <p>(Principal or Owner Signature)</p> <p>(Printed Name)</p> <p>(Title)</p> <p>(Date)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Official Use:</p> <p>Application Approved:</p> <p>Application Denied:</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Reason:</p>
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January 2, 2024

St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department

44 Park Street
Canton, NY 13617

**Guarantee of Payment of Haulers / Customers Indebtedness to
St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department**

In order to induce St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department to extend credit to:
_____ the undersigned individual ("Guarantor")

(Applicant)

unconditionally guarantees St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department that the Applicant will promptly and punctually pay or cause to be paid when due any indebtedness owed by the Applicant to St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department and, in default of such payment, the undersigned unconditionally promises and agrees to pay St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department, upon demand, all amounts which the Applicant shall owe St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department, whether such amounts now exist or shall hereafter arise, together with interest thereon and costs of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees ("obligations").

Guarantor further agrees (a) that this Guaranty shall not be affected or impaired by any extension, renewal, release or modification of the obligations secured thereby, or any one or more of them or of any term or provision thereof or of any instruments given in pursuance thereof or in exchange thereof or to supplement, extend, modify or take up the same or any security therefore, and (b) that without notice to or further consent of Guarantor, St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department and the Applicant may deal with each other as they may see fit without in any way releasing or affecting the liability of guarantor or impairing St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department's rights and remedies under this Guaranty, and (c) that the liability of the guarantor hereunder shall be immediate, direct and unconditional and may be enforced without St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department pursuing any of its rights or remedies against the Applicant, its successors or assigns or against any security that St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department may have, hold or be entitled to or against Guarantor or any other guarantor of said indebtedness, and (d) that the liability of Guarantor shall not be affected by any lack of authority or any other defense which the Applicant or Guarantor might have against the enforcement against them of any of the agreements referred to above.

Notice of any default or non-payment by the Applicant of the obligation or obligations and demand for payment and presentment and protest of any note or of any other related instrument and notice thereof or of dishonor, non-payment or protest are hereby waived by Guarantor.

No delay by St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department in exercising any right, power or privilege under the obligations or this Guaranty or otherwise, shall operate as a waiver of any such privilege or right. This Guaranty and the liability of Guarantor hereunder shall be binding upon the heirs, distributees, legal representatives, successors, and assigns of Guarantor. All of the rights of St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department may be assigned by it and shall inure to the benefit of its successors and assigns; St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department shall give notice to Guarantor of any assignment, but the failure to give notice shall not affect the validity or enforceability of this Guaranty.

If there is more than one person designated hereunder as Guarantor, their obligations under this Guaranty shall be joint and several and references to "Guarantor" in this agreement shall, where the context makes appropriate, refer to them and each of them.

January 2, 2024

**St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department
Authorization for the Release of Credit Information**

The undersigned hereby authorizes and directs you to release any and all financial information in your possession regarding my accounts, loans, transactions, lending history or any other information that may be useful in determining my credit worthiness to St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department, 44 Park Street, Canton, NY 13617.

I also consent, agree and authorize you to orally advise St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department of any and all such information pertaining to my credit worthiness.

Finally, I agree to hold you and St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department harmless from any and all liability which may result from the transmission of any information provided hereunder. I am signing this release on behalf of the corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship for which, by my signature, I certify that I have the authority to sign.

I have read and understand the above:

Principal or Owner Signature

Printed Name

Signed on behalf of:

Business Name

Date

January 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2024

**TRANSFER OF AN EXCLUSIVE OPTION FOR THE LEASE OF
COUNTY-OWNED MINERAL RIGHTS ON TWO CERTAIN PARCELS
OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF EDWARDS**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence (hereinafter referred to as “County”) is the record title owner of mineral rights located on two lots in the Town of Edwards, identified further as Tax Map Parcel No. 175.002-1-5.1/1 and Tax Map Parcel No. 188.001-1-2.1/1, which is recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk’s Office, and

WHEREAS, the County has been approached by Empire State Mines, LLC (ESM), operator and owner of the talc and zinc mining operation in the south eastern portion of the County, to extend the original 2015 option for the potential lease of the mineral rights currently held by the County, pertaining to the specific aforementioned parcels, and

WHEREAS, ESM has expressed an interest in exploring potential mineral deposits associated with these parcels for the possible expansion and development of ESM zinc and talc extraction, and

WHEREAS, an option for the lease of the land, which would contain permission for ESM to explore and access the property, is believed to be advantageous both by the Board of Legislators and ESM, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has made it a priority to assist in economic development that brings with it the potential for job creation in the County, and

WHEREAS, should ESM discover zinc and talc aggregates at the location, the option would provide for ESM to have a right to lease the mineral property rights from the County at a price to be negotiated at a later date, and

WHEREAS, should ESM determine to exercise their right of first refusal through any option, the County would be in a position to discuss possible job creation and economic impacts that would result from mining expansion in the southeastern portion of the County, and

WHEREAS, the initial option would be for a one (1) year period with the possibility of extending the option for four (4) successive one (1) year periods at a rate of six hundred and ten dollars and zero cents (\$610.00) per year during the life of the option,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to transfer an exclusive option for the lease of County-owned mineral rights on two certain parcels of land in the Town of Edwards, and

January 2, 2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to convey an exclusive option for the lease of real property to ESM regarding mineral rights located in the Town of Edwards, and identified further as two lots in the Town of Edwards, identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 175.002-1-5.1/1 and Tax Map Parcel No. 188.001-1-2.1/1 and to execute all documents necessary and directly related to the conveyance of the option, execution of the option agreement, and potential access for the purpose of economic development and job creation, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 20-2024 Entitled "Transfer of an Exclusive Option for the Lease of County-Owned Mineral Rights on Two Certain Parcels of Land in the Town of Edwards", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE FOR THE SELF-INSURANCE FUND DUE TO
INCREASED COSTS IN SCHEDULED LOSS OF USE AWARDS**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Self-Insurance Fund is responsible for the payment of Workers' Compensation related expenditures, and

WHEREAS, part of the administration of the workers' compensation claims requires an assessment of files that may not be prepared for full and final settlement but where a claimant has reach maximum medical improvement, and

WHEREAS, under New York Workers' Compensation Law, a Schedule Loss of Use Award may be made when a claimant has reached maximum medical improvement and the claimant's body part (s) have a permanent loss of use as a result of their work-related injury, and

WHEREAS, under a Schedule Loss of Use Award, compensation is limited to a certain number of weeks based on the body part and severity of the disability, according to a schedule set by law, and

WHEREAS, the employer sees a credit both from the fact that the temporary benefits that have been paid are deducted from the total Schedule Loss of Use Award, and future full and final settlements are reduced by that credit as an advance against the final value of the claim, and

WHEREAS, these Schedule Loss of Use Award are largely viewed within the industry as the end of the claim incapable of being fully and finally settled due to some other impediment such as continued employment, and

WHEREAS, these Schedule Loss of Use Awards, coming during economic downturns, have created a deficit in the Benefits and Awards account which also covers the claimants' medical and indemnity payments, and

WHEREAS, County Law, Article 7, Sections 363 and 366, allow the Board of Legislators to amend the budget to shift funds between lines where there exists an excess in some accounts and a deficit in others, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to transfer money from the Self-Insurance Plan Reserve account, by increasing the appropriated fund balance to cover those payments as they come due,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the County Attorney's Office for the Self-Insurance Fund due to increased costs in Scheduled Loss of Use Awards, as follows:

January 2, 2024

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

07TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$200,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

07TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$200,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

LI017204 40301	SI Workers Comp Benefits and Awards	\$200,000
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 21-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2023 Budget for the County Attorney's Office for the Self-Insurance Fund Due to Increased Costs in Scheduled Loss of Use Awards", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

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Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2024

BANK DEPOSITORIES AND INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with County Law and General Municipal Law the following banks be and hereby are designated as depositories for County funds received by the County Treasurer with permitted maximum deposits at any one time listed below:

<u>Depository Name</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Community Bank N.A.	\$75,000,000
Key Bank N.A.	\$75,000,000
Upstate National Bank	\$10,000,000
NBT	\$10,000,000
Citizens Bank	\$10,000,000
Municipal Investors Service Corporation	\$10,000,000
First Empire Securities	\$10,000,000
NYCLASS	\$50,000,000
NY MuniTrust	\$50,000,000
Webster Bank	\$10,000,000
Tioga State Bank	\$10,000,000
TD Bank	\$10,000,000
JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$1,000,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to deposit money in accordance with the St. Lawrence County Investment Policy, and this policy authorizes the Treasurer to deposit funds, not needed temporarily, in certificates of deposit, Money Market Accounts, United States Treasury Bills, repurchase agreements, and day-of-deposit to day-of-withdrawal savings account, at prevailing interest rates in any bank authorized for the deposit of County funds as per this resolution, and that the County Treasurer may use his/her discretion in selecting any allowable bank under NY General Municipal Law for investment purposes only, up to a limit of \$10,000,000 per bank unless otherwise noted in this policy, a report of such investments must be provided to the Board of Legislators at the subsequent Finance Committee meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total deposits, excluding United States Treasury Bills, are not to exceed the amounts authorized by this resolution, and are to be secured as required by Article 10 of the General Municipal Law and as outlined by the Investment Policy of the County.

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INVESTMENT POLICY FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

I. SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all moneys and other financial resources available for investment by the County or on behalf of any other entity or individual.

II. OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the County's investment activities are, in priority order:

- * to conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements;
- * to adequately safeguard principal;
- * to provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements;
- * to obtain a reasonable rate of return;
- * to make every effort to invest locally.

III. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The responsibility of the Board of Legislators for administration of the investment program is delegated to the County Treasurer, who shall maintain written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these investment guidelines. Such procedures shall include an adequate internal control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on a database or records incorporating description and amount of investments, transaction dates, and other relevant information and regulate the activities of subordinate employees.

IV. PRUDENCE

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the St. Lawrence County Legislature to govern effectively.

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived.

All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

V. DIVERSIFICATION

It is the policy of the County to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling.

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VI. INTERNAL CONTROLS

It is the policy of the County for all moneys collected by any officer or employee of the government to transfer those funds to the Treasurer within 5 days of deposit, or within the time period specified in law, whichever is shorter.

The Treasurer is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly, and are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

VII. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The Board of Legislators, at its annual organizational meeting each January, shall designate the banks authorized for the deposit of moneys and the maximum amount, which can be deposited at each bank. Additionally, the County Treasurer may select any bank allowable under New York General Municipal Law for investment purposes only, up to a limit of \$10,000,000 per bank, unless otherwise noticed in this policy. Should the Treasurer invest in any bank not already designated at the annual organizational meeting, yet allowable under New York Municipal Law, the Treasurer must provide a report to the Board of Legislators at the monthly Finance Committee following any such investment.

VIII. COLLATERALIZING OF DEPOSITS

In accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law, all deposits of St. Lawrence County, including certificates of deposit and special time deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured:

1. By a pledge of eligible securities with an aggregate market value as provided by General Municipal Law, equal to aggregate amount of deposits.
2. By an eligible irrevocable letter of credit issued by a qualified bank other than the bank with the deposits in favor of the government for a term not to exceed 90 days with an aggregate value equal to 140% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any. A qualified bank is one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or by a bank that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk-based capital requirements.
3. By an eligible surety bond payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims-paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

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IX. SAFEGUARDING AND COLLATERALIZATION

Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits shall be held by the depository or a third party bank or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements.

The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities are being pledged to secure County deposits together with agreed upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection or such deposits upon default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events, which will enable the County to exercise its rights against the pledged securities. In the event that the securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the County, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment to the County or its custodial bank.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, or agent of and custodian for, the County, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement should also describe that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the securities. The agreement shall provide for the frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and for the substitution of securities when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the County a perfected interest in the securities.

X. PERMITTED INVESTMENTS

As authorized by General Municipal Law Section 11, the County Legislature authorizes the County Treasurer to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:

- * Special time deposit accounts
- * Certificates of deposits
- * Obligations of the United States of America
- * Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States
- * Obligations of the State of New York
- * Obligations issued by a municipality, school district or district corporation in New York State, other than the County
- * Obligations of public authorities, public housing authorities, urban renewal agencies and industrial development agencies where the general state statutes governing such entities or whose specific enabling legislation authorizes such investments
- * Through a Deposit Placement Program, certificates of deposit in one or more “banking institutions”, as defined in Banking Law Section 9-r
- * General obligation bonds and notes of any state other than this state, provided that such bonds and notes receive the highest rating of at least one independent rating agency designated by the state comptroller

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- * Obligations of any corporation organized under the laws of any state in the United States maturing within two hundred seventy days, provided that such obligations receive the highest rating of two independent rating services designated by the state comptroller and that the issuer of such obligations has maintained such ratings on similar obligations during the preceding six months, provided, however, that the issuer of such obligations need not have received such rating during the prior six month period if such issuer has received the highest rating of two independent rating services designated by the state comptroller and is the successor or wholly-owned subsidiary of an issuer that has maintained such ratings on similar obligations during the preceding six month period or if the issuer is the product of a merger of two or more issuers, one of which has maintained such ratings on similar obligations during the preceding six month period, provided, however, that no more than two hundred fifty million dollars may be invested in such obligations of any one corporation
- * Bankers' acceptances maturing within two hundred seventy days which are eligible for purchase in the open market by federal reserve banks and which have been accepted by a bank or trust company which is organized under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof and which is a member of the federal reserve system and whose short-term obligations meet the criteria outlined in clause (7). Provided, however, that no more than two hundred fifty million dollars may be invested in such bankers' acceptances of any one bank or trust company; or
- * Obligations of, or instruments issued by or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by, any agency or instrumentality of the United States acting pursuant to a grant of authority from the Congress of the United States, including but not limited to, any federal home loan bank or banks, the Tennessee valley authority, the federal national mortgage association, the federal home loan mortgage corporation and the United States postal service, provided, however, that no more than two hundred fifty million dollars may be invested in such obligations of any one agency
- * No-load money market mutual funds registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and operated in accordance with Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, provided that such funds are limited to investments in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States of America or in obligations of agencies or instrumentalities of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America (including contracts for the sale and repurchase of any such obligations) and are rated in the highest rating category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization, provided, however, that no more than two hundred fifty million dollars may be invested in such funds

All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the County within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the monies were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the County within two years of the date of purchase. When applying this requirement to repurchase agreements, the repurchase date and not the maturity of the underlying maturity, shall govern.

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XI. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS

The County shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amount of investments, which can be made with each financial institution or dealer. All financial institutions with which the local government conducts business must be credit worthy. Banks shall provide their most recent Consolidated Report of Condition (Call Report) at the request of the County. Security dealers not affiliated with a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the New York Federal Reserve Bank, as primary dealers. The Treasurer is responsible for evaluating the financial position and maintaining a listing of proposed depositories, trading partners and custodians. Such listing shall be evaluated at least annually.

XII. PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS

The Treasurer is authorized to contract for or place orders for the purchase of investments:

1. Directly, including through a repurchase agreement, from an authorized trading partner.
2. By participation in a cooperative investment program with another authorized governmental entity pursuant to Articles 5G and 3A of the General Municipal Law where such program meets all the requirements set forth in the Office of the State Comptroller Opinion No. 88-46, and the specific program has been authorized by the governing board.
3. By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized trading partner pursuant to a contract authorized by the governing board.
4. By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized investment adviser provided that all investments are directed by authorized personnel of the County, all trading partners are authorized by the designated Bank and the investment advisory agreement is approved by the Treasurer.

All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the County, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed in writing to the Treasurer by the bank or trust company. Any obligation held in custody of a bank or trust company shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of and custodian for, the County, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement shall describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such

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agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the County a perfected interest in the securities.

XIII. REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Repurchase agreements are authorized subject to the following restrictions:

- * All repurchase agreements must be entered into subject to a Master Repurchase Agreement.
- * Trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to do business in New York State and primary reporting dealers.

- * Obligations shall be limited to obligations of the United States or guaranteed by agencies of the United States.
- * No substitution of securities will be allowed unless the substitute securities are delivered to an independent custodian for the account of the County before the previously purchased securities are released.
- * The custodian shall be a party other than the trading partner.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 23-2024 Entitled “Bank Depositories and Investment of County Funds”, adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2024

AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH ACCOUNT AND DEPARTMENTAL CASH DRAWERS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, several County departments utilize petty cash accounts and/or cash drawers in their daily operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes petty cash accounts and departmental cash drawers, as follows:

Petty Cash Accounts:

Public Health	\$250
Probation	\$400
Sheriff	\$1,500
Social Services	\$1,500
Highway	\$150
Community Services	<u>\$250</u>
Total	\$4,050

Departmental Cash Drawers:

Sheriff Civil Department	\$100
Mental Health	\$100
Chemical Dependency, Canton	\$100
Treasurer	\$250
County Clerk	\$1,000
County Clerk DMV, Canton	\$600
County Clerk DMV, Massena	\$400
County Clerk DMV, Ogdensburg	\$400
County Clerk DMV, Gouverneur	\$300
Real Property	\$100
Solid Waste Transfer, Ogdensburg	\$450
Solid Waste Transfer, Massena	\$450
Solid Waste Transfer, Star Lake	\$450
Solid Waste Transfer, Gouverneur	\$450
Social Services	<u>\$200</u>
Total	\$5,350

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Department will submit an annual reconciliation of each petty cash account and cash drawer to the Treasurer at the end of each year.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 24-2024 Entitled "Authorizing Petty Cash Account and Departmental Cash Drawers", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS) FOR UPGRADED DIGITAL ORTHOIMAGERY PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, orthoimagery is invaluable for emergency response, environmental, planning and real property uses, and

WHEREAS, the New York Statewide Digital Orthoimagery Program (NYSDOP) has collected aerial imagery for a portion of the State every year, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is planned for inclusion of new imagery in the Spring of 2024, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) funds a base program covering counties with 1-foot pixel four-band orthoimagery at no cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, an upgrade is available to increase the imagery resolution to 0.5-foot pixel four-band orthoimagery, providing a sharper, more detailed image, at a cost of \$182,200,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with New York State Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) for upgraded digital orthoimagery program, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$182,200
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL010104 43007	B LB Other Fees & Services	\$182,200
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 25-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with New York State Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) for Upgraded Digital Orthoimagery Program and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the following organizations have appropriations in the 2024 St. Lawrence County Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with each of the organizations listed, upon approval of the County Attorney:

<u>ORGANIZATIONS:</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBERS:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Assoc.	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Bigleaf Networks	CD016804 43007	\$9,500
Catholic Charities (Incest Offenders)	DAS60104 430CA	\$42,000
Catholic Charities (CSS)	A4143224 465CC	\$247,560
Catholic Charities (CRV)	A4243224 465CC	\$128,153
Childcare Coordinating Council of North Country	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Children's Home of Jefferson County	A4443224 465CH	\$21,644
Children's Home of Jefferson County (Fost. Futures)	DSC61194 465IL	\$77,700
Citizen Advocates	A4143224 465CA	\$20,063
Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center (Lifeline) (DSS)	Various Accounts	\$30 per month per case
Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center (Lifeline) (OFA)	Various Accounts	\$30 per month per case
Cornell Cooperative Extension (BOL)	B1A87504 465CE	\$330,789
Cornell Cooperative Extension (OFA)	ON067724 430SF	\$6,000
Cornell Cooperative Extension (PH)	PP040104 465CE	\$109,211
Mental Health Counseling Services of NNY	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
DeKalb Development Fund	ON067724 40700	\$4,140
Dr. Michael Sikirica, Medical Examiner	PC011854 43016	Rate Schedule
Family Counseling Services of NNY, Inc.	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Gouverneur Community Center, Inc.	ON067724 40700	\$7,800
Glens Falls Hospital	PC011854 451000 and PC011854 407MF	Rate Schedule
SLC CDP Gouv Neigh Center (HEAP Outreach)	DAH60104 430OF HEAP	\$35 per unit
Health Services of Northern New York	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Homemakers of Western NY	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Horizon Information Systems, Inc.	DAS60104 47801	(up to) \$1,300
Horizon Information Systems, Inc. (Programming)	DAS60104 47801	Rate Schedule
James McGuinness & Associates, Inc.	PK040504 42004	\$13,000
Karole Houle-Marolf	DAA60104 43007	\$4,680
LabCorp	DAC60104 43004	\$51 per unit
Linda Buchanan	ON067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY, Inc.	OA067724 43002	\$10,000
Massena Meals on Wheels	ON067724 430CA	\$43,000
Morristown Fire District	ON067724 40700	\$6,600
Neurodevelopmental Health Services	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
North Country Freedom Homes	A2342504 46500	\$641,585
North Country Transitional Living Services (CRV)	A4243224 465TL	\$112,128
North Country Transitional Living Services (OFS)	A4443224 465TL	\$157,534

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Northern Border Counseling Services	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Northern Border Counseling Services (employee)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Northern Lights Home Health Care	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Northern Regional Center (OFS)	A4443224 465NR	\$185,929
NYS DOCCS Office	ON067724 45200	\$2,000
NYSID, Inc.	DAA60104 43006	(up to) \$195,000
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and Twin Tier Pathology	PC011854 451000 and PC011854 407MF	Rate Schedule
Peter Ladd, PhD	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Potsdam Housing Authority	ON067724 40700	Site Use Only
Qualified Individuals	DAS60104 430QI	Rate Schedule
Reachout, Inc. (CSS)	A4143224 465RO	\$55,769
Reachout, Inc. (CRV)	A4243224 465RO	\$306,016
Reachout, Inc. (CRV)	A4243224 465RO HLINE	\$27,000
Reachout, Inc. (CPP)	A4343224 465RO	\$38,381
Renewal House (Services Non-Residential)	DPF61094 46500 ADC	(up to) \$105,034
Renewal House (Indirects/Residential)	DSG60704 46500 DVIO	(up to) \$101,207
Renewal House (TANF, Non-Residential)	DSG61094 46500 DVIO	(up to) \$36,473
Residential Treatment and Detention Centers	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Rubenzahl, Knudsen & Assoc. Psych Services	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
SADA	CD016804 42004	\$2,500
Safe Harbour	Various Accounts	\$44,217
School Districts	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Saint Lawrence Pathology PLLC	PC011854 43016	Rate Schedule
SL Child Care Council (Registration Activities)	DSD60554 46500 CCBG	\$116,487
SL Child Care Council (Legally Exempt)	DSD60554 46500 CCBG	\$77,685
SLC Dept. of Community Services	DAS60104 43007 CCDS	(up to) \$210,000
SLC Dept. of Community Services (Empl. Csling)	DAS60104 45100	Rate Schedule
SLC Dept. of Community Services (Qualified Ind.)	DSC61194 465PS	Rate Schedule
SLC District Attorney (Investigations)	DAB60104 430FI	(up to) \$81,815
SLC Historical Association	B1M75104 46000	\$20,000
SLC Information Technology	DAA60104 47802	(up to) \$189,108
SLC Soil & Water Conservation District	B1S87304 46000	\$60,423
SLC Trails Services Agreement	B1070204 46000	\$50,000
SLC Forestry	BF087104 43007	\$80,000
SL-Lewis BOCES (Parenting Education)	DSG60704 465PE	\$179,545
Seaway Valley Prevention Council (SVPC)	A2442504 46500	\$1,214,443
Seaway Valley Prevention Council	A4143224 465SV	\$45,558
Seniors Helping Seniors	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center	A2142304 46500	\$178,441
St. Lawrence Health System	PC011854 451000 and PC011854 407MF	Rate Schedule
STEP-BY-STEP (CSS)	A4143224 465SS	\$106,290
STEP-BY-STEP (CRV)	A4243224 465SS	\$102,536
STEP-BY-STEP (CPP)	A4343224 465SS	\$194,760
STEP-BY-STEP (DSS)	Various Accounts	(up to) \$192,000
Tiffany Nelson-Fuse (QRTP)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Transitional Emp. Advancement Program (TEAP)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (CSS)	A4143224 465AR	\$232,436
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (CRV)	A4243224 465AR	\$65,002
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (OFS)	A4443224 465AR	\$269,025
Town of Fine	ON067724 40700	\$4,200
United Helpers (CRV)	A4243224 465UH	\$31,748
United Helpers (OFS)	A4443224 465UH	\$720,269
Usherwood Office Technologies	CD016804 43007	\$2,000
Venesky & Company	PA040104 43003	\$35,150
Volunteer Transportation Center	OA067724 443VT	\$75,000

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Volunteer Transportation Center (DSS)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Wendy's Wonderful Kids	DAS60104 430HF	Rate Schedule
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. /YAP (CORE)	DSC61194 465YA	\$796,356
YAP (Raise the Age)	Various Accounts	\$399,926
YAP (Reunification)	DSC61094 465YA PRP	\$1,260,487
YAP (YES)	DSC61094 465YA PJDC	\$428,648

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 26-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2024

NEWSPAPER DESIGNATION

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Section 214, Subdivision 2, of the New York State County Law, requires that the Board of Legislators annually designate at least two (2) newspapers published within the County as official newspapers for the publication of all local law notices and other matters required by law to be published, and

WHEREAS, said section requires that the designation take into consideration two major political parties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby designates the following newspapers for various publication purposes for the Year 2024:

LOCAL LAWS AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED

Johnson Newspapers

North Country This Week

Gouverneur Tribune Press

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 27-2024 Entitled "Newspaper Designation", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 446-2019 authorized a contract with St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency for economic development services for three (3) years, ending December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, recognizing the value of the work of the IDA, who demonstrates a vital service to encourage and support economic development in St. Lawrence County, and renewing and extending the contract with the IDA will benefit the County, and

WHEREAS, the partnership between the IDA and St. Lawrence County is an important variable in the continuous efforts to recruit and retain business in the County and with the unique challenges in a rural county in New York State; the County has been well served by the work of the IDA,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) to provide for economic development services in St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the provision of services on the terms and conditions as provided for in the contract, and modifying the terms of the contract and payment provisions as follows:

- The terms of the contract will be four (4) years beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2027.
- The payment provision of the contract will be modified to provide annual payments as follows (B1064604 460ID) in quarterly payments:

2024	\$400,000
2025	\$400,000
2026	\$425,000
2027	\$450,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that quarterly and annual reports will be provided to the County Administrator and Board of Legislators.

January 2, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 28-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency to Provide Economic Development Services for St. Lawrence County", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR TOURISM PROMOTION

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 19-2021 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce for tourism promotion for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 364-2023 was adopted November 6, 2023, designating the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, once again, as the St. Lawrence County Promotion Agency, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Budget includes \$257,860 (B1064104 465CC) in the County Administrator's Office Budget for the Chamber of Commerce for tourism promotion in 2024, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce represents the County as its Tourism Promotion Agent by creating a comprehensive marketing and advertising campaign, consisting of events, attractions, and recreational opportunities throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, tourism marketing and the opportunity to leverage state grant opportunities operates on a two-year cycle and requires a digital marketing presence,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce for Tourism Promotion, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract will continue the funding mechanism to a formula that incentivizes the Chamber to work diligently to improve tourism in St. Lawrence County by providing fifty percent (50%) of the five-year rolling average received in occupancy tax as an appropriation for each year of this contract, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County recommends that the Chamber of Commerce continue to improve its financial position and bring measurable successes to the Board of Legislators annually for review, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chamber of Commerce continue to review potential projects for County funding and to bring forward requests when appropriate.

January 2, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 29-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce for Tourism Promotion", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 12-18-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR ADMINISTRATION,
MEDICAID, TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE, MAINTENANCE, OFFICE SUPPLIES,
FURNITURE, FUEL, AND MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, due to higher than anticipated costs in several areas and lower local weekly medical assistance costs, it is necessary to modify the 2023 Social Services Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for Social Services for administration, Medicaid, temporary assistance, maintenance, office supplies, furniture, fuel, and mileage reimbursement, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60104 40800	D Adm Maintenance Building	\$16,000
DAA60104 42000	D Adm Office Supplies & Expenses	30,000
DAE60104 40700	D Emp Building and Property Rent	10,000
DAH60104 420GE HEAP	D HEAP Office Supplies	1,400
DAM60102 21000	D MAEL Furniture	1,500
DAM60104 43007	D MAEL Other Fees	18,000
DAP60104 499CN	D TA Client Notices	25,000
DAS60104 44100	D SG I/D Fuel Charges	45,000
DAS60104 44500	D SG Other Travel	20,000
DPA61424 46100	D EAA Directs	5,000
DSC61194 46500 ADAD	D ADCFC Adoption Subsidies	1,728,100
DSJ61234 465IB EAJD	D EAF JD/PINS Inst Board	<u>120,000</u>
		\$2,020,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

DPA36425 56000	D SA Emerg Aid for Adults	\$2,500
DA036105 56000	D SA General Admin	15,500
DA046105 57000	D FA General Admin	24,100
DSC36195 56000	D SA Child Care	535,700
DSC46195 57000	D FA Child Care	864,100
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	<u>4,000</u>
		\$1,445,900

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60102 26000	D ADM Other Equipment	\$10,000
DPS61404 46100	D HR Directs	315,000
DSC61094 465YA PRP	D PRP Prevention/Reunification	200,000
DMG61014 46500	D LR Repayment Due State	10,000

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DMM61004 46500	D Medicaid to State	50,000
B1019904 49700	B Spec Contingency Account	<u>235,200</u>
		\$820,200

DECREASE REVENUE:

DPS36405 56000	D SA Safety Net	\$91,100
DSC36705 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	<u>155,000</u>
		\$246,100

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 30-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2023 Budget for Social Services for Administration, Medicaid, Temporary Assistance, Maintenance, Office Supplies, Furniture, Fuel, and Mileage Reimbursement", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

January 2, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2024

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Sheridan, District 4 and Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 369-2019 and Resolution No. 253-2020 authorized the continuance of the current vacancy review process with a recommendation that the vacancies continue to be deliberated at each jurisdictional committee, but one resolution be created for all approved positions to be considered at the Regular Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Vacancy Review Committee reviewed eight (8) positions in five (5) departments, and of those reviewed five (5) positions were new positions, and three (3) positions will be abolished,

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
Public Health	Public Health Nurse	504100001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Community Health Nurse	502000029	PT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Reception	Clerk	002300017	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services/Medical Svc	Senior Caseworker	815100012	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Board of Legislators/B&G	Senior Fiscal Officer	099600002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Indigent Defense	Senior Fiscal Officer	099600003	FT	Provisional	30 days
Treasurer	Senior Title Searcher	109000001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Treasurer	Senior Fiscal Officer	099600001	FT	Provisional	Immediate

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 100200034, Senior Account Clerk, be abolished, in Buildings and Grounds; Position No. 005200011, Administrative Assistant, be abolished in Indigent Defense; Position No. 100300008, Principal Account Clerk be abolished in the Treasurer's Office, and Title Searcher, Position No. 106800001, be abolished upon permanent appointment to the Senior Title Searcher Position in the Treasurer's Office, 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.

January 2, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 31-2024 Entitled "Authorizing Filling of Vacancies", adopted January 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2024

February 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 1-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH RAVE MOBILE SAFETY FOR AN EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, an Emergency Alert Notification System is recommended as it would be beneficial to residents and emergency responders of St. Lawrence County,

WHEREAS, multiple systems have been reviewed, and RAVE Mobile Safety was determined to be the most cost-effective program for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, RAVE Mobile Safety would allow mass notification by text and email to subscribers, sending thousands of messages per second to residents and visitors in a selected geographical location in the event of an emergency where such notification would be required, and

WHEREAS, RAVE Mobile Safety could act as a centralized hub for emergency information, allow for an effective platform for the distribution of information, providing real-time updates on emergencies such as flooding, blizzards, or severe weather alerts, and

WHEREAS, RAVE Mobile Safety also localizes access to IPAWS (FEMA's national system for local alerting that provides authenticated emergency and life-saving information to the public through multiple means of communication), which would expedite public notification to all individuals within a selected geographical location regardless of subscription to the service in the event of a major incident, and

WHEREAS, the cost for the RAVE Mobile Safety for a one-year subscription is \$23,940,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Rave Mobile Safety for an Emergency Alert Notification Program for one year, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$23,941
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X2036404 42004	X Computer Software	\$23,941
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February 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 32-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Rave Mobile Safety for an Emergency Alert Notification Program and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Emergency Services”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 1-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR FIVE
CALL-TAKING LICENSES FOR THE 911 DISPATCH CENTERS**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services has utilized Intrado to provide phone services in the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the last twenty-five years; a system which has been updated to have the ability to directly interface with our Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) software provider Spillman, in order to streamline and expedite calls to 911 in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is in the process of planning an extensive 911 Dispatch Center renovation which will include the upgrade of technological equipment and service upgrades at both the Primary (Canton) and Backup (Massena) 911 Centers, and

WHEREAS, dispatch center renovation include adding additional call-taking locations; two (2) in the Dispatch Center, one (1) for the Supervisor of Dispatch, and one (1) for the Backup 911 Center in Massena, and

WHEREAS, adding licenses increases the annual maintenance costs associated with the equipment, computer systems, and support, and

WHEREAS, maintenance costs are typically budgeted within multiple State and Federal grants; however, with recent changes within the grant claiming process and increasing costs of other services in which the Office of Emergency Services utilizes, the maintenance cost is no longer paid for by the grants, and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), a political subdivision of Texas, was established pursuant to Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act (Texas Local Government Code, Title 7, Chapter 791), which allows local government and certain non-profits to contract or agree under the terms of the Act to make purchases or provide purchasing services and other administrative functions appropriately established by another agency, where these products and services are contracted after having been subjected to either a competitive bid (IFB) or competitive proposal (RFP) process, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Government is contracted as an end-user with the HGA-C Program, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services has funding available in the budget for personnel and contractual accounts due to reduced costs throughout the year that are recommended for this expense,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services for call-taking licenses for the 911 Dispatch Centers, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X1C34101 11000	X CD Direct Service Workers	\$18,000
X1C34101 17000	X CD Regular Part-Time	9,276
XP036404 43007	X PSCS Other Fees & Services	<u>14,400</u>
		\$41,676

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

XP036404 42004	X Computer Software	\$41,676
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 33-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2023 Budget for Emergency Services for Five Call-Taking Licenses for the 911 Dispatch Centers", adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 1-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2024

**ENCOURAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROTECT AGRICULTURE
BY USING A SOLAR DEVELOPMENT MAPPING TOOL FOR DECISION-MAKING
REGARDING SOLAR DEVELOPMENT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Gennett, District 13

WHEREAS, the market value of agricultural products grown in St. Lawrence County was \$191 million in 2017, and

WHEREAS, the success of the farming industry in St. Lawrence County relies on the availability of productive soils to grow food and products, and

WHEREAS, the presence of prime farmland and prime farmland if drained are limited to nineteen percent (19%) of all land in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, large-scale solar arrays typically require five (5) to seven (7) acres of cleared, flat, dry land for every megawatt of power they generate, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Planning Board has reviewed 45 solar projects over the past decade that have or will potentially displace 1,400 acres of farmland, and

WHEREAS, the rural character, affordable real estate prices, and presence of high voltage transmission lines in St. Lawrence County, along with the energy policies of New York State will continue to attract the siting of solar arrays on farmland, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Office created a Solar Development Mapping Tool, located on the County Website at <https://stlawco.gov/Departments/Planning/SolarDevelopmentMappingTool> that identifies areas of the County where solar development will have less negative impacts on agricultural land, and is available and encouraged to use by local governments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators encourages local governments to protect agriculture by using a Solar Development Mapping Tool for decision-making regarding solar development.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 34-2024 Entitled "Encouraging Local Governments to Protect Agriculture by Using a Solar Development Mapping Tool for Decision-Making Regarding Solar Development", adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 1-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A 30-DAY MODIFICATION PERIOD FOR THE EIGHT-YEAR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT REVIEW THAT WILL RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH THE ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT REVIEW FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County established an agricultural districting program to protect and enhance its agricultural lands and farming industry, and

WHEREAS, Agricultural District No. 1 is undergoing an eight-year review and covers the Towns of DeKalb, DePeyster, Edwards, Fowler, Gouverneur, Hammond, Hermon, Macomb, Morristown, Oswegatchie, Pitcairn, and Rossie, and

WHEREAS, Agricultural District No. 2, which covers the Towns of Brasher, Canton, Hopkinton, Lawrence, Lisbon, Louisville, Madrid, Massena, Norfolk, Parishville, Pierrepont, Potsdam, Russell, Stockholm, and Waddington is proposed to be consolidated with Agricultural District No. 1, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Agricultural Districts Law requires a 30-day period to give landowners and municipalities the opportunity to petition for the inclusion of, or the removal of, land from an Agricultural District, and

WHEREAS, State regulations also require the County to give the public the opportunity to comment on any proposed changes to the Districts as recommended by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board which will be completed with a Public Hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the creation of a 30-day modification period for the eight-year agricultural district review that will run concurrently with the annual Agricultural District Review of the County, which occurs from March 1st to March 30th of each year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes setting a date for a public hearing to allow the public the opportunity to comment on the recommendation of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board to modify Agricultural Districts Nos. 1 and 2, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing to modify Agriculture Districts Nos. 1 and 2 will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Human Services Center Conference Room, located at 80 State Highway 310, Canton, New York.

February 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 35-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Creation of a 30-Day Modification Period for the Eight-Year Agricultural District Review that will Run Concurrently with the Annual Agricultural District Review for St. Lawrence County and Setting a Date for a Public Hearing”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 1-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET
FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) has awarded \$615,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to St. Lawrence County to continue funding for the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program (CHRP 5), and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to approximately twelve (12) eligible, income-qualified households in communities across the County,

WHEREAS, in the last forty-two years, 660 low-to-middle income households, in twenty-four different communities across St. Lawrence County, have been assisted with more than \$13.7 million in CDBG funding for housing rehabilitation to bring residences up to building codes and increase the quality of housing in the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract, and all necessary documentation, with New York State Office of Community Renewal for Community Development Block Grant Funds, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the Planning Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N1080204 460GP NH55	N CDBG CHRP 5 Payments	\$615,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N1049105 57000 NH55	N FA CHRP 5	\$615,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

February 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 36-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Office of Community Renewal for Community Development Block Grant Funds and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Planning Office", adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 1-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT

By Ms. Currans, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice requires that the St. Lawrence County District Attorney’s Office file an annual Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Certification Report to be eligible to submit requests for federally forfeited property or proceeds, and

WHEREAS, this agreement is entered into by the United States Department of Justice, the County of St. Lawrence, and the St. Lawrence County District Attorney’s Office (J4011654 49900 DEA),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report, and any subsequent amendments, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 37-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 1-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE CORPORATION (NYSTEC) FOR VIRTUAL CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER SERVICES AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

WHEREAS, the complexity of these threats and the tendency to change rapidly requires more focused on organizational strategy for cybersecurity, and

WHEREAS, these demands exceed the ability of in-house IT Staff but allow staff to augment specialty type professional services, and

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

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

WHEREAS, these funds were set aside during the 2024 Budget in targeted contingency and requires authorization of the Board of Legislators,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with New York State Technology Enterprise Corporations (NYSTEC) for Virtual Chief Information Security Officer Services, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Information Technology, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$40,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD016804 43007	C IT Other Fees	\$40,000
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February 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 38-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation (NYSTEC) for Virtual Chief Information Security Officer Services and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Information Technology”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 1-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2024

URGING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS SENATE BILL S1230 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A4552, “AN ACT TO AMEND THE EDUCATIONS LAW, IN RELATION TO ADOPTING THE INTER-STATE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT (PART A) AND TO AMEND THE EDUCATION LAW IN RELATION TO ADOPTING THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMPACT (PART B)

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Hull, District 8

WHEREAS, the Nurse Licensure Compact is an agreement among states to allow nurses to practice with a multi-state license meaning if their nursing license was earned in one of the nursing compact states they can practice in other participating states without applying for another license, and

WHEREAS, the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) was proposed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in 1997 in response to a variety of calls for action, and

WHEREAS, legislation to adopt the NLC was first proposed in New York State in 2013, but as of August 2023, New York State is one of eleven (11) states in the Nation that remains a non-NLC State, and

WHEREAS, being a member of the NLC means nurses would have more geographic flexibility which helps nurses who work in multistate health systems and traveling nurses, and it also benefits participating states and their employers since they can hire nurses from other NLC states removing the need to apply for new licenses resulting in a more streamlined process, and

WHEREAS, there is a nation-wide shortage of nursing staff that has progressed over the years with several factors contributing to the healthcare staffing crisis such as an aging workforce, burnout, high turnover, and the lack of nursing educators, along with the COVID-19 pandemic which aggravated the healthcare crisis, and

WHEREAS, rural and remote areas, such as St. Lawrence County, tend to have older residents who typically require more medical attention and care, and having fully-staffed local hospitals and access to care is necessary, and

WHEREAS, being a member of the NLC would increase the number of available nurses; help prepare for natural disasters, virus outbreaks, or other unpredictable circumstances where more nurses would be needed; promote cooperation with nurses and healthcare professionals across state lines; and give greater access to care with patients not missing out on specialized care that they could benefit from because of state lines,

February 5, 2024

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to pass Senate Bill S1230 and Assembly Bill A4552, “An Act to Amend the Educations Law, in Relation to Adopting the Inter-State Nurse Licensure Compact (Part A) and to Amend the Education Law in Relation to Adopting the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact (Part B), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Mark Walczyk; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Scott Gray; NYSAC; James V. McDonald, Commissioner, New York State Department of Health; Betty A. Rosa, Commissioner, New York State Department of Education.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 39-2024 Entitled “Urging Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to Pass Senate Bill S1230 and Assembly Bill A4552, “An Act to Amend the Educations Law, in Relation to Adopting the Inter-State Nurse Licensure Compact (Part A) and to Amend the Education Law in Relation to Adopting the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact (Part B)”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Services Committee: 1-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH PROVIDERS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (CYSHCN) PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program (CYSHCN) provides education and resources to families, providers, and the community as a whole, and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to contract with various providers and/or organizations to share this essential information at community events would be beneficial for all involved, and

WHEREAS, providers and/or organizations who sign contracts to take part in these community events would receive a rate of \$250 (PE040594 43007) per event,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Chair to sign contracts with providers and/or organizations for the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Program for community events, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 40-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts with Providers and Organizations for the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Program for Community Events", adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Services Committee: 1-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE RESPONSE GRANT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department was awarded \$313,036 (PPZ44895 57000 VAC) with objectives and goals to focus primarily on COVID-19 vaccine implementation, and

WHEREAS, there have been higher than anticipated operating expenses and fringe benefits within the COVID-19 Vaccine Response Grant, and a decrease in salary expense within the COVID-19 Vaccine Response Grant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for Public Health for the COVID-19 Vaccine Response Grant, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PPZ40101 19000 VAC P CVD Vaccine Temp and Part Time \$24,353

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PPZ40104 43005 VAC P CVD Vaccine Advertising Fees & Expense \$24,353

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 41-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2023 Budget for Public Health for the COVID-19 Vaccine Response Grant”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE WILDLIFE SERVICES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Department of Highways to maintain safe roadways in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, beaver activity has caused significant damage to County roads including flooding of roads, erosion of roadbeds, blocked road culverts, and other related property damage, as well as indirect threats to human health and safety, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has requested assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (APHIS WS) to reduce damage caused by beavers at a cost not to exceed \$9,000 (HM351104 43007), and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Inter-governmental Agreement is to establish and administer a cooperative program between the Department of Highways and APHIS WS to reduce roadway damage along with the risk to human health and safety from beavers, and

WHEREAS, to mitigate damage caused by beaver, APHIS WS may install and maintain water control structures to reduce flooding and prevent beaver dams from restricting water flows where appropriate, as well as reduce local, site specific beaver numbers at locations where beaver activities are causing or threatening to damage roads or other properties managed or identified by the Department of Highways, and

WHEREAS, the terms of this agreement will become effective on March 1, 2024, and expire on December 31, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorize the Chair to sign an agreement between St. Lawrence County Department of Highways and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Wildlife Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

February 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 44-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement between St. Lawrence County Department of Highways and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR THE LAZY RIVER ROAD BRIDGE OVER GRASSE RIVER, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332

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, construction is scheduled for 2024 for the Lazy River Road Bridge over Grasse River, BIN 3341820, a Federal Pass-through project, and

WHEREAS, the steel inspection/material testing for this project was not included in the 2024 Department of Highways Budget, and

WHEREAS, the steel inspection/material testing for this project is funded with ninety-five percent (95%) Federal Funds and five percent (5%) local match,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for the Lazy River Road Bridge over Grasse River, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0911 50300	Fund Bal, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$3,750
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0910 50300	Fund Bal, Unreserved Appropriated	\$3,750
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM299509 90600	H CR Transfers to Capital Fund	\$75,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

HM045975 57000	H F/A Transportation Capital Project	\$71,250
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651204 465CO 2101	H 2101 Sub-Contracts	\$75,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

06TG5031 90300	CP Transfer from County Road	\$75,000
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February 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 45-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for the Lazy River Road Bridge over Grasse River, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR COUNTY ROUTE 35 BRIDGE OVER TROUT BROOK, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394

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, construction is scheduled in 2024 for County Route 35 over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, a Federal pass-through project, and

WHEREAS, the steel inspection/material testing for this project was not included in the 2024 Department of Highways' Budget, and

WHEREAS, the steel inspection/material testing for this project is funded with ninety-five percent (95%) Federal funds and five percent (5%) local match,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for County Route 35 Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0911 50300	Fund Bal, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$3,100
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0910 50300	Fund Bal, Unreserved Appropriated	\$3,100
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM299509 90600	H CR Transfers to Capital Fund	\$62,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

HM045975 57000	H F/A Transportation Capital Project	\$58,900
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651204 465CO 2035	H 2035 Sub-Contracts	\$62,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

06TG5031 90300	CP Transfer from County Road	\$62,000
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February 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 46-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for County Route 35 Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR COUNTY ROUTE 22 BRIDGE OVER SAWYER CREEK, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425

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, construction is scheduled for 2024 for County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, a Federal Pass-through project, and

WHEREAS, the engineering and design for this project was not included in the 2024 Department of Highways' Budget, and

WHEREAS, the engineering and design for this project is funded with ninety-five percent (95%) Federal funds and five percent (5%) local match,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for County Route 22 Bridge over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0911 50300	Fund Bal, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$13,350
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0910 50300	Fund Bal, Unreserved Appropriated	\$13,350
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM299509 90600	H CR Transfers to Capital Fund	\$267,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

HM045975 57000	H F/A Transportation Capital Project	\$253,650
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651204 465CO 2322	H 2322 Sub-Contracts	\$267,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

06TG5031 90300	CP Transfer from County Road	\$267,000
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February 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 47-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for County Route 22 Bridge over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR THE COUNTY ROUTE 34 BRIDGE OVER TROUT BROOK, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426

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, construction is scheduled for 2024 for County Route 34 over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, a Federal pass-through project, and

WHEREAS, the engineering and design for this project was not included in the 2024 Department of Highways' Budget, and

WHEREAS, the engineering and design for this project is funded with ninety-five percent (95%) Federal funds and a five percent (5%) local match,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for the County Route 34 Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0911 50300	Fund Bal, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$13,750
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0910 50300	Fund Bal, Unreserved Appropriated	\$13,750
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM299509 90600	H CR Transfers to Capital Fund	\$275,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

HM045975 57000	H F/A Transportation Capital Project	\$261,250
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651204 465CO 2334	H 2334 Sub-Contracts	\$275,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

06TG5031 90300	CP Transfer from County Road	\$275,000
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February 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 48-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for the County Route 34 Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Department requests to amend the budget to more closely reflect actual operations for 2023, and

WHEREAS, the NYS DOT equipment rates were last updated in 2017 and were updating during 2023 to match FEMA rates, and

WHEREAS, due to a lack of snow during the early 2023 winter season, more road maintenance work was done by the Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Department of Highways for Road Maintenance Work, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM351104 40600	H MR Machinery Rental	\$241,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HC051424 454WM	H CSR Winter Maintenance Materials	\$200,000
HS051444 406000	H Snow Machinery Rental	<u>41,000</u>
		\$241,000

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 49-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Department of Highways for Road Maintenance Work”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2024

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT FOR RECYCLING COSTS AND EQUIPMENT REPAIR

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution Nos. 263-2023 and 318-2023 authorized modifications to the 2023 Budget due to drastic changes in the market, and these changes continue to impact the Enterprise Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department requires additional funding to cover the increase in recycling costs and equipment repairs, and

WHEREAS, unforeseen costs in 2023 have caused overages exceeding the budget, and

WHEREAS, the overage in these expenses can be offset by retained earnings,

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

DECREASE RETAINED EARNINGS:

05TG0909 50300	Retained Earnings	\$66,100
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

05TG0599 50300	EL Fund Balance, Appropriated	\$66,100
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WH081604 43018 RECY	W RECY Tipping Fees	\$57,000
WT081604 42200	W TRS I/D Equip Repair & Maintenance	<u>9,100</u>
		\$66,100

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 50-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Solid Waste Department for Recycling Costs and Equipment Repair”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE TREASURER’S OFFICE
FOR ADDITIONAL SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, since 2017, the Treasurer’s Office has received more sales tax revenue than budgeted for the Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, should revenue exceed budget, a budget modification is necessary to pay the towns and villages the additional funds shared by the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Treasurer’s Office to distribute additional sales tax, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T3019854 465ST	T Distribution of sales tax	\$3,025,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T3011105 55000	T R Sales and Use Tax	\$3,025,000
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 51-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Treasurer’s Office for Additional Sales Tax Distribution”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ALLIED WORLD INSURANCE FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INSURANCE FOR COUNTY-EMPLOYED MEDICAL PROVIDERS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Government is comprised of twenty-four (24) Departments with three (3) departments that currently operate with a statutory and legal obligation to render medical care, and

WHEREAS, Public Health, Community Services, and the Sheriff's Office employ licensed medical professionals to render care to members of the public, and

WHEREAS, there are twenty-seven (27) medical professionals in Community Services (A1142504 414MM; A1242504 414 MM; A1342504 414 MM; A164250 414MM; A3143201 414MM; A3143204 414MM; A3243204 414MM; A3343204 414MM; A3743204 414MM); nine (9) medical professionals in the Sheriff's Office (S4031504 414MM); and ten (10) medical professionals in the Public Health Department (PE040594 414MM) and all require medical malpractice insurance to insure the County against any loss or liability associated with their practice areas, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Attorney, through insurance broker Rose & Kiernan, a subsidiary of NFP Insurance, secured quotes for the provision of medical malpractice insurance coverage, and

WHEREAS, Allied World Insurance was identified as the lowest, most reasonable bidder for the professional services, and

WHEREAS, the County has the ability to renew coverage through the extension of the original contract for medical malpractice coverage in the amount of \$275,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Allied World Insurance for medical malpractice insurance coverage, and any other documents necessary, for the County-employed medical providers, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

February 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 52-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Allied World Insurance for Medical Malpractice Insurance Coverage for Insurance for County-Employed Medical Providers”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2024

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED
LOCAL LAW A (NO. _) FOR THE YEAR 2024, “RESCINDING LOCAL LAW NO. 7
FOR THE YEAR 1994 “BANNING DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN
COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY & VEHICLES”**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2 and Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, in 1994, St. Lawrence County adopted Local Law No. 7 which banned the possession of dangerous weapons, to include licensed firearms, in County buildings and vehicles, and

WHEREAS, due to a lack of definition, the local law had the legal effect of banning possession of legally licensed firearm possession in not only buildings and vehicles but upon property appurtenant thereto, to include sidewalks, parking lots, and surrounding lands, and

WHEREAS, on June 23rd, 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in *NYSRPA et. al v. Bruen et. al*, striking down the New York State ‘proper cause’ requirements for the issuance of a pistol license, and

WHEREAS, building on *District of Columbia v. Heller* and the decision in *McDonald v. City of Chicago, Illinois*, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Bruen* that the Second Amendment’s protection of “the right to keep and bear arms” extends to individual self-defense outside the home, and

WHEREAS, the *Bruen* Decision enunciated that historical analogues have permitted the banning of firearms within governmental buildings and property, among other places, but that it was incumbent upon the government to establish those regulations, and

WHEREAS, in response to the *Bruen* Decision, the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul concluded a two-day extraordinary session on July 1, 2022 that led to Governor Hochul signing the “Concealed Carry Improvement Act” so titled by its proponents, and

WHEREAS, the Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) moved to circumvent the decision to deprive its citizens of any effective right to self-defense in public in one major way, by exponentially expanding the places [“Sensitive places”] in which a person with a valid license cannot carry a firearm for self-defense, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has now usurped local authority in making rules related to possession of weapons on its own property so that Local Law No. 7 for the Year 1994 is no longer relevant, and

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

February 5, 2024

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law A (No. __) for the Year 2024 will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A FOR THE YEAR 2024 RESCINDING LOCAL LAW NO. 7 FOR THE YEAR 1994 “BANNING DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS & VEHICLES”

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

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of this local law to rescind Local Law No. 7 of the Year 1994 which had been entitled: “BANNING DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES” as the State of New York has enacted legislation which has rendered this local law superfluous.

Section 2. AUTHORITY

This local law is adopted pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and the County Law which expressly authorizes the County Board to adopt a local law related to the property and operations of County government.

Section 3. RESCISSION OF LOCAL LAW OPTING OUT

The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby rescinds Local Law No. 7 of the Year 1994 which had been entitled: “Banning Dangerous Weapons in County owned Buildings and Vehicles”.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstances, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

February 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 53-2024 Entitled "Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law A (No. _) for the Year 2024, "Rescinding Local Law No. 7 for the Year 1994 "Banning Dangerous Weapons in County Owned Property & Vehicles""", adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2024

REQUESTING A PARDON FROM THE PLANNED CLOSURE OF ANY PRISONS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND URGING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO CONSIDER THE IMPACT ADDITIONAL PRISON CLOSURES WILL HAVE ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

By Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Perkins, District 7
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4;
Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Webster, District 11;
Mr. Gennett, District 13; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her proposed 2024-2025 Executive Budget on January 23, 2024, which included legislation to close up to five (5) State correctional facilities, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the North Country withstood a significant impact from the closure of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, which was one of six prisons shut down that year, and the local economy and families are still struggling with the aftermath, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 276-2022 made a request to Governor Hochul to continue heating the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility until a realistic plan for its reuse, and the Governor demonstrated her good faith and genuine desire to redevelop the property by keeping the heat and lights on in the building to prevent needless destruction, and until the Redevelopment Commission she created successfully transitioned the facility into productive use that results in new jobs, new economic development opportunities, and real growth for Northern New York, so hearing of the possible closure of more prisons is devastating news, and

WHEREAS, further prison closures in St. Lawrence County will again lead to job loss impacting already stressed families that rely on these correctional facilities, and will affect the economic well-being of the entire community, resulting in the relocation of families and more vacant properties, and

WHEREAS, in addition, closing prisons affects public safety, which should be the top priority of the State of New York, and shutting down additional facilities throughout the State will further exacerbate the increasing crime rates and decrease safety within prisons by consolidating them even further,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators requests a pardon from the planned closure of any prisons in St. Lawrence County and urging Governor Hochul to consider the impact additional prison closures will have on the local economy of the North Country, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 54-2024 Entitled "Requesting a Pardon from the Planned Closure of Any Prisons in St. Lawrence County and Urging Governor Kathy Hochul to Consider the Impact Additional Prison Closures will have on the Local Economy of the North Country", adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2024

ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE NY SCION INITIATIVE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06 states that each Local Workforce Development Area must have at least one Disability Resource Coordinator on staff, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06.01 expanded the three (3) year pilot program to a five (5) year program, and

WHEREAS, each Local Workforce Development Board will receive up to \$100,000 annually for five (5) consecutive years to assist with the implementation, and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board has been awarded the third-year funding of \$100,000 to administer the initiative known as the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NY SCION), and

WHEREAS, Resolution #22-C09-05, which authorized the execution of the agreement to accept the funding for the NY SCION Initiative, was approved at the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board meeting on March 9, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to be used from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to establish the Budget for the NY SCION Initiative, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UR262901 12000	Supervisory/Administrative	\$4,653
UR262904 40700	Bldg & Property Rent	500
UR262904 41400	Liability & Other Insurance	18
UR262904 42000	Office Supplies & Expenses	10
UR262904 42002	Copying Expenses	14
UR262904 42300	Other Communication Services	14
UR262904 42400	Postage	14
UR262904 42700	Membership & Dues	18
UR262904 430WI	WIB Expenses	1,800
UR262904 47800	DP Charges	140
UR262908 81000	Retirement	637
UR262908 83000	Social Security	330
UR262908 84000	Workers' Compensation	125
UR262908 84500	Group Life Insurance	7

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Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 56-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
TO PURCHASE AN ENVELOPE PRINTER FOR MAIL ROOM**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, departments across the County utilize preprinted envelopes to conduct business, and

WHEREAS, preprinted envelopes have historically been procured using outside vendors, often purchased in bulk to realize savings, and

WHEREAS, printing envelopes in-house allows for better inventory control and a reduction in costs by allowing for the printing of envelopes on an as-needed basis, resulting in reduced wait time and shipping costs, and

WHEREAS, the Print Shop operates with minimal staffing with one (1) supervisor and one (1) print and mail clerk, along with the mailroom staff provide valuable services at a minimal cost, and

WHEREAS, in the last few years the County has expanded its footprint in the community, adding two additional locations where County staff provide services, and

WHEREAS, changing a half-time mail room position to full-time this year will allow support in the Print Shop and support establishing mail runs to satellite offices, saving money by using presort postage rates, and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2024 Budget preparation process, funds were placed in targeted contingency for the purpose of purchasing an envelope printer,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for the purchase of an envelope printer, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$22,900
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BM016702 22000	B CM Office Equipment	\$22,900
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 56-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office to Purchase an Envelope Printer for Mail Room”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2024

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the cost for Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defense has exceeded the 2023 budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 374-2023 modified the 2023 budget for the Assigned Counselor program in response to rate increases, with the intent of the County to access some of the proposed funding to offset the costs associated with criminal and appeals cases, and

WHEREAS, with eligibility standards changing, along with State-mandated rate increases, the cost of providing indigent defense continues to rise, with the State reimbursing up to fifty percent (50%) of these costs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Assigned Counsel Program, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

IA011704 430CC	IA AC Criminal Cases	\$150,000
IA011704 430FC	IA AC Family Court Cases	<u>50,000</u>
		\$200,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$200,000
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 57-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Assigned Counsel Program", adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

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Finance Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 58-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
FOR PAVING PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL
44.35 MILES OF PAVING**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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 thirty (30) miles of road on an annual basis through a mix of federal, state, and local tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Board of Legislators demonstrated a commitment to addressing the challenges with the County Road System when Resolution No. 243-2022 was adopted adding ten (10) miles (\$2.1M to the Budget) for paving, and again in 2023, the Board of Legislators committed \$1.2M in Resolution No. 262-2023 to add another ten (10) additional miles of paving throughout the County for a second consecutive year, and

WHEREAS, the reserves for County Road and County Road Machinery have been depleted over the last two years, utilized to pay for two (2) of the three (3) County Highway Outposts in Russell and in Lisbon, and

WHEREAS, the reserves for the General Fund have reached the intended level associated with the 2016 Fund Balance Policy and therefore the County has an opportunity for consideration of additional miles for paving for the third consecutive year, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Budget includes 34.88 miles to be paved and the recommendation is to add an additional forty (44.35) miles of paving, subject to the competitive bidding process for 2024, rather than adding the miles at the end of the construction season,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for paving projects and authorizes an additional 44.35 miles of paving, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$5,000,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$5,000,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199019 90300	T IFT GF Transfer to CR	\$5,000,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6350319 90100	T IFT CR Transfer from GF	\$5,000,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM151104 454PM H1	H H1 Paving Materials	\$5,000,000
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 58-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for Paving Projects and Authorizing an Additional 44.35 Miles of Paving", adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

Services Committee: 1-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 59-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
FOR TRAINING FEES, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND FOSTER CARE**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, due to higher than anticipated costs in local training fees, Medical Assistance and Foster Care, it is necessary to modify the 2023 Social Services Budget to cover the final expenses for 2023,

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DMG61014 46500	D LR Repayment Due State	\$8,000
DAT60104 499TF	D Trng Local Share Training FE	6,000
DSC61194 445VD ADCFC	D ADCFC Vol Driver Travel	60,000
DSC61194 46500 ADAD	D ADCFC Adoption Subsidies - I	272,500
DSC61194 465YA RTA	D RTA Youth Advocacy Program	12,500
DSC61194 465IS ADCFC	D ADCFC Institutions	680,000
DSC61194 465IL	D Independent Living	14,000
DPS61404 46100	D HR Directs	8,800
DAF60104 420GE	D FS Office Supplies	<u>1,700</u>
		\$1,063,500

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60102 21000	D ADM Furniture & Fixtures	\$216,500
B1019904 49700	B Spec Contingency Account	<u>314,043</u>
		\$530,543

INCREASE REVENUE:

DMG36015 56000	D SA Medical Assistance	\$4,000
DMG46015 57000	D FA Medical Assistance	4,000
DSG36705 56000	D SA Services for Recipients	9,816
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	91,803
DSC46195 57000	D FA Child Care	263,838
DSC36195 56000 RTA	Foster Care RTA	12,500
DPS36405 56000	D SA Safety Net	2,500
DAC18115 55000	D LR Child Support Incentives	52,100
DAC27705 55000	D SCU Interest Earned	8,200
DPS27015 55000	D LR SN Prior Year Refunds	15,300
DPB18405 55000 BURY	D LR Safety Net Burials	8,900

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DAF18115 55000	D LR Top Incentives	2,100
DSC27015 55000	D LR CC Prior Year Refunds	3,500
DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	18,000
DAF46115 57000	D FA Food Stamps Administration	13,700
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	<u>22,700</u>
		\$532,957

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 59-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2023 Budget for Social Services for Training Fees, Medical Assistance and Foster Care”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 60-2024

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 369-2019 and Resolution No. 253-2020 authorized the continuance of the current vacancy review process with a recommendation that the vacancies continue to be deliberated at each jurisdictional committee, but one resolution be created for all approved positions to be considered at the Regular Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Vacancy Review Committee reviewed seven (7) positions in five (5) departments, and of those reviewed four (4) positions were new positions, and three (3) positions will be abolished,

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
Social Services/Prevent	Case Supervisor, Grade B	816100013	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Community Services	Mental Health Svc. Coordinator*	506300001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Community Services	Senior Fiscal Officer*	099600004	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Community Services	Senior Account Clerk*	100200046	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Real Property	Secretary I*	005100039	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Emergency Services	Deputy Director/Emergency Services Coordinator	614200002	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Public Health	Administrative Assistant	005200009	FT	Permanent	30 days

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 102600001, Administrative Services Manager and Position No. 101200003, Fiscal Manager, be abolished in Community Services and Position No. 100100039, Account Clerk be abolished in Real Property, 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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 60-2024 Entitled "Authorizing Filling of Vacancies", adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2024

**IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION LONE STAR AND CALLING UPON
NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR, KATHY HOCHUL, TO RENDER AID
TO THE STATE OF TEXAS**

By Mr. Gennett, District 13
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, in the face of rising illegal immigration at the southern border, with more than a million illegal immigrants crossing unlawfully annually, Texas Governor Greg Abbott activated 'Operation Lone Star' in March 2021, and

WHEREAS, Operation Lone Star is a joint operation between the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Military Department along the United States – Mexico border in Southern Texas, and

WHEREAS, nearly two years later, the operation remains active as an influx of migrants crossing the border cost the State of Texas approximately \$10 billion, and

WHEREAS, according to CBS News, 496,000 migrants have been detained for being in the United States illegally with thirty-eight thousand, five hundred of those captured facing criminal charges, and

WHEREAS, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Operation Lone Star has also seized 453 million doses of the lethal drug fentanyl, and

WHEREAS, as a part of the enforcement measures imposed by the State of Texas, Operation Lone Star has also bussed alleged illegal migrants to sanctuary cities with more than 100,000 people having been transported so far, and

WHEREAS, according to CBS News, the State of New York has received the most migrants from the State of Texas, and

WHEREAS, since 2022, a legal disagreement between the State of Texas and the Federal Government has been on-going, resulting in the seizure of the federal Eagle Pass installation on the Rio Grande River by State authorities, seeking to enforce the federal immigration laws after the refusal of the Biden Administration to do so, and

WHEREAS, both the federal government and the states act as fully sovereign actors operating within their delineated spheres of legitimate governing authority, and

WHEREAS, in the 2012 United States Supreme Court case of *Arizona v. United States*, the Court ruled, "As a sovereign, [a state] has the inherent power to exclude persons from its territory, subject only to those limitations expressed in the Constitution or constitutionally imposed by Congress," and

February 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 62-2024

**OPPOSING A PROPOSAL IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET TO REMOVE THE
SAVE HARMLESS CLAUSE, ALLOWING CUTS TO FOUNDATION AID AND
DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTING CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Burke, District 12 and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, there is a proposal in the Executive Budget to remove the save harmless clause which would allow New York State to cut foundation aid as they see fit, and

WHEREAS, the save harmless clause requires the State to offer at least as much foundations aid each year as it did the year prior; a formula which has been in place for years serving as a predictive model for school districts to plan their budgets, and

WHEREAS, under this proposal, funds would be shifted to other prioritized areas in the Executive Budget, and funds typically earmarked for the County would also be intercepted causing a property tax shift placing the burden on the taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, school districts that would be affected include Canton, Hammond, Madrid-Waddington, Morristown, and Ogdensburg, and

WHEREAS, Clifton-Fine School District has issued a statement to its residents detailing a proposed cut of twenty-four percent (24%) would be a \$940,000 foundation aid reduction, leaving taxpayers to make up the losses, and

WHEREAS, this proposal lacks care and concern for small rural communities and the ability for all students in the State to have the same opportunities regardless of where they live,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators opposes a proposal in the Executive Budget to remove the save harmless clause, allowing cuts to foundation aid and disproportionately affecting certain school districts in St. Lawrence County, and

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

February 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 62-2024 Entitled “Opposing a Proposal in the Executive Budget to Remove the Save Harmless Clause, Allowing Cuts to Foundation Aid and Disproportionately Affecting Certain School Districts in St. Lawrence County”, adopted February 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 6, 2024

February 12, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 63-2024

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACT “OF COUNSEL” TO LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENTING THE PLAINTIFFS IN HIGBIE ET. AL V. JAMES ET. AL SEEKING A JUDICIAL DECLARATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2 and Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, on June 23rd, 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association et. al v. *Bruen et. al*, striking down the New York State ‘proper cause’ requirements for the issuance of a pistol license, and

WHEREAS, building on *District of Columbia v. Heller* and the decision in *McDonald v. City of Chicago, Illinois*, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Bruen* that the Second Amendment’s protection of “the right to keep and bear arms” extends to individual self-defense outside the home, and

WHEREAS, in response to the *Bruen* decision, the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul concluded a two-day extraordinary session on July 1, 2022 that led to Governor Hochul signing the “Concealed Carry Improvement Act” so titled by its proponents, and

WHEREAS, the Concealed Carry Improvement Act moved to circumvent the decision to deprive its citizens of any effective right to self-defense in public in one major way, by exponentially expanding the places [“Sensitive places”] in which a person with a valid license cannot carry a firearm for self-defense, and

WHEREAS, the Concealed Carry Improvement Act includes alarming provisions that flout the *Bruen* precedent by requiring concealed carry permit applicants to: display good moral character; subject their social media accounts for review; submit to in-person interviews with law enforcement; provide four character references; undergo 18 hours of combined training, an increase from the existing four-hour requirement; and recertify every three years instead of the prior recertification period of every five years, and

WHEREAS, immediately following the passage of the Conceal Carry Improvement Act, multiple lawsuits were filed challenging the legislation: one of the more prominent of these suits was *Antonyuk and Gun Owners of America et. al v. Bruen et. al* in the Northern District of New York U.S. District Court, and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2022, the Board of Legislators passed Resolution No. 306-2022 authorizing the County Attorney to explore legal options for challenging the Conceal Carry Improvement Act, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that direction, the County Attorney was authorized subsequently to act as “of counsel” to legal counsel for the Gun Owners of America, Stephen Stamboulieh, providing material support and guidance as to the state of New York State law and practice pertaining to gun licensure and legal procedure, and

February 12, 2024

WHEREAS, “Of Counsel” is defined as “a lawyer who is not a partner, associate, shareholder, or member of a firm, but who has some sort of a close and continuing relationship with the firm with the common view of the relationship as someone who is providing close, ongoing, regular and frequent contact for the purpose of consultation and advice, acting as a trusted advisor or senior counselor,” and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2022, Judge Glenn T. Suddaby of the Northern District of New York issued a decision partially granting a request for a temporary restraining order of the revised gun law of New York, and

WHEREAS, immediately following the decision of Judge Suddaby, the State of New York appealed to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals who, on December 8, 2023, issued its long awaited decision, affirming in part and reversing in part the decision of the Northern District of New York preliminarily enjoining major parts of the Concealed Carry Improvement Act of New York, which was enacted to counter the Supreme Court's decision in *N.Y. State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n v. Bruen*, and

WHEREAS, it remains to be seen if the defendants will appeal the Second Circuit’s Antonyuk decision to the Supreme Court, which is already hearing several Second Amendment cases this term, including one that also involves the First Amendment, or permit the decision to remand back to Judge Suddaby for a hearing to stand but there remain several other areas of New York State gun law that appears to be onerous under the 2nd Amendment, and

WHEREAS, on February 5th, 2024, members of the Gun Owners of America commenced a new suit against the State of New York in the Northern District of New York U.S. District Court, identified as *Higbie et. al v. James et. al* challenging the refusal of New York State to recognize out-of-state gun licenses or permit out of state residents to secure licensure within New York State unless they were land owners in the State, and

WHEREAS, this type of legal challenge has become commonly known as a “Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity” challenge, and

WHEREAS, Constitutional Carry has become a mainstream movement and the term means laws of a state concerning the carry of weapons approximates the state of the law when the Second Amendment was ratified in 1791, and

WHEREAS, seventeen (17) states have restored a reasonable facsimile of Constitutional Carry, such as neighboring Vermont (who has always observed some form of Constitutional Carry), and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Attorney has once again been given the opportunity to serve as “Of Counsel” to the legal counsel for Gun Owners of America, and

WHEREAS, the implications for St. Lawrence County pistol licensed residents as well as for the operations of the St. Lawrence County Sheriff, St. Lawrence County Clerk, and St. Lawrence County Court, will be significant should the plaintiffs prevail in this matter, making this a matter of County concern,

February 12, 2024

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Attorney to act “Of Counsel” to legal counsel representing the plaintiffs in Higbie et. al V. James et. al seeking a judicial declaration of constitutional concealed carry reciprocity in the State of New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the County Attorney determine that additional legal partners would enhance or strengthen the arguments that could be put forth, the County Attorney is authorized to secure support and commitments from those parties to assist in this endeavor.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 63-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the County Attorney to Act “Of Counsel” to Legal Counsel Representing the Plaintiffs in Higbie Et. Al V. James Et. Al Seeking a Judicial Declaration of Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity in the State of New York”, adopted February 12, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 13, 2024

February 12, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH LABELLA ASSOCIATES FOR A FAMILY COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, OPENING A CAPITAL PROJECT, AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Ms. Terminelli, District 14

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

WHEREAS, the request to add another judge was made after consideration by a Board appointed Ad Hoc Committee that reviewed data and the challenges presented to the County when proceedings are delayed, in part, due to volume of cases, and

WHEREAS, the Committee determined that in order to meet the needs of the public, now and in the future, efficiencies can be achieved through the creation of a second Family Court, and

WHEREAS, the creation of a second Family Court requires a capital project be opened to accurately track the cost of modifications in the County Court House and the space identified most appropriate for this addition is adjacent to the existing Family Court Suite, and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations will be necessary, upon completion of the sketch and design plans, for the competitive bid phase of the Project and additional resolutions will be brought forward for consideration by the Board of Legislators,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with LaBella Associates for architectural services for the Family Court Improvement Project, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget to open a Capital Project in the County Administrator's Office and provide initial funding, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$50,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199509 90600	T IFT GF Transfer to CP	\$50,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG619974 43007 FMCT	Family Court Improvements	\$50,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

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T IFT CP Transfers from GF

\$50,000

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 64-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Labella Associates for a Family Court Improvement Project, Opening a Capital Project, and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office", adopted February 12, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 13, 2024

February 12, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR FLOORING
AND CUBICLES IN THE HAROLD B. SMITH BUILDING**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

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

WHEREAS, the first phase of the project which was approved by Resolution No. 269-2023 and is currently underway, and

WHEREAS, the next phase of the project is replacing carpets and installing cubicles in the remaining offices of the Harold B. Smith Building and was approved by Resolution No. 343-2023, and

WHEREAS, adjustments in cubicle layout needed to be made since the renovations were initially approved, and

WHEREAS, funds not used in 2023 were re-appropriated for Resolution No. 343-2023 to offset other areas of the Social Services Budget, and following adjustments to the plan appropriations are requested to finish Phase 1 and complete Phase 2,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Social Services for flooring and cubicles in the Harold B. Smith Building, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$156,890
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$156,890
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60102 21000	D Admin Furniture	\$301,700
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Admin	\$28,651
DA046105 57000	D FA General Admin	72,021
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare	8,119
DAF46115 57000	D FA Food Stamp Admin	<u>36,019</u>
		\$144,810

February 12, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 65-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for Social Services for Flooring and Cubicles in the Harold B. Smith Building”, adopted February 12, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 13, 2024

March 4, 2024

Operations Committee: 2-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 66-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE FY20 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT (FY20 SICG) WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 346-2021 approved the contract for the FY20 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (FY20 SICG) in the amount of \$806,143 for the Office of Emergency Services to concentrate on improving interoperability and operability of communication systems in New York State with a contract period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, an application has been submitted to the Adirondack Park Agency to allow the installation of a tower with site amenities, and an extension of this grant will be required, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will authorize a two-year extension with a new contract end date of December 31, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension for the FY20 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (FY20 SICG) with New York State Office 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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 66-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension for the FY20 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (FY20 SICG) with New York State Office of Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Services", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Operations Committee: 2-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 67-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A REVISED CONTRACT WITH VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION CENTER, INC. TO PROVIDE A CALL CENTER FOR FIRST MILE, LAST MILE SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has a continuing multi-year agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide rural transportation services and receive reimbursement of Federal and State shares, and

WHEREAS, one of the rural transportation services of the County is First Mile, Last Mile, a volunteer driver based program that connects Public Transit passengers to the County bus system, and

WHEREAS, First Mile, Last Mile is fully funded by the DOT with a local match that is satisfied by the vendor, and no County funds are used to provide this service, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators passed Resolution No. 9-2022 authorizing the Chair to sign a contract with Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. to run the First Mile, Last Mile Program, and

WHEREAS, this added responsibility requires a revision to the existing contract for service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a revised contract with Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc., to provide a Call Center for First Mile, Last Mile Services, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. possesses the capacity and is willing to operate a call center to handle requests from the public to schedule and coordinate First Mile, Last Mile trips, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the contract for service may be extended annually for a term not to exceed December 31, 2026.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 67-2024 Entitled “ Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Revised Contract with Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. to Provide a Call Center for First Mile, Last Mile Services”, adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Operations Committee: 2-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 74-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR
A PATROL VEHICLE FOR THE CRIMINAL DIVISION**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Criminal Division has determined the necessity to purchase a new patrol vehicle to replace a patrol vehicle that was totaled as a result of criminal activity, and

WHEREAS, funds were budgeted in the 2024 Sheriff's Office Budget for two vehicles, and this request is to fund one (1) additional vehicle, returning the number of marked patrol fleet to twelve (12), and

WHEREAS, this patrol vehicle will replace a decommissioned vehicle and will maintain the Sheriff's fleet will also promoting efficiency and providing safety to the officer and the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Sheriff's Office to purchase a new patrol vehicle and authorize the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Sheriff's Office Budget, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Unreserved Fund Balance Un-Appropriated	\$44,108
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Unreserved Fund Balance Appropriated	\$44,108
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031102 23000	S CRIM Automotive Equipment	\$44,108
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 74-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for a Patrol Vehicle for the Criminal Division", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Services Committee: 2-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 76-2024

**ACCEPTING PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FUNDS
AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has received a Performance Incentive Achievement Award from the New York State Department of Health in the amount of \$21,599, and

WHEREAS, the 2023 achievement award focused on promoting wastewater surveillance, and

WHEREAS, this achievement award must be used to support costs associated with Article 6 eligible services, and while costs associated with any eligible activity are acceptable, LHDs are encouraged to consider utilizing the award funds to support environmental health related work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the acceptance of performance incentive achievement award funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for Public Health, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040104 43007	P PREV Other Fees and Services	\$21,599
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INCREASE REVENUE:

PP034015 56000	P SA Public Health and Clinic	\$21,599
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 76-2024 Entitled "Accepting Performance Incentive Achievement Award Funds and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Public Health Department", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Services Committee: 2-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 77-2024

**REAPPOINTING THE MEDICAL CONSULTANT AND NURSE PRACTITIONER
FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has an Article 28 Licensed Clinic which provides various immunizations for all ages and medications for treatment of communicable diseases, and

WHEREAS, under the Article 28 Clinic, there is a Medical Consultant and a Nurse Practitioner on staff hired by the County and these positions go through the required hiring process and background checks, and

WHEREAS, Article 28 Clinics are audited by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) every five (5) years, and

WHEREAS, it was noted in the 2022 NYSDOH audit that the clinic was deficient in the area of the reappointing process which requires the Medical Consultant and Nurse Practitioner be reappointed every (2) two years, as required by the NYSDOH, and

WHEREAS, the current Medical Consultant and Nurse Practitioner are in compliance with all required documentation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the reappointment of the Medical Consultant, Zachary Mashaw MD, and Nurse Practitioner, Wendy Wais NP, for the Public Health Department for a term of March 4, 2024 through March 3, 2026.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 77-2024 Entitled "Reappointing the Medical Consultant and Nurse Practitioner for the Public Health Department", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Services Committee: 2-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 78-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SEAWAY VALLEY PREVENTION COUNCIL FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM (COSSAP II) PROGRAM FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, On September 30, 2022, the County received notice from the Office of Justice Programs that the application submitted by St. Lawrence County was successful and will receive funding opportunity entitled Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP II) (A1542204 46500), and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 378-2022 authorized the acceptance of the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program Grant II, and

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

WHEREAS, Seaway Prevention Council is a sub-award recipient of the COSSAP II Award (15PBJA-22-GG-04477-COAP), and

WHEREAS, Seaway Valley Prevention Council embeds two Certified Recovery Peer Advocates (CRPA) into Addiction Services to provide individuals with one-on-one recovery coaching aimed in helping patients define and direct their own treatment/recovery plan, and

WHEREAS, additionally, the CRPA collaborate with the interdisciplinary treatment team to ensure that individuals are connected with services including, but not limited to housing, transportation, vocational services, harm reduction resources, other benefits, & treatment, and

WHEREAS, the terms of the contract will be October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Seaway Valley Prevention Council for Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP II) funds for Community Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 78-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Seaway Valley Prevention Council for the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP II) Program Funds for Community Services", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 80-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REPLACE TOWN LINE ROAD BRIDGE OVER LISBON CREEK, BIN 3366670

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited qualifications for engineering services for the replacement of Town Line Road Bridge over Lisbon Creek, and

WHEREAS, the best qualified consultant for this project has been determined,

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

Consultant:	Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Contract Title:	Town Line Road Bridge over Lisbon Creek Town of Oswegatchie
Engineering Fee:	Not to Exceed \$7,000 HM551124 430ED B6

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contact with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for engineering services to replace Town Line Road Bridge over Lisbon Creek, BIN 3366670, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 80-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace Town Line Road Bridge over Lisbon Creek, BIN 3366670", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 82-2024

AUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR ROAD SALT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has advised the Franklin County Highway Superintendent that Franklin County will be able to purchase road salt through the 2024-2025 St. Lawrence County salt bid (HS051444 454WM and HC051424 454WM), and

WHEREAS, including road salt estimates for Franklin County in the bidding process will likely lower the cost per ton for both counties, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways began this agreement between the two counties in 2014, which has resulted in ten (10) years of savings for each county,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Highway Department to enter into a cooperative agreement with Franklin County Highway Department for road salt, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 82-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Highway Department to Enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Franklin County Highway Department for Road Salt", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 83-2024

**MODIFYING THE PY23 WIOA BUDGET TO TRANSFER FORMULA FUNDS
FROM DISLOCATED WORKER AND ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTS
TO ADULT ACCOUNTS**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Notice of Authorization PY23-3 was issued with the remaining allocation of funding for Program Year 2023 WIOA Title IB Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs, and

WHEREAS, ten percent (10%) of each of the three WIOA Programs (Adult, Youth, and Dislocated) is designated as Administration, and

WHEREAS, WIOA Technical Advisory #17-6 states that Local Workforce Development Boards may transfer up to one-hundred percent (100%) of Administration back to the originating program funds in all three (3) programs, but cannot exceed the original ten-percent (10%) designated as Administration, and

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

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

WHEREAS, the LWDB authorized, with resolution number 24-A16-01, the transfer of funds from Administration to Adult, as well as the transfer of funds from Dislocated Worker to Adult,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the PY23 WIOA Budget to transfer formula funds from Dislocated Worker and Administration Accounts to Adult Accounts, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UA362924 461TU TRAN	Adult Training Tuition Fees	\$180,000
UA362924 461TU	Adult Training Tuition Fees	<u>34,000</u>
		\$214,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UE362911 11000	Direct Service Worker	\$18,000
UE362911 12000	Supervisory/Admin	7,000
UE362911 14000	Clerical	11,000
UE362911 19501	Longevity	150
UE362911 19502	Vacation Pay Out	2,500
UE362911 19550	Health Ins Buyout	700

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UE362914 40700	Rent	3,600
UE362914 41100	Professional Education	300
UE362914 430WI	WIB Expenses	6,000
UE362914 47800	DP Charges	5,100
UE362918 81000	Retirement	4,000
UE362918 83000	Social Security	3,000
UE362918 84000	Worker's Compensation	900
UE362918 84500	Group Life Insurance	50
UE362918 86000	Health & Medical Insurance	9,600
UE362918 86500	Dental Insurance	450
UE362918 89000	Eye Coverage	150
UE362924 461OJ	OJT Employer Reimbursement	28,500
UE362924 461TU	Tuition/Books/Fees	79,000
UG362901 12000	ADM Supervisory/Administrative	9,574
UG362901 14000	ADM Clerical	5,065
UG362901 19501	Longevity	815
UG362904 40700	Rent	200
UG362904 41100	Professional Education	300
UG362904 41400	Liability & Other Insurance	82
UG362904 41901	Central Printing	152
UG362904 42000	Office Supplies & Expense	350
UG362904 42300	Telephone	100
UG362904 42400	Postage	50
UG362904 42600	Adm Books & Periodicals	76
UG362904 42700	Membership Dues	180
UG362904 43005	Adm Ad Fees	200
UG362904 44300	Adm Mileage Reimbursement	152
UG362904 44500	Adm Other Travel Reimbursement	152
UG362904 47800	DP Charges	3,400
UG362904 49900	Adm Miscellaneous Expense	152
UG362908 81000	Retirement	1,200
UG362908 83000	Social Security	1,000
UG362908 84000	Workers' Compensation	100
UG362908 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	10,500
UG362908 86500	Dental Insurance	200
		<u>\$214,000</u>

INCREASE REVENUE:

UA347905 57000 TRAN	U FA Adult Training	\$180,000
UA347905 57000	U FA Adult Training	<u>34,000</u>
		\$214,000

DECREASE REVENUE:

UE347905 57000	Dislocated Worker Revenue	\$180,000
UG347905 57000	Administrative Pool Revenue	<u>34,000</u>
		\$214,000

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

March 4, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 83-2024 Entitled “Modifying the PY23 WIOA Budget to Transfer Formula Funds from Dislocated Worker and Administration Accounts to Adult Accounts”, adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 84-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
ATLANTIC TESTING LABORATORIES TO COMPLETE ENVIRONMENTAL
INVESTIGATION AND TANK/DRUM REMOVAL ON PROPERTY OWNED
BY THE REDDICK REVOCABLE TRUST**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County has commenced an In Rem real property tax foreclosure proceeding for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against properties owned by The Reddick Revocable Trust located at 45 Murdock St, Town of Gouverneur, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 173.039-1-9 and 51 Owl Rd, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 173.001-4-8 (hereinafter referred to as the "Properties"), and

WHEREAS, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$22,487.99, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$14,299.77 for a total of \$36,787.76 on the parcel owned by The Reddick Revocable Trust with Tax Map No. 173.039-1-9 and there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$12,430.26 together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$ 9,155.31 for a total of \$21,585.57 on the parcel owned by The Reddick Revocable Trust with Tax Map No. 173.001-4-8, and

WHEREAS, the Properties are each known to have had historic storage and/or sale of gasoline and other petroleum products and are believed to be potentially contaminated with petroleum, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators previously authorized the execution of a contract with Odin Environmental to perform an initial investigation on the Properties, but it has been determined that further work is required to investigate and address drums other storage containers located on the property which contain unknown, possibly hazardous, substances, and

WHEREAS, the County wants to retain Atlantic Testing Laboratories ("ATL") to perform an assessment and inventory of waste drums that are located at the properties, which would include an inventory of drums and other storage containers with liquid or sludge wastes at the Properties, assessment of container conditions and approximate volume of contents, and visual assessment of contents, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the inventory and assessment, ATL will provide recommendations for characterization sampling and analysis, along with an associated cost estimate for sampling and analysis and, additionally, a preliminary estimated cost for disposal of the identified materials, and

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WHEREAS, ATL has submitted a proposal whereby they will perform the above-described assessment, with the expectation that they will also provide a quote, any additional sampling and analysis, and for removal of the items after the test results are received, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and Consultant, Gary Bowitch, Esq., have reviewed the proposal and recommend awarding the contract to Atlantic Testing Laboratories,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract, and any further documents necessary, with Atlantic Testing Laboratories to Complete Environmental Investigation and Tank/Drum Removal on Property Owned by the Reddick Revocable Trust, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 84-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Atlantic Testing Laboratories to Complete Environmental Investigation and Tank/Drum Removal on Property Owned by the Reddick Revocable Trust”, adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 85-2024

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B (NO. _) FOR THE YEAR 2024 “RESCINDING ALL PREVIOUS ETHICS LAWS AND AMENDMENTS AND ADOPTING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ETHICS LAW”

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Article 18 of the General Municipal Law prohibits the officers and employees of a municipality from having certain conflicts of interest, and

WHEREAS, Section 806 of the General Municipal Law requires the governing body of each county, city (other than the City of New York), town, village, school district and fire district to adopt a code of ethics that sets forth for the guidance of its officers and employees standards of conduct reasonably expected of them, and

WHEREAS, Section 806 of the General Municipal Law also authorizes the governing body of any other municipality to adopt such a code of ethics, and

WHEREAS, a code of ethics adopted by the governing body of a municipality must set forth standards of conduct for the guidance of the officers and employees of the municipality with respect to disclosure of interests in legislation before the local governing body, holding of investments in conflict with official duties, private employment in conflict with official duties, future employment, and such other standards as may be deemed advisable, and

WHEREAS, from time to time, changes and developments in the law necessitate a review of the ethics provisions governing County employees, and

WHEREAS, this proposed local law seeks to clarify previously enacted ethics provisions governing the conduct of county employees, appointees and elected officials, and

WHEREAS, this proposed local law would seek to replace the prior local law as adopted in 2009 and amended in 2015 and, in its place, institute a new local law in conformance with the recommendations of the State of New York, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law B (No. _) for the Year 2024, to be held at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024, in the Legislative Board Room, subject to approval of the Rules of Procedure for 2024.

March 4, 2024

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, “RESCINDING ALL
PREVIOUS ETHICS LAWS AND AMENDMENTS AND ADOPTING
THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ETHICS LAW”**

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

Section 1: The adoption of this local law is intended to replace any and all laws and amendments previously adopted by the Board of Legislators relating to the Code of Ethics in St. Lawrence County.

Section 2: This local law shall take effect upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Section 3: The Board of Legislators adopts the following Ethics law:

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS

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ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE

Officers and employees of St. Lawrence County hold their positions to serve and benefit the public, not for obtaining unwarranted personal or private gain in the exercise and performance of their official powers and duties. In recognition of this fundamental principle, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators recognizes there is a need for clear and reasonable standards of ethical conduct. This code of ethics establishes those standards.

ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) “Agency” means any of the divisions of County government, except the Legislature.
- (b) “Appointed Official” means any individual who is appointed by the Chair of the Board of Legislators or the County Legislature to any agency, institution, department, office, branch, division, council, commission, board or bureau, whether paid or unpaid.
- (c) “Appropriate Body” pursuant to Article 18 of General Municipal Law, means the Board of Ethics of the County of St. Lawrence.
- (d) “Board” means the governing board of a municipality and any municipal administrative board (e.g. planning board, zoning of board of appeals), commission, or other agency or body comprised of two or more municipal officers or employees, excluding advisory bodies with no policy-making function.
- (e) “Child” means any son, daughter, step-son or step-daughter, natural or adopted of a County Officer, employee or appointed official if such child is under 18 or is a dependent of the officer, employee or appointed official as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 152(a)(1) and (2), and any amendments thereto.
- (f) “Code” means this code of ethics.
- (g) “Confidential Information” means any record or other information in any format that is either: (a.) prohibited by federal or state law from disclosure to the public; or (b.) prohibited from disclosure to the public by local law of the County; or (c) exempt from mandatory disclosure under the New York State Freedom of Information Law (“FOIL”) and the New York State Open Meetings Law.
- (h) “County” means the County of St. Lawrence or any department, board, executive division, institution, office, branch, bureau, commission, agency, legislature or other division or part thereof.
- (i) “County Elected Official” means a County Legislator, the County Clerk, the District Attorney, the County Treasurer, the Sheriff or the Coroner.
- (j) “Domestic Partner” means a person who is neither married nor related by blood or marriage to the County officer or employee, and is the County officer or employee’s sole spousal equivalent; lives together with the County Officer or employee in the same residence and

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intends to do so indefinitely and is responsible with the County officer or employee for each other's welfare.

- (k) "Financial Relationship" an ownership or investment interest in the legal entity or a compensation arrangement with the legal entity
- (l) "Gift" means anything of value sought or received for less than fair market value, whether in the form of money, service, loan, travel, entertainment, or tickets, or in any other form.
- (m) "Government" means the St. Lawrence County Legislature, and includes all of its agencies, offices, departments, divisions, bureaus, boards, administrations, authorities, corporations, councils, commissions, and other units.
- (n) "Interest" means a direct or indirect financial or material benefit, but does not include any benefit arising from the provision or receipt of any services generally available to the residents or taxpayers of the municipality or an area of the municipality, or a lawful class of such residents or taxpayers. A municipal officer or employee is deemed to have an interest in any private organization when he or she, his or her spouse, or a member of his or her household, is an owner, partner, member, director, officer, employee, or directly or indirectly owns or controls more than five percent (5%) of outstanding stock of the organization.
- (o) "Jurisdiction" shall mean having the authority, capacity, power or right to act with regard to the management and administration of policy and supervision of personnel of the County agency (as defined above at Article 2, Section 1) in which she or he is an officer, employee or appointed official (as defined above at Article 2, Sections 2 and 6).
- (p) "Legislation" means a matter which appears upon the calendar or agenda of the Legislature of St. Lawrence County or upon a committee hereof upon which any official action has been taken and shall include adopted acts, local laws, ordinances or resolutions.
- (q) "Major campaign contributor" of a County officer or employee means any individual or entity that has made, in the aggregate during the preceding 24 months, contributions of \$1,000 or more for the election of the County officer or employee to any public office.
- (r) "Ministerial act" means an administrative act, including the issuance of a license, permit, or other permission by the government, which is carried out in a prescribed manner and which does not involve substantial personal discretion.
- (s) "Municipality" means St. Lawrence County. The word "municipal" refers to the municipality.
- (t) "Municipal officer or employee" means a paid or unpaid officer or employee of St. Lawrence County, including, but not limited to, the members of any municipal board.
- (u) "Officer" or "employee" means any officer or employee of the County of St. Lawrence. It also includes elected officials, appointed officials and heads of any agency, institution, department, office, branch, division, council, commission, board or bureau of the County of St. Lawrence, whether paid or unpaid, who occupy a policy making position.

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- (v) “Policy-Making position” A position in County government shall be considered a policy-making position if it meets the following criteria, based either on the powers and duties of the position as set forth in the job description or any applicable law or regulation, or based on the actual duties performed by the person holding that position:
- (1) the position has been determined to be managerial pursuant to Civil Service Law §201(7); because the occupant formulates policy or;
 - (2) the position is in the non-competitive class under §2.2 of the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Civil Service and it is designated by the County Civil Service Commissioner as a position which requires the performance of functions influencing policy, or
 - (3) the position is in the non-competitive class under §2.2 of the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Civil Service and it is designated by the County Civil Service Commissioner as a position which requires the performance of functions influencing policy, or
 - (4) the person holding the position exercise responsibilities of a broad scope in the formulation of plans for the implementation of goals or policy for a county agency acts as an advisor to an individual in such a position, and
 - (5) Officers and employees holding the position have discretionary authority with respect to;
 - (i) Contracts, leases, franchises, revocable consents, concessions, variances, special permits, or licenses; or
 - (ii) The purchase, sale, rental or lease of real property, personal property, or services or a contract therefore; or
 - (iii) The obtaining of grants of money or loans; or
 - (iv) Inspections; or
 - (v) The adoption or repeal of any rule or regulation having the force and effect of law.
- (w) “Political Activity” doing something in active support of or opposition of a political party or a candidate for partisan political office or a partisan political group.
- (x) “Relative” means a spouse, parent, step-parent, sibling, step-sibling, sibling’s spouse, child, step-child, adoptive child, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, first cousin, or household member of a municipal officer or employee, and individuals having any of these relationships to the spouse of the officer or employee.
- (y) “Spouse” means the husband or wife of an officer, employee or appointed official subject to the provisions of this Local Law unless legally separated from such officer, employee or appointed official.
- (z) “Subordinate” means a County officer or employee the work of whom one has the authority to directly or indirectly control or direct, whether or not the two officers or employees stand in a direct reporting relationship to one another.

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ARTICLE 3. APPLICABILITY

This code of ethics applies to the officers and employees of the St. Lawrence County government, and shall supersede any prior municipal code of ethics. The provisions of this code of ethics shall apply in addition to all applicable State and local laws relating to conflicts of interest and ethics including, but not limited to, Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and all rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the St. Lawrence County.

ARTICLE 4. PROHIBITION ON USE OF MUNICIPAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL OR PRIVATE GAIN

No municipal officer or employee shall use his or her municipal position or official authority and duties to secure a financial or material benefit for himself or herself, a relative, or any private organization in which he or she is deemed to have an interest.

ARTICLE 5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST IN LEGISLATION AND OTHER MATTERS

- (a) Whenever a matter requiring the exercise of discretion comes before a municipal officer or employee, either individually or as a member of a board, and disposition of the matter could result in a direct or indirect financial or material benefit to himself or herself, a relative, or any private organization in which he or she is deemed to have an interest, the municipal officer or employee shall disclose in writing the nature of the interest.
- (b) The disclosure shall be made when the matter requiring disclosure first comes before the municipal officer or employee, or when the municipal officer or employee first acquires knowledge of the interest requiring disclosure, whichever is earlier.
- (c) In the case of a person serving in an elective office, the disclosure shall be filed with the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators. In all other cases, the disclosure shall be filed with the person's supervisor or, if the person does not have a supervisor, the disclosure shall be filed with the municipal officer, employee or board having the power to appoint to the person's position. In addition, in the case of a person serving as an appointee on a municipal board, a copy of the disclosure shall be filed with the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators. Any disclosure made to a board shall be made publicly at a meeting of the appropriate board and must be included in the minutes of the meeting.

ARTICLE 6. RECUSAL AND ABSTENTION

- (a) No municipal officer or employee may participate in any decision or take any official action with respect to any matter requiring the exercise of discretion, including discussing the matter and voting on it, when he or she knows or has reason to know that the action could confer a direct or indirect financial or material benefit on himself or herself, a relative, or any private organization in which he or she is deemed to have an interest.
- (b) In the event that this section prohibits a municipal officer or employee from exercising or performing a power or duty:
 - (1) if the power or duty is vested in a municipal officer as a member of a board, then the power or duty shall be exercised or performed by the other members of the board;

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- (2) if the power or duty that is vested in a municipal officer individually, then the power or duty shall be exercised or performed by his or her deputy or, if the officer does not have a deputy, the power or duty shall be performed by another person to whom the officer may lawfully delegate the function; or
- (3) if the power or duty is vested in a municipal employee, he or she must refer the matter to his or her immediate supervisor, and the immediate supervisor shall designate another person to exercise or perform the power or duty.

ARTICLE 7. PROHIBITION INAPPLICABLE; DISCLOSURE, RECUSAL AND
ABSTENTION NOT REQUIRED

- (a) This code's prohibition on use of a municipal position (section 4), disclosure requirements (section 5), and requirements relating to recusal and abstention (section 6), shall not apply with respect to the following matters:
 - (1) adoption of the municipality's annual budget;
 - (2) any matter requiring the exercise of discretion that directly affects any of the following groups of people or a lawful class of such groups:
 - (i) all municipal officers or employees;
 - (ii) all residents or taxpayers of the municipality or an area of the municipality; or
 - (iii) the general public.
 - (3) any matter that does not require the exercise of discretion.
- (b) Recusal and abstention shall not be required with respect to any matter:
 - (1) which comes before a board when a majority of the board's total membership would otherwise be prohibited from acting by section 6 of this code; or
 - (2) which comes before a municipal officer when the officer would be prohibited from acting by section 6 of this code and the matter cannot be lawfully delegated to another person.

ARTICLE 8. INVESTMENTS IN CONFLICT WITH OFFICIAL DUTIES

- (a) No municipal officer or employee may acquire the following investments:
 - (1) investments that can be reasonably expected to require more than sporadic recusal and abstention under section 6 of this code; or
 - (2) investments that would otherwise impair the independence of judgment of the person in the exercise or performance of his or her official powers and duties.
- (b) This section does not prohibit a municipal officer or employee from acquiring any other investments or the following assets:
 - (1) real property located within the municipality and used as his or her personal residence;
 - (2) less than five percent of the stock of a publicly traded corporation; or
 - (3) bonds or notes issued by the municipality and acquired more than one year after the date on which the bonds or notes were originally issued.

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ARTICLE 9. PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT IN CONFLICT WITH OFFICIAL DUTIES

No municipal officer or employee, during his or her tenure as a municipal officer or employee, may engage in any private employment, including the rendition of any business, commercial, professional or other types of services, when the employment:

- (a) can be reasonably expected to require more than sporadic recusal and abstention pursuant to section 6 of this code;
- (b) can be reasonably expected to require disclosure or use of confidential information gained by reason of serving as a municipal officer or employee;
- (c) violates section 805-a(1)(c) or (d) of the General Municipal Law; or
- (d) requires representation of a person or organization other than the municipality in connection with litigation, negotiations or any other matter to which the municipality is a party.

ARTICLE 10. FUTURE EMPLOYMENT

- (a) No municipal officer or employee may ask for, pursue, or accept a private post-government employment opportunity with any person or organization that has a matter requiring the exercise of discretion pending before the municipal officer or employee, either individually or as a member of a board, while the matter is pending or within the 30 days following final disposition of the matter.
- (b) No municipal officer or employee, for the two-year period after serving as a municipal officer or employee, may represent or render services to a private person or organization in connection with any matter involving the exercise of discretion before the municipal office, board, department or comparable organizational unit for which he or she serves.
- (c) No municipal officer or employee, at any time after serving as a municipal officer or employee, may represent or render services to a private person or organization in connection with any particular transaction in which he or she personally and substantially participated while serving as a municipal officer or employee.

ARTICLE 11. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CLAIMS PERMITTED

This code shall not be construed as prohibiting a municipal officer or employee from:

- (a) representing himself or herself, or his or her spouse or minor children before the municipality; or
- (b) asserting a claim against the municipality on his or her own behalf, or on behalf of his or her spouse or minor children.

ARTICLE 12. USE OF MUNICIPAL RESOURCES

- (a) Municipal resources shall be used for lawful municipal purposes. Municipal resources include, but are not limited to, municipal personnel, and the municipality's money, vehicles, equipment, materials, supplies or other property.

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- (b) No municipal officer or employee may use or permit the use of municipal resources for personal or private purposes, but this provision shall not be construed as prohibiting:
 - (1) any use of municipal resources authorized by law or municipal policy;
 - (2) the use of municipal resources for personal or private purposes when provided to a municipal officer or employee as part of his or her compensation; or
 - (3) the occasional and incidental use during the business day of municipal telephones and computers for necessary personal matters such as family care and changes in work schedule.
- (c) No municipal officer or employee shall cause the municipality to spend more than is reasonably necessary for transportation, meals or lodging in connection with official travel.

ARTICLE 13. INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

- (a) No municipal officer or employee may have an interest in a contract that is prohibited by section 801 of the General Municipal Law.
- (b) Every municipal officer and employee shall disclose interests in contracts with the municipality at the time and in the manner required by section 803 of the General Municipal Law.

ARTICLE 14. NEPOTISM

Except as otherwise required by law:

- (a) No municipal officer or employee, either individually or as a member of a board, may participate in any decision specifically to appoint, hire, promote, discipline or discharge a relative for any position at, for, or within the municipality or a municipal board.
- (b) No municipal officer or employee may supervise a relative in the performance of the relative's official powers or duties.

ARTICLE 15. POLITICAL SOLICITATIONS

- (a) No municipal officer or employee shall directly or indirectly compel or induce a subordinate municipal officer or employee to make, or promise to make, any political contribution, whether by gift of money, service or other thing of value.
- (b) No municipal officer or employee may act or decline to act in relation to appointing, hiring or promoting, discharging, disciplining, or in any manner changing the official rank, status or compensation of any municipal officer or employee, or an applicant for a position as a municipal officer or employee, on the basis of the giving or withholding or neglecting to make any contribution of money or service or any other valuable thing for any political purpose.

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ARTICLE 16. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

No municipal officer or employee who acquires confidential information in the course of exercising or performing his or her official powers or duties may disclose or use such information unless the disclosure or use is required by law or in the course of exercising or performing his or her official powers and duties.

ARTICLE 17. GIFTS

- (a) No municipal officer or employee shall solicit, accept, or receive a gift in violation of section 805-a(1)(a) of the General Municipal Law as interpreted in this section.
- (b) No municipal officer or employee may directly or indirectly solicit any gift.
- (c) No municipal officer or employee may accept or receive any gift, or multiple gifts from the same donor, having an annual aggregate value of seventy-five dollars or more when:
 - (1) the gift reasonably appears to be intended to influence the officer or employee in the exercise or performance of his or her official powers or duties;
 - (2) the gift could reasonably be expected to influence the officer or employee in the exercise or performance of his or her official powers or duties; or
 - (3) the gift is intended as a reward for any official action on the part of the officer or employee.
- (d) For purposes of this section, a “gift” includes anything of value, whether in the form of money, service, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, thing or promise, or in any other form. The value of a gift is the gift’s fair market value, determined by the retail cost of the item or a comparable item. The fair market value of a ticket entitling the holder to food, refreshments, entertainment, or any other benefit is the face value of the ticket, or the actual cost to the donor, whichever is greater. Determination of whether multiple gifts from a single donor exceed seventy-five dollars must be made by adding together the value of all gifts received from the donor by an officer or employee during the twelve-month period preceding the receipt of the most recent gift.
- (e) A gift to a municipal officer or employee is presumed to be intended to influence the exercise or performance of his or her official powers or duties when the gift is from a private person or organization that seeks municipal action involving the exercise of discretion by or with the participation of the officer or employee.
- (f) A gift to a municipal officer or employee is presumed to be intended as a reward for official action when the gift is from a private person or organization that has obtained municipal action involving the exercise of discretion by or with the participation of the officer or employee during the preceding twelve months.
- (g) This section does not prohibit any other gift, including:
 - (1) gifts made to the municipality;

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- (2) gifts from a person with a family or personal relationship with the officer or employee when the circumstances make it clear that the personal relationship, rather than the recipient's status as a municipal officer or employee, is the primary motivating factor for the gift;
- (3) gifts given on special occasions, such as marriage, illness, or retirement, which are modest, reasonable and customary;
- (4) unsolicited advertising or promotional material of little intrinsic value, such as pens, pencils, note pads, and calendars;
- (5) awards and plaques having a value of seventy-five dollars or less which are publicly presented in recognition of service as a municipal officer or employee, or other service to the community; or
- (6) meals and refreshments provided when a municipal officer or employee is a speaker or participant at a job-related professional or educational conference or program and the meals and refreshments are made available to all participants.

ARTICLE 18. BOARD OF ETHICS

- (a) There is hereby established a Board of Ethics for the municipality. The Board of Ethics shall consist of five members, appointed for a term of four years, a majority of whom shall not be officers or employees of the municipality, but at least one of whom must be a municipal officer or employee. The members of the Board of Ethics shall be appointed by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority, and receive no salary or compensation for their services as members of the Board of Ethics.
- (b) The Board of Ethics shall render advisory opinions to the officers and employees of St. Lawrence County with respect to Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and this code. Such advisory opinions must be rendered pursuant to the written request of any such officer or employee regarding proposed or performed conduct of the officer or employee or direct subordinate of the officer and employee under such rules and regulations as the Board of Ethics may prescribe. The Board of Ethics shall have the advice of legal counsel employed by the Board, or if none, the legal counsel of the County. If advisory opinions are requested related to the Board of Legislators, separate counsel can be provided to the Board of Ethics. In addition, the Board of Ethics may make recommendations with respect to the drafting and adoption of a code of ethics, or amendments thereto, upon the request of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators.

ARTICLE 19. ADVISORY OPINIONS

- (a) The Board of Ethics shall have authority to render confidential advisory opinions with respect to all matters covered by this law upon the written request of a current, former, or prospective agency, government officer or employee. Advisory opinions shall relate only to the interests, conduct, or actions of the requester or of a subordinate of the requester.
- (b) A current, former, or prospective agency, government officer or employee who acts in conformity with an advisory opinion shall not be subject to penalties or sanctions under this law for having so acted, unless the request for the advisory opinion omitted or misstated facts material to the opinion. The Board of Ethics may amend or rescind an advisory opinion at any time upon notice to the agency, officer or employee, provided, however, that the amended advisory opinion shall apply only to future actions of the officer or employee.

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- (c) Advisory opinions and requests for advisory opinions shall be indexed and maintained on file by the Board of Ethics. The Board of Ethics shall publish such of its advisory opinions as the Board of Ethics deems beneficial for the guidance of government officers and employees, those doing business with the government, and members of the public, provided, however, that before publishing such advisory opinions the Board of Ethics shall first make such deletions as are necessary to prevent disclosure of the identity of the involved officers and employees.

ARTICLE 20. POSTING AND DISTRIBUTION

- (a) The St. Lawrence County Administrator must promptly cause a copy of this code, and a copy of any amendment to this code, to be posted publicly and conspicuously in each building under the control of the municipality.
- (b) The code must be posted within ten (10) days following the date on which the code takes effect. An amendment to the code must be posted within ten (10) days following the date on which the amendment takes effect.
- (c) The St. Lawrence County Administrator must promptly cause a copy of this code, including any amendments to the code, to be distributed to every person who is or becomes an officer and employee of the St. Lawrence County.
- (d) Every municipal officer or employee who receives a copy of this code or an amendment to the code must acknowledge such receipt in writing. Such acknowledgments must be filed with the St. Lawrence County Attorney who must maintain such acknowledgments as a public record.
- (e) The failure to post this code or an amendment to the code does not affect either the applicability or enforceability of the code or the amendment. The failure of a municipal officer or employee to receive a copy of this code of ethics or an amendment to the code, or to acknowledge receipt thereof in writing, does not affect either the applicability or enforceability of the code or amendment to the code.

ARTICLE 21. ENFORCEMENT

Any municipal officer or employee who violates this code may be censured, fined, suspended, or removed from office or employment in the manner provided by law.

ARTICLE 22. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

- (a) Officers and employees required to file. The following classes of officers and employees of the government shall be required to file a signed financial disclosure statement on an annual basis:
 - (1) Elected officials;
 - (2) The heads of any agency, department, division, council, board, commission, authority or bureau of the government and their deputies and other persons authorized to act on their behalf who make policy decisions; and
 - (3) Officers and employees including members of boards, commissions and public authorities of the government who hold policymaking positions. All members of

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advisory boards, advisory councils, and advisory commissions where such advisory commissions, advisory councils, and advisory boards hold no policy-making function of St. Lawrence County are exempt from this requirement.

- (b) Time and place for filing annual financial disclosure statements shall be filed with the Board of Ethics no later than the 31st of March each year. This statement may be filed with the Office of the County Attorney.

ARTICLE 23. DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES REQUIRED TO FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this law, and during the month of February each year thereafter, the heads of every agency, department, division, council, board, commission, authority or bureau of the government shall:

- (a) Cause to be filed with the Board of Ethics a list of the names and offices or positions of all government officers and employees subject to his or her jurisdiction required to file annual financial disclosure statements pursuant to Article 8 of this law; and
- (b) Notify all such officers and employees of their obligation to file an annual disclosure statement by March 31 of each year.

ARTICLE 24. MAINTENANCE AND USE OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS (FDS)

- (a) The Board of Ethics shall index and maintain on file for at least seven (7) years all annual financial disclosure statements filed.
- (b) The Board of Ethics shall secure a copy of the active vendor list from the County on an annual basis that includes all vendors doing business with St. Lawrence County. The active vendor list will be used for the purpose of conducting an audit of submitted annual Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS). At a minimum, on a biennial basis, the Board of Ethics will compare, through an audit, the active vendors to businesses acknowledged by individuals in their Financial Disclosure Statements. The Board of Ethics will notify the County of any conflicts. The County will be responsible to ensure separation exists between employees and identified conflicts with access to vendors where there is a preexisting relationship. If there are issues, the County will communicate with the Board of Ethics.

ARTICLE 25. EFFECTIVE DATE

This code takes effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 85-2024 Entitled "Setting a Date for a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law B (No. _) for the Year 2024 "Rescinding all Previous Ethics Laws and Amendments and Adopting the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law"", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

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Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 86-2024

URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR CRITICALLY NEEDED AGING SERVICES FOR THE 2024-2025 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET SO THAT OLDER ADULTS MAY AGE SAFELY IN PLACE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, District 6, Mr. Webster, District 11, and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, The Older Americans Act enacted in 1965, provided regulatory parameters and services to assist older individuals and their caregivers and New York State is home to 4.6 million older New Yorkers and is currently fourth in the nation for the over 60 population, and

WHEREAS, over the course of the past 58 years, Area Agencies on Aging have provided valuable services and support such as: home delivered meals, home care services, transportation, legal services, home modifications, evidence-based interventions, case management, information and assistance, social adult day services, respite, health promotion and wellness, health insurance information and assistance, elder abuse prevention and mitigation, senior center programming, volunteer opportunities, ancillary services, and operate the NY Connects No Wrong Door infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, although these services are mandated by Federal and State regulations in order to accept Older Americans Act Funding, the burden of the cost of these services is heavily dependent on local government funding and Federal and State contributions to Older New Yorkers have not kept pace with the growing needs of the population, and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 20 million people currently in New York State and those numbers include 4.6 million older adults and 4.1 million caregivers who support them; which equals almost half of the entire population of the State, and

WHEREAS, the entire New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) budget is approximately \$200 million, while the entire New York State overall budget for the coming year will be \$229 billion, thus the entire NYSOFA budget is less than one-tenth (1/10) of one percent (1%) of the overall State budget for the year, and

WHEREAS, older New Yorkers pay \$72 billion per year in State and local taxes, but only receive 0.08% of State funding for vital services that are necessary to keep older adults safe and cared for in their own homes as they age, and

WHEREAS, there are currently 18,000 older New Yorkers on waitlists for aging services in New York State and that number continues to grow every day, and

WHEREAS, expenses for individuals using NYSOFA community-based services average less than \$10,000 per year, while the State pays about \$140,000 per year in Medicaid costs if an individual is placed in a facility, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has indicated that there is no additional funding available for aging services, yet the proposed budget allocated funding for \$100 million for the New York

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State Parks systems' 100th Anniversary, \$100 million for swimming pools and pop up pools, \$300 million for safe swimming classes and infrastructure improvements at State Parks, and

WHEREAS, the entire NYSOFA budget is about \$200 million and the allocations for recreation are more than double the entire budget for aging services, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is home to 26,000 individuals over the age of 60 and one third of senior citizens are living in poverty or just above poverty levels and are struggling to afford food, medications, home heating fuel, rent, mortgages, and utilities due to the high cost of inflation while living on extremely limited incomes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urge Governor Hochul to double the amount of funding for critically needed aging services for the 2024-2025 budget, so that older adults may age safely in place.

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 86-2024 Entitled "Urging Governor Hochul to Double the Amount of Funding for Critically Needed Aging Services for the 2024-2025 New York State Budget so that Older Adults May Age Safely in Place", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 87-2024

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW A (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024 RESCINDING LOCAL LAW NO. 7 FOR THE YEAR 1994 “BANNING DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS & VEHICLES”

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2, Mr. Perkins, District 7, and Ms. Curran, District 15

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

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of this local law to rescind Local Law No. 7 of the Year 1994 which had been entitled: “BANNING DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES” as the State of New York has enacted legislation which has rendered this local law superfluous.

Section 2. AUTHORITY

This local law is adopted pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and the County Law which expressly authorizes the County Board to adopt a local law related to the property and operations of County government.

Section 3. RESCISSION OF LOCAL LAW OPTING OUT

The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby rescinds Local Law No. 7 of the Year 1994 which had been entitled: “Banning Dangerous Weapons in County owned Buildings and Vehicles”.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstances, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

March 4, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 87-2024 Entitled “Adopting Local Law A (No. _) for the Year 2024 Rescinding Local Law No. 7 for the Year 1994 “Banning Dangerous Weapons in County Owned Buildings & Vehicles””, adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 88-2024

CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM EXTENSION ACT (H.R.6929/S.3565)

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) has provided more than 22 million low-income households with a monthly discount of \$30 on home broadband service from participating internet service providers, and

WHEREAS, enrollment data indicates that ACP provided benefits in the amount of \$4,283,828 to residents of St. Lawrence County from January 2022 through November 2023, and

WHEREAS, without imminent congressional action, the ACP is expected to exhaust its current source of funds and will be forced to halt benefits at the end of April 2024, and

WHEREAS, the end of ACP would impact individual households, communities, and internet service providers, and households would risk losing connectivity and broadband affordability, and adoption goals would be negatively impacted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls on the United States Congress to pass the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act (H.R.6929/S.3565), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Chuck Schumer, Senator Kristen Gillibrand, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Senator Mark Walczyk, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, and Assemblyman Scott Gray.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 88-2024 Entitled “Calling on the United States Congress to Pass the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act (H.R.6929/S.3565)”, adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 89-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE GENERATOR PROJECT AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES) awarded \$437,400 to St. Lawrence County for the purpose of installing a backup generator for the Human Services Center, formally titled "HMGP 4480-0085 St. Lawrence County Human Services Center Generator Project," and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) requires ten percent (10%) of project costs come from non-State or Federal sources (local match),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the generator project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to sign any other documentation necessary for the administration, delivery, and closeout of HMGP 4480-0085 St. Lawrence County Human Services Center Generator Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes untargeted contingency funds, up to \$48,600, to be appropriated for this purpose, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG016202 24000	BLDG Highway & Street Equipment	\$486,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$48,600
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INCREASE REVENUE:

BG033065 56000	SA Homeland Security	\$437,400
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 89-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the Generator Project and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2024

**RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES
IN UNREPRESENTED TITLES**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County provides a self-insured healthcare plan for eligible employees and retirees which is currently administered by Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and

WHEREAS, in order for employees of St. Lawrence County to continue health insurance coverage into retirement certain eligible criteria must be met, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 78-2000 provided that employees in unrepresented titles receive the same benefits and health insurance plan provided to CSEA Local 8400 employees, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is responsible for ensuring that eligibility is met for employees in unrepresented titles in accordance with applicable board resolutions as follows, and eligibility criteria is as follows:

- Employee must be an active participant in the County Healthcare Plan at time of retirement or was previously employed by the County and had no break in service between resignation and enrollment in COBRA, and who chooses to retire prior to the expiration of the COBRA coverage;
- All employees who qualify for retirement benefits from the County are eligible for coverage only to the extent of coverage they carried on the day prior to retirement. Dependents of retirees who are not covered by the Plan prior to the employee's retirement are not eligible dependents;
- Employees who have qualified for permanent NYS Retirement Disability may be considered to be retired for purpose of retiree health insurance coverage eligibility regardless of age, provided that they have had at least ten (10) years of service with the County;
- Employee must continue to make premiums contributions in accordance with the County Health Insurance Billing Policy;
- Employees hired prior to August 1, 2009:
 - Completion of at least five (5) years of continuous service; and
 - Employed by St. Lawrence County at the time of retirement; and
 - Qualification for retirement as a member of the New York State Employees retirement system or one of its civil divisions (proof of retirement must be provided to the County); or
 - Not a member of the New York State Retirement System and is at least 55 years of age

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- Employees hired on or after August 1, 2009 but before October 1, 2012:
 - Completion of at least ten (10) years of continuous full-time equivalent service for employees not represented by a bargaining unit; and
 - Employed by St. Lawrence County at the time of retirement; and
 - Qualification for retirement as a member of New York State Retirement System or one of its civil divisions (proof of retirement must be provided to the County); or
 - Not a member of the New York State Retirement System, but has completed at least ten (10) years of continuous full-time equivalent service for employees not represented by a bargaining unit and is at least 55 years of age.

- Employees hired after October 1, 2012:
 - Completion of at least fifteen (15) years of full-time or full-time equivalent continuous service; with St. Lawrence County; and
 - employed by St. Lawrence County at the time of retirement; and
 - Enrolled in the County health plan for five years and enrolled in the health plan at the time of retirement; and
 - Qualification for retirement as a member of New York State Retirement System or one of its civil divisions (proof of retirement must be provided to the County),

WHEREAS, benefits provided to employees in unrepresented titles that differ from benefits provided in accordance with Resolution No. 78-2000 are authorized by adopted resolutions of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, there is interest in updating the eligibility requirements for the County employees in unrepresented (non-union) titles and providing this benefit going forward,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves updates to the St. Lawrence County Retiree Health Insurance coverage for employees in unrepresented titles, and the changes necessary in the St. Lawrence County Healthcare Plan Document, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that employees hired/elected on or after October 1, 2012 and retired after January 1, 2024 are eligible if:

- Completion of at least ten (10) years of full-time or part-time or elected service with St. Lawrence County; and
- Employed by St. Lawrence County at the time of retirement; and
- If hired before January 1, 2024 - Eligible and Enrolled in the SLC health plan for five years and at the time of retirement; or
- If hired after January 1, 2024 - Eligible and Enrolled in the SLC health plan for five continuous years directly prior to and at the time of retirement; and
- If a member of the NY State Retirement system – proof of retirement; or
- If not a member of the NY State Retirement System – at least 55 years old

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 90-2024 Entitled "Retiree Health Insurance Coverage for Employees in Unrepresented Titles", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 91-2024

**ESTABLISHING A HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENT POLICY
FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY RETIREES AND ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County sponsors a healthcare plan for employees and retirees that meet specific criteria, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County healthcare plan is self-insured and currently administered by Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is responsible for ensuring that appropriate coverage is provided and employee/retiree contributions are paid, and

WHEREAS, Human Resources sends out monthly bills to eligible employees and retirees, and

WHEREAS, Human Resources has historically processed monthly billing, as follows:

- Health Insurance bills are sent on or about the 28th of each month for the following month coverage;
- Health Insurance payments are due on the 25th of each month for that month of coverage;
- First delinquent notice are sent on the 15th of the month following first month of non-payment. (Employee/Retiree is one month behind in payments.);
- Second delinquent notice are sent on the 15th of the month following second month of non-payment. (Employee/Retiree is two months behind in payments.);
- Final delinquent notice are sent on the 15th of the month following third month of non-payment. (Employee/Retiree is three months behind in payments.);
- Partial payments have been accepted and applied to total debt and the employee/retiree is kept on the health insurance as long as they are making a payment in any amount.

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Health Plan allows the County to retroactively terminate a covered member for non-payment going back four (4) months (120 days), and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County does not terminate health insurance coverage on an employee/retiree for not making payment in full, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Human Resources would like to establish a clear, consistent and equitable policy to ensure payment of health insurance premium contributions or termination of coverage, and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes establishing a Health Insurance Premium Payment Policy, as attached, for St. Lawrence County Retirees and Eligible Employees.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 91-2024 Entitled "Establishing a Health Insurance Premium Payment Policy for St. Lawrence County Retirees and Eligible Employees", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024



HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENT POLICY

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

Resolution No. -2024

POLICY STATEMENT:

St. Lawrence County sponsors a healthcare plan for eligible employees and retirees. The St. Lawrence County healthcare plan is self-insured and administered by Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Plan members must pay the defined health insurance premium contributions in order to maintain coverage.

PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION PAYMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES:

- Active employees pay through payroll deductions
- Active employees on a Leave of Absence (LOA) without pay, pay by check each month
- Retirees pay through their sick accrual balance OR by check each month
- Retiree surviving spouses pay through check each month (retiree sick accruals no longer apply)
- Monthly payments must be made in full month increments – no partial month payments accepted.
- Delinquent payments will be applied back to the first month of non-payment

ELIGIBILITY:

- Eligibility for health insurance coverage is defined in applicable St. Lawrence County collective bargaining agreements, applicable resolutions of the Board of Legislators, management manual, and the healthcare plan document.

BILLING PROCESS:

- Health Insurance bills are sent out on the 28th or 29th of each month for the following month coverage.
- Health Insurance payments are due on the 25th of each month for that month of coverage.

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- First delinquent notice goes out on the 15th of the month following first month of non-payment.
 - Employee/Retiree is one month behind in payments
- Second delinquent notice goes out on the 15th of the month following second month of non-payment.
 - Employee/Retiree is two months behind in payments
- Final delinquent notice goes out on the 15th of the month following third month of non-payment.
 - Employee/Retiree is three months behind in payments
- If no payment is made by the 25th of the fourth month the insurance will be cancelled back to the first of the month of the first month of non-payment.
- An employee/retiree cannot be more than three (3) months behind in payments. If payment is not made by the due date of the fourth month coverage will be terminated.
- Termination will be retroactive back to the first month the employee did not make a full month payment.
- Once coverage is terminated, the employee/retiree will be responsible for any claims and service charges incurred back to the date of termination (up to 120 days).
- Once coverage is terminated the employee/retiree will not be covered under the plan again.

Example of delinquent payment timeline:

1. December 2023 bill sent December 28, 2023 – for January 2024 coverage.
2. Payment is due January 25, 2024 for January 2024 coverage.
3. February 15, 2024 – First delinquent notice is sent for January 2024 coverage.
4. March 15, 2024 – Second delinquent notice is sent for January and February 2024 coverage.
5. April 15, 2024 – Final delinquent notice is sent for January, February, and March 2024 coverage.
6. April 26, 2024 – Insurance coverage is cancelled retroactively to January 1, 2024
7. All claims incurred on or after January 1, 2024 are the full responsibility of the employee/retiree. The insurance carrier will bill the employee/retiree for all payments made on their behalf during this period.

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 92-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES AT THE HAROLD B. SMITH BUILDING

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Securitas Security Services has been providing quality security at the Harold B. Smith Building for more than twenty (20) years, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County and Securitas Security Services would like to renew an agreement (DAA60104 430SS) to provide two (2) security guards at the Harold B. Smith Building in order to provide the needed protection, and

WHEREAS, the rate allowed is calculated using a contractual mark-up of twenty-three and six tenth percent (23.6 %) of prevailing wages plus supplemental benefit rates posted by the New York State Department of Labor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a one-year renewal agreement with Securitas Security Services for the provision of security services at the Harold B. Smith Building, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 92-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Renewal Agreement with Securitas Security Services for the Provision of Security Services at the Harold B. Smith Building", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 93-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FOR THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for expenses associated with the Preschool Program, and

WHEREAS, there have been higher than anticipated expenses within the Preschool Program which will be offset by an increase in revenue within the Preschool Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Public Health Department for the Preschool Program, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PK040504 46502	P PREK Tuition Payments	\$1,100,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

PK034725 56000	P SH NYSOP 59-5%	\$654,500
PK027015 55000	P LR PK Prior Year Refunds	<u>445,500</u>
		<u>\$1,100,000</u>

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 93-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Public Health Department for the Preschool Program", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 94-2024

MODIFYING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT DUE TO AN INCREASE IN EXPENSES IN THE PREVENTIVE SERVICES PROGRAMS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for the Preventive Services Programs, and

WHEREAS, there have been higher than anticipated expenses in the Preventive Services Programs, and

WHEREAS, there have been lower than anticipated expenses in the Coroners Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for the Public Health Department for an increase in expenses to the Preventive Services Program, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040104 43007	P PREV Other Fees & Services	\$6,500
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PC011854 43016	P COR Autopsies	\$6,500
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 94-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Public Health Department Due to an Increase in Expenses in the Preventive Services Programs”, adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 96-2024

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF
MRS. ELEANOR RANDALL CUNNINGHAM**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for the community which benefits from the knowledge and experiences this individual brings to all, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence recognizes with great respect and admiration the contributions all people, including senior citizens, give to our communities, and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Randall Cunningham was born on March 4, 1924 to her parents, George and Delora Randall, and was raised and lived her entire life in Ogdensburg, growing up during the Great Depression when bread and gas were rationed during World War II, and

WHEREAS, Eleanor spent a lot of time on the St. Lawrence River where her parents and grandparents had cottages, and her favorite things to do were fishing, swimming, and frogging with her father, and

WHEREAS, Eleanor loved anything musical and as a teenager took lessons to learn to play the ukulele, and she also liked to help her parents in their antique and motel businesses in Waddington, and

WHEREAS, having no television in her younger years, some of her favorite memories were gathering around the radio with friends listening to shows such as The Lone Ranger, Little Orphan Annie, Fibber McGee and Molly, and the Jack Benny Program, and

WHEREAS, prior to marriage, Eleanor worked at the Cleveland Container in Ogdensburg and in 1948, Eleanor married Daniel Cunningham becoming a housewife and stay-at-home mom raising four daughters, Karen, Patricia, Pamela, and Darcy, together with her husband, and

WHEREAS, following the death of her husband in 1978, Eleanor went to work as a Library Clerk at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center until retirement, and

WHEREAS, Eleanor is a member of the Notre Dame Church, was a member of the Ogdensburg Democratic Committee for many years, was active in a CB Radio Club during the 1970s, loves bingo, enjoys collecting antiques, enjoys technology and spends time surfing the internet and is active on Facebook, and participated in Tai Chi well into her 70s, and

WHEREAS, now at the blessed age of 100 years old, Mrs. Eleanor Randall Cunningham is to be commended for distinguishing herself not only for the length of her incredible life but the impact she undoubtedly had on many lives in her community, and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to honor the newest centenarian in the County with sincerest congratulations and best wishes for many more happy productive years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators recognizes the 100th birthday of Mrs. Eleanor Randall Cunningham.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 96-2024 Entitled “Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Birthday of Mrs. Eleanor Randall Cunningham”, adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 97-2024

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Denesha, District 6 and Mr. Fay, District 9

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 fifteen (15) positions in seven (7) departments, and of those reviewed one (1) position was held, five (5) positions were new positions, and four (4) positions will be abolished,

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
Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff Detective*	605500008	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Case Manager	512200001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Community Services	Chemical Dependency Case Aide	510300004	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services/Accounting	Account Clerk	100100043	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Chronic Care	Social Welfare Examiner	814000027	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services/Chronic Care	Social Welfare Examiner	814000018	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services/Child Support	Support Investigator	813000006	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Daycare	Social Welfare Examiner	814000048	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Service Coordinator	506000001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Senior Services Coordinator*	507700001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Public Health	Principal Account Clerk*	100300010	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator*	310000035	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000004	FT	Permanent	90 days

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 605000007, Deputy Sheriff be abolished in the Sheriff's Office; Position No. 502000004, Community Health Nurse and Position No. 100300007, Principal Account Clerk be abolished in Public Health, and Position No. 312300003, Bridge Construction Mechanic, be abolished in Highway, 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.

March 4, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 97-2024 Entitled "Authorizing Filling of Vacancies", adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 98-2024

**URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL AND NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE
TO RESTORE AND INCREASE CHIPS HIGHWAY FUNDING**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators expresses its concern regarding the proposed \$100 million reduction in funding for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) within the Executive Budget as recommended by Governor Hochul, and

WHEREAS, the proposed \$100 million cut represents a significant threat to the infrastructure needs of all New York municipalities, including St. Lawrence County, which faces an estimated reduction of \$500,000 in funding, and

WHEREAS, this reduction will have a devastating impact on the ability of municipalities to maintain and repair roads,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators strongly urges Governor Hochul and New York State Legislature to restore and increase CHIPs Highway Funding, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 98-2024 Entitled “Urging Governor Hochul and New York State Legislature to Restore and Increase CHIPs Highway Funding”, adopted March 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 5, 2024

March 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 2-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 99-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN AIRBOAT FOR
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has over seventy (70) miles of shore along the St. Lawrence River, as well as 706 lakes and 74 rivers, and

WHEREAS, along the shoreline, and in many of the lakes and rivers, there are wetlands and marshlands that are not easily accessible to rescue personnel, and

WHEREAS, there is a significant portion of the population of St. Lawrence County who take part in winter sports, such as ice fishing and snowmobiling, which take place on frozen waterbodies, and

WHEREAS, the County appreciates the need to provide for the Public Safety of its residents and visitors when engaged in activities on waterways in the County, and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the benefit of having an adequate level of preparedness with staff, personnel, training, and equipment available in the event of an emergency where mutual aid is required, and

WHEREAS, the importance of having the appropriate equipment available has led to the County securing equipment such as snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and most recently a new Unified Command Vehicle (UCV 2.0) to support and assist during emergencies, and

WHEREAS, equipment owned by the County is accessible to emergency personnel through mutual aid, so that all responding agencies have the ability to utilize equipment in their response,

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has indicated an interest in acquiring equipment when appropriate to ensure optimal public safety is available to residents and visitors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the purchase of an Airboat from 1000 Islands Air Boat for a total of \$155,000 and up fit to meet the specifications for St. Lawrence County in the amount of \$45,000, 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

\$200,000

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Operations Committee: 3-11-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ONONDAGA COUNTY
FOR A MASTER RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SITE AGREEMENT FOR THE
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Onondaga County operates a Department of Emergency Communications which is headed by a Commissioner, who, among other things, is responsible for administering the operation of a county-wide emergency communications simulcast digital Trunked Land Mobile Radio (TLMR) network known as the Onondaga County Interoperable Communications System (OCICS), and

WHEREAS, the OCICS utilizes a Master Site Server to coordinate radio conversations on the TLMR and to gain efficiencies in the use of public airspace, and the Master Site Server has sufficient capacity to permit additional public service users, and

WHEREAS, the Central New York Interoperable Communications Consortium (CNYICC) is comprised the following eleven (11) counties: Broome, Cayuga, Cortland, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, and Tioga, and

WHEREAS, the CNYICC was formed for the purpose of fostering collaboration on a joint regional interoperable communications network that could serve all first responders in the ten county region as well as interfacing with other local and regional state and federal public service agencies and would study and establish a process for sharing costs and assets that would be of mutual benefit to all parties, and

WHEREAS, Onondaga County wants to advance the goals of the CNYICC and of granting the member counties access to its OCICS TLMR Master Site, and, as owner of the Master Site may choose to expand the level of interoperability and extend licenses to responding entities which are not CNYICC members, and

WHEREAS, to provide for the safety and protection of the public and public safety responders, and to maintain the integrity of the OCICS, it is necessary to establish procedures for the use of the Master Site by the licensed users, and to provide for a means of allocating the costs and obligations associated with the administration and use of the Master Site in a fair and equitable manner upon all such licensed users,

WHEREAS, the cost to purchase an independent core would be over \$300,000, and after careful consideration it was determined that a shared core would meet the needs of St. Lawrence County allowing the cost to be shared between multiple counties annually,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Onondaga County for a Master Radio Communication Site for the Office of Emergency Services, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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Operations Committee: 3-11-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 101-2024

**SUPPORTING EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMUNICATION TOWERS
FOR STAR LAKE AND CRANBERRY LAKE IN THE ADIRONDACK PARK**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has secured funding to upgrade emergency communication towers and equipment throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, existing communication gaps in the Star Lake and Cranberry Lake areas are unacceptable and have the potential to put the health, safety, and welfare of emergency responders, law enforcement, residents, and visitors in dangerous situations with no communication apparatus, and

WHEREAS, two new tower locations in the hamlets of Star Lake and Cranberry Lake within the Adirondack Park have been identified as preferred locations to fill potential life-threatening emergency communication coverage gaps in the Clifton-Fine region, and

WHEREAS, these proposed new emergency communication towers, at maximum coverage heights, will substantially improve the current gaps and provide critical public safety upgrades, and

WHEREAS, the new emergency communication towers will significantly improve the communication needs for first responders, law enforcement, emergency management, NYS Forest Rangers, Clifton-Fine Hospital, North Country Life Flight, Fort Drum Medevac Services, SUNY ES&F Ranger School, SUNY ES&F Cranberry Lake Biological Field Station, Clifton-Fine Central School, Town of Clifton Highway Department, Town of Fine Highway Department, Snowmobile Groomers, Potential Cellular Providers, and the general public, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is open to and is discussing co-locations with other providers that could reduce additional visual intrusions, and

WHEREAS, the 2019 New York Upstate Cellular Coverage Task Force report states that one key challenge in forested locations is that dense foliage rapidly weakens signal strength, and carriers have traditionally mitigated this issue by placing antennas well above the tree line, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is applying for an Adirondack Park Agency Permit to install these new towers that will alleviate many of the emergency communication complications in the region; however, County staff have been met with a resistance by the APA to approve towers at certain elevated heights, and

WHEREAS, the approval of the two proposed emergency communication towers, at increased heights, would eliminate the need for an additional two relay towers (should the APA disapprove of the elevated heights) at an additional taxpayer cost of approximately \$1.5 million each for a total of \$3 million, which would also have significant environmental impacts (access

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roads, electrical services, additional visual impacts), cause severe delays in coverage areas while additional funding is sought, and increase long term operation and maintenance costs to the taxpayers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports Emergency Service Communication Towers for Star Lake and Cranberry Lake within the Adirondack Park, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to NYS Governor Hochul, Senator Dan Stec, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Commissioner Jackie Bray, Adirondack Park Agency Executive Director Barbara Rice, Adirondack Park Agency Board Members and Designees, NYS Association of Counties (NYSAC) Executive Director Stephen Acquario, Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board (APLGRB) Executive Director Gerry Delaney, and Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages (AATV) President Stephen McNally.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 101-2024 Entitled “Supporting Emergency Service Communication Towers for Star Lake and Cranberry Lake in the Adirondack Park”, adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 2, 2024

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Operations Committee: 3-11-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 104-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT
WITH AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB COMPANION ANIMAL RECOVERY
CORPORATION FOR A PET DISASTER RELIEF UNIT TO BE UTILIZED BY
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Animal Response Team (CART) will manage and coordinate, or assist in coordinating, local animal response activities through the use of established animal protection and support organizations, processes, and procedures under the direction of the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services, and

WHEREAS, CART has received sponsorship from American Kennel Club member, St. Lawrence Valley Dog Club, who have raised funds in an amount equal to a portion of the total cost of the Pet Disaster Relief Unit (PDRU) (towable trailer) at no cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, a grant in the form of a Pet Disaster Relief Unit (PDRU) and supplies have been awarded to the Office of Emergency Services with a contract period beginning upon delivery of the PDRU and will remain in effect until the PDRU is no longer usable, as determined by AKC REUNITE, and

WHEREAS, the PDRU will be utilized by CART in the event of a natural or man-made emergency or disaster that requires the protection and support of displaced pets and service animals, and will be displayed at community events a minimum of two times per year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery Corporation for a Pet Disaster Relief Unit to be utilized by St. Lawrence County Animal Response Team, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 104-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery Corporation for a Pet Disaster Relief Unit to be Utilized by St. Lawrence County Animal Response Team", adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 2, 2024

April 1, 2024

Operations Committee: 3-11-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 106-2024

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2024 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

WHEREAS, the Task Force co-sponsored two Fair Housing workshops with CNY Fair Housing on March 25th to raise public awareness about Fair Housing requirements for landlords, property managers, and tenants,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims April 2024 as Fair Housing Month, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 106-2024 Entitled “Proclaiming April 2024 as Fair Housing Month”, adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 2, 2024

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Operations Committee: 3-11-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 107-2024

DECLARING APRIL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

WHEREAS, the 2024 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Campaign theme, *Building Connected Communities*, helps us reduce the likelihood of sexual abuse, assault, and harassment in our communities, and

WHEREAS, community creates a sense of belonging and reminds us of how our beliefs, choices, and actions impact one another. Any space where people come together is a community, whether in neighborhoods, workplaces, campuses, organizations, or even online spaces. We are all part of a community, even when we may feel disconnected or apart from them. At the center of *building connected communities* is ensuring our communities are safe, inclusive, and equitable. Racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, ageism, ableism, and other forms of oppression contribute to higher rates of sexual harassment, assault, and abuse. We must address all abuses of power to prevent sexual violence – in our relationships, communities and society, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that how we talk about sexual violence significantly impacts survivors, their families, our communities, and society. We also understand that our voices have power and that when one of us does not feel safe or respected, we are all affected. As such, we must strive to create strong, connected communities that take care of one another and make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of others, to end sexual violence, and

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

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

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

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

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 107-2024 Entitled “Declaring April Sexual Assault Awareness Month”, adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 2, 2024

April 1, 2024

Operations Committee: 3-11-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CUSTOMER SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH SADA SYSTEMS, INC. FOR GOOGLE WORKSPACE LICENSES AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County entered into an agreement to use Google Workspace on a limited basis after an extended testing period, and

WHEREAS, the Information Technology (IT) Department has found a number of additional uses to extend the functionality of this platform within County government, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the IT Department to offer this collaborative platform to more County leadership (40 licenses) in 2024, and

WHEREAS, SADA Systems, Inc. is a Google Cloud Premier Partner and offers not only NYS Contract pricing but significant value in its implementation expertise,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a customer support agreement with SADA Systems, Inc. for Google Workspace Licenses, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Information Technology, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$5,200
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD016804 42004	C IT Computer Software	\$5,200
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 109-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Customer Support Agreement with SADA Systems, Inc. for Google Workspace Licenses and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Information Technology", adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 April 2, 2024

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Operations Committee: 3-11-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 110-2024

**ADVOCATING FOR THE ADOPTION OF FARM-FRIENDLY POLICIES
WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, the State of New York, by way of New York State Attorney General Letitia James has commenced litigation against the US arm of JBS, the largest meatpacker in the world, accusing the Brazilian company of misleading customers over its climate goals, including a plan to reach net zero carbon neutral standards by 2040, and

WHEREAS, New York Attorney General James, filed the suit alleging that JBS USA had repeatedly assured the public and consumers with sustainability claims that could, in effect, “provide environmentally conscious consumers with a license to eat beef,” and

WHEREAS, Attorney General James has stated the company’s “environmental greenwashing exploits the pocketbooks of everyday Americans and the promise of a healthy planet for future generations”, and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit claims, JBS “has had no viable plan to meet its commitment to be net zero by 2040,” and

WHEREAS, JBS has claimed that it can reduce its carbon footprint despite plans to increase meat production, and

WHEREAS, JBS is not the only company in the market who has made such claims but is the first (and only so far) company to be prosecuted by the State of New York with respect to such claims, and

WHEREAS, JBS is the leading beef producer in the world, with operations in the United States, Australia and Canada, and has the capacity to process more than 200,000 cattle, 500,000 hogs and 45 million chickens a week in the US alone, and

WHEREAS, the actions by the New York State Attorney General are the latest in a string of limitations, restrictions, and regulations that have been employed against New York Farmers, as well as farm suppliers in New York markets, and consumers of farm goods in New York State, over the course of the last five years, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department Of Agriculture released its latest Agriculture Census in February of 2024, revealing a 9% drop in family farms in New York State — the steepest drop in the last three decades, and

WHEREAS, the recent 2022 census shows a loss of more than 2,800 farms in New York State with a loss of 364,000 acres of farmland over the past five years, and

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WHEREAS, the main industry taking this loss is the dairy industry, the primary agrarian industry in St. Lawrence County, seeing a decrease of nearly 1,900 farms, and

WHEREAS, according to Steve Ammerman, New York Farm Bureau communications director, the drop in the number of farms is directly attributable to increased costs and commodity prices, driven by increasing market regulation, cost of operation, and restrictions imposed by the government, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, modifications made by New York State to overtime payments required for seasonal farm workers, resulted in the of labor increasing, wage rates increasing, and farmers facing challenges with the overtime threshold implemented by the State, and

WHEREAS, the trend of shuttered farms will continue unless some things change policy-wise in the state and the country, and

WHEREAS, increasing opportunities for new farmers, looking at imports at the state level, and improving trade relations can help opportunities for growth, and

WHEREAS, commencing lawsuits against agrarian industries, which run in tandem with increased regulations and restrictions, will naturally increase the expense of operation of farming operations in New York State, which will in turn lead to increased consumer costs and increased numbers of farming operations closing down,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators advocates for the adoption of Farm-Friendly Policies within the State of New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators urges the State of New York to adopt farm-friendly policies by abandoning restrictive regulations, litigation practices, and employment restrictions in an effort to enforce climate objectives, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 110-2024 Entitled “Advocating for the Adoption of Farm-Friendly Policies within the State of New York”, adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 2, 2024

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Services Committee: 3-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 112-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH COORDINATED CARE SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE 2023 CONSOLIDATED FISCAL REPORT AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has a requirement to report to the State annually, and has recognized the need for assistance in preparing the 2023 Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR), and

WHEREAS, Community Services is currently without a designated Local Government Unit (LGU) fiscal staff, and

WHEREAS, Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI) provides support in behavioral health and human services, specifically in financial reporting, claiming, and budgeting for many counties and providers, and

WHEREAS, CCSI would assist in the preparation of 2023 CFR, and the rate is \$110 per hour, not to exceed \$20,000 (01TG0691 502A1), and

WHEREAS, if approved, the Department will be utilizing revenue from unrestricted DSRIP funds to pay for this work to be completed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. for the preparation of the 2023 Consolidated Fiscal Report, 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:

A3143204 43007 DSRP A DSRP Other Fees and Services \$20,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

A3134905 56000 DSRP A DSRP Mental Health \$20,000

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 112-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. for the Preparation of the 2023 Consolidated Fiscal Report and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Community Services”, adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 2, 2024

April 1, 2024

Services Committee: 3-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2024

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

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the following rates for Related Services for the Preschool Special Education Program for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025:

<u>Service:</u>	<u>Maximum Rate per Half Hour:</u>
Audiology	\$75
Counseling	\$64
Teacher of Hearing Impaired	\$58
Occupational Therapy	\$69
Physical Therapy	\$61
Speech Therapy	\$63
Group Rates (OT, PT, ST – per child)	\$45
Teacher of Visually Impaired	\$50
1:1 Aide	\$14
Interpreter	\$16
Teaching Assistant	\$15
Psychological Services	\$60
1:1 Medical Aide	\$17
Orientation & Mobility	\$66
Parent Training	\$64
School Health Services/Nurse	\$55
School Social Work	\$64
Coordination 2 or more related services	\$64
Assisted Technology Service	\$54
Nutritional Services Home Visit	\$60

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 113-2024 Entitled “Approval of Rates for Related Services for the Preschool Special Education Program”, adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 2, 2024

April 1, 2024

Services Committee: 3-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 116-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR PUBLIC HEALTH FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE OASAS OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services received funding from the OASAS Opioid Settlement Funding, and

WHEREAS, Public Health has been approved to receive \$56,000 in funding from St. Lawrence County Community Services to address the opioid epidemic in the community, and

WHEREAS, this funding will be used for interventions, such as to increase access to Naloxone and Fentanyl test strips for community members at high-risk of experiencing an overdose, to provide education on substance use disorder, overdose prevention, stigma, and mental health, and to conduct local harm reduction promotion media campaigns,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Public Health for funding received from Community Services for the OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PPZ40101 11000 OSF	P OSF Direct Service Workers	\$9,244
PPZ40101 41901 OSF	P OSF Central Printing	500
PPZ40104 41902 OSF	P OSF Commercial Printing	4,200
PPZ40104 42402 OSF	P OSF I/D Postage	2,500
PPZ40104 43005 OSF	P OSF Advertising Fees & Expenses	23,000
PPZ40104 43007 OSF	P OSF Other Fees & Services	7,800
PPZ40104 44500 OSF	P OSF Other Travel Reimbursement	4,000
PPZ40108 81000 OSF	P OSF Retirement	1,030
PPZ40108 83000 OSF	P OSF Social Security	638
PPZ40108 84000 OSF	P OSF Workers Compensation	230
PPZ40108 84500 OSF	P OSF Group Life Insurance	17
PPZ40108 86000 OSF	P OSF Hospital & Medical Insurance	2,697
PPZ40108 86500 OSF	P OSF Dental Insurance	108
PPZ40108 89000 OSF	P OSF Vision Insurance	36
		<u>\$56,000</u>

INCREASE REVENUE:

PPZ27705 55000 OSF	P OSF Local Revenue	\$56,000
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 116-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for Public Health for Funding Received from Community Services for the OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds”, adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 2, 2024

April 1, 2024

Services Committee: 3-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY (ELC) COVID-19 ENHANCED DETECTION

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) will be awarding funding to local health departments (LHDs) for enhanced detection, surveillance and prevention of COVID-19, based on county populations plus a supplemental award based on percent of COVID-19 cases, and

WHEREAS, this funding is part of a Center for Disease Control (CDC) sponsored cooperative agreement for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC), CFDS# 93.323, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 257-2020 authorized the original contract for a two-year period ending June 30, 2022, and Resolution No. 82-2022 extended the contract to March 31, 2023, and Resolution No. 381-2022 extended the contract to December 31, 2023, (PPZ44895 57000 CVD), and this amendment would extend the contract through July 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that she is making funding available to counties across New York State to help with costs associated with administering vaccines and boosters and enforcing the mask-or-vaccine mandate for indoor public places, and

WHEREAS, the supplemental funding will be expended on the hiring of permanent and temporary staff to assist with POD activities, POD clinic supplies, conducting public education/awareness campaigns and outreach on mask or vaccine protocols, staff mileage to travel to POD sites, triaging inquires or complaints to partner entities and collaborating on mitigation activities, wrap around services, and deliverables to cover MPOX response along with COVID-19 activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Public Health for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID-19 enhanced detection, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PPZ40101 11000 CVD	P ELC CVD Direct Service Worker	\$74,690
PPZ40104 42004 CVD	P ELC CVD Computer Software	11,000
PPZ40104 43007 CVD	P ELC CVD Other Fees and Services	18,798
PPZ40108 81000 CVD	Retirement	5,971

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PPZ40108 83000 CVD	Social Security	3,000
PPZ40108 84000 CVD	Workers' Compensation	<u>1,135</u>
		\$114,594
<u>INCREASE REVENUE:</u>		
PPZ44895 57000 CVD	P ELC CVD Federal Aid	\$114,594

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 117-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Public Health Department for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID-19 Enhanced Detection", adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee: 3-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 120-2024

**ADOPTING LOCAL LAW B (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024,
“RESCINDING ALL PREVIOUS ETHICS LAWS AND AMENDMENTS
AND ADOPTING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ETHICS LAW”**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

Section 1. The adoption of this local law is intended to replace any and all laws and amendments previously adopted by the Board of Legislators relating to the Code of Ethics in St. Lawrence County.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Section 3. The Board of Legislators adopts the following Ethics law:

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS

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ARTICLE 25. EFFECTIVE DATE

ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE

Officers and employees of St. Lawrence County hold their positions to serve and benefit the public, not for obtaining unwarranted personal or private gain in the exercise and performance of their official powers and duties. In recognition of this fundamental principle, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators recognizes there is a need for clear and reasonable standards of ethical conduct. This code of ethics establishes those standards.

ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

- (aa) “Agency” means any of the divisions of County government, except the Legislature.
- (bb) “Appointed Official” means any individual who is appointed by the Chair of the Board of Legislators or the County Legislature to any agency, institution, department, office, branch, division, council, commission, board or bureau, whether paid or unpaid.
- (cc) “Appropriate Body” pursuant to Article 18 of General Municipal Law, means the Board of Ethics of the County of St. Lawrence.
- (dd) “Board” means the governing board of a municipality and any municipal administrative board (e.g. planning board, zoning of board of appeals), commission, or other agency or body comprised of two or more municipal officers or employees, excluding advisory bodies with no policy-making function.
- (ee) “Child” means any son, daughter, step-son or step-daughter, natural or adopted of a County Officer, employee or appointed official if such child is under 18 or is a dependent of the officer, employee or appointed official as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 152(a)(1) and (2), and any amendments thereto.
- (ff) “Code” means this code of ethics.
- (gg) “Confidential Information” means any record or other information in any format that is either: (a.) prohibited by federal or state law from disclosure to the public; or (b.) prohibited from disclosure to the public by local law of the County; or (c) exempt from mandatory disclosure under the New York State Freedom of Information Law (“FOIL”) and the New York State Open Meetings Law.
- (hh) “County” means the County of St. Lawrence or any department, board, executive division, institution, office, branch, bureau, commission, agency, legislature or other division or part thereof.
- (ii) “County Elected Official” means a County Legislator, the County Clerk, the District Attorney, the County Treasurer, the Sheriff or the Coroner.

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- (jj) “Domestic Partner” means a person who is neither married nor related by blood or marriage to the County officer or employee, and is the County officer or employee’s sole spousal equivalent; lives together with the County Officer or employee in the same residence and intends to do so indefinitely and is responsible with the County officer or employee for each other’s welfare.
- (kk) “Financial Relationship” an ownership or investment interest in the legal entity or a compensation arrangement with the legal entity
- (ll) “Gift” means anything of value sought or received for less than fair market value, whether in the form of money, service, loan, travel, entertainment, or tickets, or in any other form.
- (mm) “Government” means the St. Lawrence County Legislature, and includes all of its agencies, offices, departments, divisions, bureaus, boards, administrations, authorities, corporations, councils, commissions, and other units.
- (nn) “Interest” means a direct or indirect financial or material benefit, but does not include any benefit arising from the provision or receipt of any services generally available to the residents or taxpayers of the municipality or an area of the municipality, or a lawful class of such residents or taxpayers. A municipal officer or employee is deemed to have an interest in any private organization when he or she, his or her spouse, or a member of his or her household, is an owner, partner, member, director, officer, employee, or directly or indirectly owns or controls more than five percent (5%) of outstanding stock of the organization.
- (oo) “Jurisdiction” shall mean having the authority, capacity, power or right to act with regard to the management and administration of policy and supervision of personnel of the County agency (as defined above at Article 2, Section 1) in which she or he is an officer, employee or appointed official (as defined above at Article 2, Sections 2 and 6).
- (pp) “Legislation” means a matter which appears upon the calendar or agenda of the Legislature of St. Lawrence County or upon a committee hereof upon which any official action has been taken and shall include adopted acts, local laws, ordinances or resolutions.
- (qq) “Major campaign contributor” of a County officer or employee means any individual or entity that has made, in the aggregate during the preceding 24 months, contributions of \$1,000 or more for the election of the County officer or employee to any public office.
- (rr) “Ministerial act” means an administrative act, including the issuance of a license, permit, or other permission by the government, which is carried out in a prescribed manner and which does not involve substantial personal discretion.
- (ss) “Municipality” means St. Lawrence County. The word “municipal” refers to the municipality.
- (tt) “Municipal officer or employee” means a paid or unpaid officer or employee of St. Lawrence County, including, but not limited to, the members of any municipal board.

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- (uu) “Officer” or “employee” means any officer or employee of the County of St. Lawrence. It also includes elected officials, appointed officials and heads of any agency, institution, department, office, branch, division, council, commission, board or bureau of the County of St. Lawrence, whether paid or unpaid, who occupy a policy making position.
- (vv) “Policy-Making position” A position in County government shall be considered a policy-making position if it meets the following criteria, based either on the powers and duties of the position as set forth in the job description or any applicable law or regulation, or based on the actual duties performed by the person holding that position:
- (1) the position has been determined to be managerial pursuant to Civil Service Law §201(7); because the occupant formulates policy or;
 - (2) the position is in the non-competitive class under §2.2 of the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Civil Service and it is designated by the County Civil Service Commissioner as a position which requires the performance of functions influencing policy, or
 - (3) the position is in the non-competitive class under §2.2 of the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Civil Service and it is designated by the County Civil Service Commissioner as a position which requires the performance of functions influencing policy, or
 - (4) the person holding the position exercise responsibilities of a broad scope in the formulation of plans for the implementation of goals or policy for a county agency acts as an advisor to an individual in such a position, and
 - (5) Officers and employees holding the position have discretionary authority with respect to:
 - (vi) Contracts, leases, franchises, revocable consents, concessions, variances, special permits, or licenses; or
 - (vii) The purchase, sale, rental or lease of real property, personal property, or services or a contract therefore; or
 - (viii) The obtaining of grants of money or loans; or
 - (ix) Inspections; or
 - (x) The adoption or repeal of any rule or regulation having the force and effect of law.
- (ww) “Political Activity” doing something in active support of or opposition of a political party or a candidate for partisan political office or a partisan political group.
- (xx) “Relative” means a spouse, parent, step-parent, sibling, step-sibling, sibling’s spouse, child, step-child, adoptive child, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, first cousin, or household member of a municipal officer or employee, and individuals having any of these relationships to the spouse of the officer or employee.
- (yy) “Spouse” means the husband or wife of an officer, employee or appointed official subject to the provisions of this Local Law unless legally separated from such officer, employee or appointed official.

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(zz) “Subordinate” means a County officer or employee the work of whom one has the authority to directly or indirectly control or direct, whether or not the two officers or employees stand in a direct reporting relationship to one another.

ARTICLE 3. APPLICABILITY

This code of ethics applies to the officers and employees of the St. Lawrence County government, and shall supersede any prior municipal code of ethics. The provisions of this code of ethics shall apply in addition to all applicable State and local laws relating to conflicts of interest and ethics including, but not limited to, Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and all rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the St. Lawrence County.

ARTICLE 4. PROHIBITION ON USE OF MUNICIPAL POSITION FOR PERSONAL OR PRIVATE GAIN

No municipal officer or employee shall use his or her municipal position or official authority and duties to secure a financial or material benefit for himself or herself, a relative, or any private organization in which he or she is deemed to have an interest.

ARTICLE 5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST IN LEGISLATION AND OTHER MATTERS

- (d) Whenever a matter requiring the exercise of discretion comes before a municipal officer or employee, either individually or as a member of a board, and disposition of the matter could result in a direct or indirect financial or material benefit to himself or herself, a relative, or any private organization in which he or she is deemed to have an interest, the municipal officer or employee shall disclose in writing the nature of the interest.
- (e) The disclosure shall be made when the matter requiring disclosure first comes before the municipal officer or employee, or when the municipal officer or employee first acquires knowledge of the interest requiring disclosure, whichever is earlier.
- (f) In the case of a person serving in an elective office, the disclosure shall be filed with the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators. In all other cases, the disclosure shall be filed with the person’s supervisor or, if the person does not have a supervisor, the disclosure shall be filed with the municipal officer, employee or board having the power to appoint to the person’s position. In addition, in the case of a person serving as an appointee on a municipal board, a copy of the disclosure shall be filed with the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators. Any disclosure made to a board shall be made publicly at a meeting of the appropriate board and must be included in the minutes of the meeting.

ARTICLE 6. RECUSAL AND ABSTENTION

- (c) No municipal officer or employee may participate in any decision or take any official action with respect to any matter requiring the exercise of discretion, including discussing the matter and voting on it, when he or she knows or has reason to know that the action could confer a direct or indirect financial or material benefit on himself or herself, a relative, or any private organization in which he or she is deemed to have an interest.

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- (d) In the event that this section prohibits a municipal officer or employee from exercising or performing a power or duty:
- (4) if the power or duty is vested in a municipal officer as a member of a board, then the power or duty shall be exercised or performed by the other members of the board;
 - (5) if the power or duty that is vested in a municipal officer individually, then the power or duty shall be exercised or performed by his or her deputy or, if the officer does not have a deputy, the power or duty shall be performed by another person to whom the officer may lawfully delegate the function; or
 - (6) if the power or duty is vested in a municipal employee, he or she must refer the matter to his or her immediate supervisor, and the immediate supervisor shall designate another person to exercise or perform the power or duty.

ARTICLE 7. PROHIBITION INAPPLICABLE; DISCLOSURE, RECUSAL AND ABSTENTION NOT REQUIRED

- (c) This code's prohibition on use of a municipal position (section 4), disclosure requirements (section 5), and requirements relating to recusal and abstention (section 6), shall not apply with respect to the following matters:
- (4) adoption of the municipality's annual budget;
 - (5) any matter requiring the exercise of discretion that directly affects any of the following groups of people or a lawful class of such groups:
 - (iv) all municipal officers or employees;
 - (v) all residents or taxpayers of the municipality or an area of the municipality; or
 - (vi) the general public.
 - (6) any matter that does not require the exercise of discretion.
- (d) Recusal and abstention shall not be required with respect to any matter:
- (3) which comes before a board when a majority of the board's total membership would otherwise be prohibited from acting by section 6 of this code; or
 - (4) which comes before a municipal officer when the officer would be prohibited from acting by section 6 of this code and the matter cannot be lawfully delegated to another person.

ARTICLE 8. INVESTMENTS IN CONFLICT WITH OFFICIAL DUTIES

- (c) No municipal officer or employee may acquire the following investments:
- (3) investments that can be reasonably expected to require more than sporadic recusal and abstention under section 6 of this code; or
 - (4) investments that would otherwise impair the independence of judgment of the person in the exercise or performance of his or her official powers and duties.
- (d) This section does not prohibit a municipal officer or employee from acquiring any other investments or the following assets:

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- (4) real property located within the municipality and used as his or her personal residence;
- (5) less than five percent of the stock of a publicly traded corporation; or
- (6) bonds or notes issued by the municipality and acquired more than one year after the date on which the bonds or notes were originally issued.

ARTICLE 9. PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT IN CONFLICT WITH OFFICIAL DUTIES

No municipal officer or employee, during his or her tenure as a municipal officer or employee, may engage in any private employment, including the rendition of any business, commercial, professional or other types of services, when the employment:

- (e) can be reasonably expected to require more than sporadic recusal and abstention pursuant to section 6 of this code;
- (f) can be reasonably expected to require disclosure or use of confidential information gained by reason of serving as a municipal officer or employee;
- (g) violates section 805-a(1)(c) or (d) of the General Municipal Law; or
- (h) requires representation of a person or organization other than the municipality in connection with litigation, negotiations or any other matter to which the municipality is a party.

ARTICLE 10. FUTURE EMPLOYMENT

- (d) No municipal officer or employee may ask for, pursue, or accept a private post-government employment opportunity with any person or organization that has a matter requiring the exercise of discretion pending before the municipal officer or employee, either individually or as a member of a board, while the matter is pending or within the 30 days following final disposition of the matter.
- (e) No municipal officer or employee, for the two-year period after serving as a municipal officer or employee, may represent or render services to a private person or organization in connection with any matter involving the exercise of discretion before the municipal office, board, department or comparable organizational unit for which he or she serves.
- (f) No municipal officer or employee, at any time after serving as a municipal officer or employee, may represent or render services to a private person or organization in connection with any particular transaction in which he or she personally and substantially participated while serving as a municipal officer or employee.

ARTICLE 11. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CLAIMS PERMITTED

This code shall not be construed as prohibiting a municipal officer or employee from:

- (c) representing himself or herself, or his or her spouse or minor children before the municipality; or
- (d) asserting a claim against the municipality on his or her own behalf, or on behalf of his or her spouse or minor children.

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ARTICLE 12. USE OF MUNICIPAL RESOURCES

- (d) Municipal resources shall be used for lawful municipal purposes. Municipal resources include, but are not limited to, municipal personnel, and the municipality's money, vehicles, equipment, materials, supplies or other property.
- (e) No municipal officer or employee may use or permit the use of municipal resources for personal or private purposes, but this provision shall not be construed as prohibiting:
 - (4) any use of municipal resources authorized by law or municipal policy;
 - (5) the use of municipal resources for personal or private purposes when provided to a municipal officer or employee as part of his or her compensation; or
 - (6) the occasional and incidental use during the business day of municipal telephones and computers for necessary personal matters such as family care and changes in work schedule.
- (f) No municipal officer or employee shall cause the municipality to spend more than is reasonably necessary for transportation, meals or lodging in connection with official travel.

ARTICLE 13. INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

- (c) No municipal officer or employee may have an interest in a contract that is prohibited by section 801 of the General Municipal Law.
- (d) Every municipal officer and employee shall disclose interests in contracts with the municipality at the time and in the manner required by section 803 of the General Municipal Law.

ARTICLE 14. NEPOTISM

Except as otherwise required by law:

- (c) No municipal officer or employee, either individually or as a member of a board, may participate in any decision specifically to appoint, hire, promote, discipline or discharge a relative for any position at, for, or within the municipality or a municipal board.
- (d) No municipal officer or employee may supervise a relative in the performance of the relative's official powers or duties.

ARTICLE 15. POLITICAL SOLICITATIONS

- (c) No municipal officer or employee shall directly or indirectly compel or induce a subordinate municipal officer or employee to make, or promise to make, any political contribution, whether by gift of money, service or other thing of value.
- (d) No municipal officer or employee may act or decline to act in relation to appointing, hiring or promoting, discharging, disciplining, or in any manner changing the official rank, status or

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compensation of any municipal officer or employee, or an applicant for a position as a municipal officer or employee, on the basis of the giving or withholding or neglecting to make any contribution of money or service or any other valuable thing for any political purpose.

ARTICLE 16. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

No municipal officer or employee who acquires confidential information in the course of exercising or performing his or her official powers or duties may disclose or use such information unless the disclosure or use is required by law or in the course of exercising or performing his or her official powers and duties.

ARTICLE 17. GIFTS

- (h) No municipal officer or employee shall solicit, accept, or receive a gift in violation of section 805-a(1)(a) of the General Municipal Law as interpreted in this section.
- (i) No municipal officer or employee may directly or indirectly solicit any gift.
- (j) No municipal officer or employee may accept or receive any gift, or multiple gifts from the same donor, having an annual aggregate value of seventy-five dollars or more when:
 - (4) the gift reasonably appears to be intended to influence the officer or employee in the exercise or performance of his or her official powers or duties;
 - (5) the gift could reasonably be expected to influence the officer or employee in the exercise or performance of his or her official powers or duties; or
 - (6) the gift is intended as a reward for any official action on the part of the officer or employee.
- (k) For purposes of this section, a “gift” includes anything of value, whether in the form of money, service, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, thing or promise, or in any other form. The value of a gift is the gift’s fair market value, determined by the retail cost of the item or a comparable item. The fair market value of a ticket entitling the holder to food, refreshments, entertainment, or any other benefit is the face value of the ticket, or the actual cost to the donor, whichever is greater. Determination of whether multiple gifts from a single donor exceed seventy-five dollars must be made by adding together the value of all gifts received from the donor by an officer or employee during the twelve-month period preceding the receipt of the most recent gift.
- (l) A gift to a municipal officer or employee is presumed to be intended to influence the exercise or performance of his or her official powers or duties when the gift is from a private person or organization that seeks municipal action involving the exercise of discretion by or with the participation of the officer or employee.
- (m) A gift to a municipal officer or employee is presumed to be intended as a reward for official action when the gift is from a private person or organization that has obtained municipal action involving the exercise of discretion by or with the participation of the officer or employee during the preceding twelve months.

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(n) This section does not prohibit any other gift, including:

- (7) gifts made to the municipality;
- (8) gifts from a person with a family or personal relationship with the officer or employee when the circumstances make it clear that the personal relationship, rather than the recipient's status as a municipal officer or employee, is the primary motivating factor for the gift;
- (9) gifts given on special occasions, such as marriage, illness, or retirement, which are modest, reasonable and customary;
- (10) unsolicited advertising or promotional material of little intrinsic value, such as pens, pencils, note pads, and calendars;
- (11) awards and plaques having a value of seventy-five dollars or less which are publicly presented in recognition of service as a municipal officer or employee, or other service to the community; or
- (12) meals and refreshments provided when a municipal officer or employee is a speaker or participant at a job-related professional or educational conference or program and the meals and refreshments are made available to all participants.

ARTICLE 18. BOARD OF ETHICS

- (c) There is hereby established a Board of Ethics for the municipality. The Board of Ethics shall consist of five members, appointed for a term of four years, a majority of whom shall not be officers or employees of the municipality, but at least one of whom must be a municipal officer or employee. The members of the Board of Ethics shall be appointed by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority, and receive no salary or compensation for their services as members of the Board of Ethics.
- (d) The Board of Ethics shall render advisory opinions to the officers and employees of St. Lawrence County with respect to Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and this code. Such advisory opinions must be rendered pursuant to the written request of any such officer or employee regarding proposed or performed conduct of the officer or employee or direct subordinate of the officer and employee under such rules and regulations as the Board of Ethics may prescribe. The Board of Ethics shall have the advice of legal counsel employed by the Board, or if none, the legal counsel of the County. If advisory opinions are requested related to the Board of Legislators, separate counsel can be provided to the Board of Ethics. In addition, the Board of Ethics may make recommendations with respect to the drafting and adoption of a code of ethics, or amendments thereto, upon the request of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators.

ARTICLE 19. ADVISORY OPINIONS

- (d) The Board of Ethics shall have authority to render confidential advisory opinions with respect to all matters covered by this law upon the written request of a current, former, or prospective agency, government officer or employee. Advisory opinions shall relate only to the interests, conduct, or actions of the requester or of a subordinate of the requester.
- (e) A current, former, or prospective agency, government officer or employee who acts in conformity with an advisory opinion shall not be subject to penalties or sanctions under this

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law for having so acted, unless the request for the advisory opinion omitted or misstated facts material to the opinion. The Board of Ethics may amend or rescind an advisory opinion at any time upon notice to the agency, officer or employee, provided, however, that the amended advisory opinion shall apply only to future actions of the officer or employee.

- (f) Advisory opinions and requests for advisory opinions shall be indexed and maintained on file by the Board of Ethics. The Board of Ethics shall publish such of its advisory opinions as the Board of Ethics deems beneficial for the guidance of government officers and employees, those doing business with the government, and members of the public, provided, however, that before publishing such advisory opinions the Board of Ethics shall first make such deletions as are necessary to prevent disclosure of the identity of the involved officers and employees.

ARTICLE 20. POSTING AND DISTRIBUTION

- (f) The St. Lawrence County Administrator must promptly cause a copy of this code, and a copy of any amendment to this code, to be posted publicly and conspicuously in each building under the control of the municipality.
- (g) The code must be posted within ten (10) days following the date on which the code takes effect. An amendment to the code must be posted within ten (10) days following the date on which the amendment takes effect.
- (h) The St. Lawrence County Administrator must promptly cause a copy of this code, including any amendments to the code, to be distributed to every person who is or becomes an officer and employee of the St. Lawrence County.
- (i) Every municipal officer or employee who receives a copy of this code or an amendment to the code must acknowledge such receipt in writing. Such acknowledgments must be filed with the St. Lawrence County Attorney who must maintain such acknowledgments as a public record.
- (j) The failure to post this code or an amendment to the code does not affect either the applicability or enforceability of the code or the amendment. The failure of a municipal officer or employee to receive a copy of this code of ethics or an amendment to the code, or to acknowledge receipt thereof in writing, does not affect either the applicability or enforceability of the code or amendment to the code.

ARTICLE 21. ENFORCEMENT

Any municipal officer or employee who violates this code may be censured, fined, suspended, or removed from office or employment in the manner provided by law.

ARTICLE 22. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

- (c) Officers and employees required to file. The following classes of officers and employees of the government shall be required to file a signed financial disclosure statement on an annual basis:

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- (4) Elected officials;
 - (5) The heads of any agency, department, division, council, board, commission, authority or bureau of the government and their deputies and other persons authorized to act on their behalf who make policy decisions; and
 - (6) Officers and employees including members of boards, commissions and public authorities of the government who hold policymaking positions. All members of advisory boards, advisory councils, and advisory commissions where such advisory commissions, advisory councils, and advisory boards hold no policy-making function of St. Lawrence County are exempt from this requirement.
- (d) Time and place for filing annual financial disclosure statements shall be filed with the Board of Ethics no later than the 31st of March each year. This statement may be filed with the Office of the County Attorney.

ARTICLE 23. DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES REQUIRED TO FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this law, and during the month of February each year thereafter, the heads of every agency, department, division, council, board, commission, authority or bureau of the government shall:

- (c) Cause to be filed with the Board of Ethics a list of the names and offices or positions of all government officers and employees subject to his or her jurisdiction required to file annual financial disclosure statements pursuant to Article 8 of this law; and
- (d) Notify all such officers and employees of their obligation to file an annual disclosure statement by March 31 of each year.

ARTICLE 24. MAINTENANCE AND USE OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS (FDS)

- (c) The Board of Ethics shall index and maintain on file for at least seven (7) years all annual financial disclosure statements filed.
- (d) The Board of Ethics shall secure a copy of the active vendor list from the County on an annual basis that includes all vendors doing business with St. Lawrence County. The active vendor list will be used for the purpose of conducting an audit of submitted annual Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS). At a minimum, on a biennial basis, the Board of Ethics will compare, through an audit, the active vendors to businesses acknowledged by individuals in their Financial Disclosure Statements. The Board of Ethics will notify the County of any conflicts. The County will be responsible to ensure separation exists between employees and identified conflicts with access to vendors where there is a preexisting relationship. If there are issues, the County will communicate with the Board of Ethics.

ARTICLE 25. EFFECTIVE DATE

This code takes effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 120-2024 Entitled “Adopting Local Law B (No. 2) for the Year 2024, “Rescinding all Previous Ethics Laws and Amendments and Adopting the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law””, adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee: 3-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 121-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE
CONVEYANCE OF 209 RENSSELAER STREET, IN THE VILLAGE OF
RENSSELAER FALLS, TOWN OF CANTON, IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE
PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §1170**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

WHEREAS, the Village of Rensselaer Falls, located in the Town of Canton, County of St. Lawrence, approached St. Lawrence County in 2023 in relation to a destroyed building located at 209 Rensselaer St., Rensselaer Falls, NY 13617 with Tax Map No. 87.037-3-12.2 which is owned by Palazzo Nail Spas, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the building, a former residential apartment rental building, was destroyed in a fire on February 27, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Rensselaer Falls contacted St. Lawrence County to request that the County clean up the location and proceed to litigation against the owner for the tax delinquency and cleanup costs utilizing the Blighted Property Program established by the County, and

WHEREAS, the property is currently listed as tax delinquent based upon unpaid 2023 taxes with an amount of taxes due of \$173.88 along with interest, penalties, and fees of \$46.90 with the 2024 unpaid taxes having not been re-levied as of yet, and

WHEREAS, rather than commence a foreclosure action against Palazzo Nails Spa, Inc., the County Attorney approached Palazzo Nails Spa, Inc. about executing a transfer of the title to the property in lieu of foreclosure, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 1170, “Any tax district may, when authorized by resolution of its governing body and in lieu of prosecuting a proceeding to foreclose a tax lien on any parcel of real property pursuant to this article, accept a conveyance of the interest of any person having any right, title, interest, claim, lien or equity of redemption in or to such parcel,” and

WHEREAS, by transferring to the County the deed to the property in lieu of foreclosure, the County may move forward and clean up the property on its own, which is the goal of the Village and the County, and

WHEREAS, Palazzo Nails Spa, Inc. has agreed to a transfer of the property in lieu of foreclosure,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement for the conveyance of 209 Rensselaer Street, in the Village of Rensselaer Falls, Town of Canton in lieu of foreclosure pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1170, upon review and approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Attorney is authorized to file the deed to execute the transfer once the agreement has been signed.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 121-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement for the Conveyance of 209 Rensselaer Street, in the Village of Rensselaer Falls, Town of Canton, in Lieu of Foreclosure Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1170”, adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee: 3-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 122-2024

URGING NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE HERMON TOWN BOARD, ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, the Town of Hermon is governed by a Town Board, having four (4) board members and a supervisor, and

WHEREAS, on or about February 27th, 2024 and February 29th, 2024, three town board members and the town supervisor resigned, denying the Town a legally elected body capable of achieving quorum and carrying out business on behalf of its residents, and

WHEREAS, while the Town Board has the authority to fill vacancies in an elected town office (Town Law, §64(5)), the New York State Attorney General's Office has informally opined that the Town Board's authority to fill vacancies under Town Law, §64(5) must be exercised in accordance with the quorum requirements set forth in Town Law, §63 and General Construction Law, §41 (1972 Op Atty Gen No 248), and

WHEREAS, a majority of the Town Board would be necessary to fill a vacancy in the Office of Town Board or Town Supervisor, and

WHEREAS, in the absence of a quorum of the Town Board needed to fill a vacancy or vacancies on the Town Board, the only remedy to the Town is to ask the Governor to appoint a sufficient number of Town Board Members to bring the board to a quorum so that it may carry on Town Board business (Public Officers Law, §43), and

WHEREAS, once the Governor has appointed a sufficient number of members to bring the Town Board to a quorum, the Town Board would have the authority to act under Town Law, §64(5) to fill the remaining vacancies, and

WHEREAS, because the vacancies occurred more than three (3) months prior to the general election in November, the individuals appointed to fill the vacancies will serve until December 31, 2024, with the positions going on the ballot for election (Public Officers Law, §§42, 38), and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney, in consultation with the remaining board member and the Town Clerk, has recommended to the Governor to appoint the following individuals: (1) Cathy Race, who was the former Mayor of the Village of Hermon before the Village merged with the Town, from 2010-2016 and former St. Lawrence County Deputy County Clerk, and (2) Victoria Day, who is the Director of the Hepburn Library in Edwards, New York, as well as a Retired Elementary School Principal at Gouverneur School District, and

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WHEREAS, despite this recommendation, no appointments have been made yet and the Town remains without a quorum sufficient to carry out business on behalf of its residents,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators urges New York State Governor Kathy Hochul to make appointments to the Town of Hermon Board permitting the Town of Hermon to carry out business on behalf of its residents, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, U.S. Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Senator Mark Walczyk, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, and Town of Hermon Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 122-2024 Entitled “Urging New York State Governor Kathy Hochul to Make Appointments to the Hermon Town Board, St. Lawrence County”, adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 2, 2024

April 1, 2024

Finance Committee: 3-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2024

**PROCLAIMING APRIL AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT
MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND THE 2024 THEME, "FORWARDTOGETHER"**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, there are 3,069 counties in the United States that provide essential services to more than 330 million Americans to create healthy, safe, and thriving communities, and

WHEREAS, the county form of government was established in 1634 in Virginia to provide a more local solution for citizens to access government services, and

WHEREAS, since 1991, the National Association of Counties (NACo) continues to encourage counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs, and services, and

WHEREAS, counties continue to fulfill a broad range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch many aspects of the lives of its residents in need, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County and counties across the Country take pride in the responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing, and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways, and

WHEREAS, NACo is highlighting county leadership through the lens ForwardTogether, celebrating the role of county governments in connecting, inspiring and leading as intergovernmental partners, and

WHEREAS, that role includes a responsibility to inspire county residents to engage with their communities, and to lead by highlighting the strength of intergovernmental partnerships, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County provides opportunities to connect through its interactions with the public in need of services and seeks to inspire those who would like to see a brighter future for the North Country,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby proclaims April 2024 as National County Government Month and the 2024 theme of "ForwardTogether" and the three pillars of connect, inspire, and lead, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages all county officials, employees, schools, and residents to participate in activities that support County Government Month.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 124-2024 Entitled “Proclaiming April as National County Government Month in St. Lawrence County and the 2024 Theme, “Forwardtogether””, adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 2, 2024

April 1, 2024

Finance Committee: 3-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 125-2024

**UPDATING THE AUTHORIZED FEES FOR INDIGENT BURIALS
THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 141 of the Social Services Law, the Department of Social Services is required to pay the expenses associated with indigent burials, and

WHEREAS, over the last five years, St. Lawrence County has provided 129 individuals with these services per year, on average at a cost of that exceeds \$250,000 per year, and

WHEREAS, since the last adjustment to the fees for indigent burials, adopted ten (10) years ago in Resolution No. 53-2013 and fifteen (15) years ago in 2009 (Resolution No. 224-2009), costs to provide these services have increased for funeral directors in the County, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the authorized fees for indigent burials were reviewed and as a part of that review, recommendations for updates to the fees were requested from the funeral directors and from the Department of Social Services, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the fees should be updated and recommendations brought forward to the Board of Legislators for adoption, and

WHEREAS, the Funeral Directors' Association supports changes in reimbursement for Indigent Burials and related services while accepting in many situations the fees will not fully cover the cost of the services they provide, and

WHEREAS, under the changed reimbursement schedule, St. Lawrence County will continue to pay for Direct Burials and Cremations, without services, and ensure that adequate burials continue for indigent individuals in St. Lawrence County, with increased opportunities for supplementation by non-legally responsible parties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators accepts the recommendations and authorizes the following updates to the fees (attached) for Indigent Burials through the Department of Social Services be set as follows effective April 1, 2024, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a review of these fees will be scheduled every five (5) years going forward and if necessary, a recommendation brought forward to the Board of Legislators.

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Indigent Burial Fees Adopted in Resolution No. 125-2024

Effective April 1, 2024, the following rates associated with indigent burials will be reimbursed as follows:

- Direct Burial without services at \$2,950 (Increase of \$1,145)
- Direct Cremation without services at \$2,050 (Increase of \$900)
- Stillborn/Infant Direct burial or Direct Cremation at \$900 (Increase of \$300)
- Mileage Reimbursement \$3 per mile per loaded mile (Increase of \$1 per mile)
- Cemetery Grave Opening/Closing \$800 (Increase of \$300)
- Anatomical donation, no crematory fee or mileage \$1,250 (new)
- Crematory Fee to remain at the rate set by the crematory
- Oversized casket and liner at the extra cost of the difference between the standard casket/liner and oversized casket/liner

The items listed below address the practices associated with indigent burials:

- The County will not reimburse for the burial of cremated remains or burial plots.
- The amount for the Direct Burial includes the price of the basic grave liner.
- If an oversized grave liner is required, the County will pay the difference between a basic grave liner and an oversized grave liner with an invoice.
- The price of a Direct Cremation includes the price of a durable urn, not cardboard.
- The County reimburses for a standard Monday through Friday grave opening, exclusively and the amount reimbursed is not to exceed \$800 (Increase of \$300) without prior approval and invoice from the cemetery.
- The maximum that the County will reimburse for winter storage is \$100 (no change) with an invoice from the cemetery.
- All Direct Burials are required to have the minimum of a casket (metal or composite material) and invoice submitted with the bill.
- The County maintains that a stillborn/infant is considered a person from birth to six (6) months old.
- Mileage is calculated from the place of death to the funeral home, then to place of disposition (crematory or cemetery)

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RESOLUTION NO. 126-2024

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Perkins, District 7; 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 sixteen (16) positions in seven (7) departments, and of those reviewed one (1) position was held, six (6) positions were new positions, and six (6) positions will be abolished,

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

<u>Department/Unit:</u>	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Community Services	Behavioral Health Counselor/Mental Health	506500010 512400017	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Administrator's Office/ B&G	Director of Governmental Services*	012600002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Attorney	Legal Secretary*	005300018	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Attorney	Assistant County Attorney	021990001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Administrative Assistant*	005200015	FT	Permanent	60 days
Public Health	Secretary I	005100026	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Senior Account Clerk	100200001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff's Office / Criminal	Deputy Sheriff	605000028	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff's Office / Corrections	Correction Officer	603000040	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff's Office / Corrections	Licensed Practical Nurse*	500900007	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff's Office / Civil	Deputy Sheriff Sergeant*	605100007	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services /CPS	Caseworker	815200005	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services /CPS	Caseworker	815200023	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services /TA SNAP	Social Welfare Examiner	814000001	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services /TA SNAP	Social Welfare Examiner	814000023	FT	Contingent	Immediate

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 005100031, Secretary I, be abolished in the County Attorney's Office; Position No. 003100100, Keyboard Specialist, be abolished in Public Health; Position No. 501000077, Registered Nurse, and Position No. 601100001, Chief Civil Enforcement Officer, be abolished in the Sheriff's Office; and Position No. 303200003, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, be abolished in the County Administrator's Office upon vacancy, and

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

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 126-2024 Entitled "Authorizing Filling of Vacancies", adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 2, 2024

April 1, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 127-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG THAT AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY
ATTORNEY TO ACT AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law §501, the County Attorney “shall be the legal advisor to the board of supervisors and every officer whose compensation is paid from county funds in all matters involving an official act of a civil nature. The county attorney shall prosecute and defend all civil actions and proceedings brought by or against the county, the board of supervisors and any officer whose compensation is paid from county funds for any official act, except as otherwise provided by [County Law §501] or other law”, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law 1 for the year 1956, the County Attorney also acts as the Plan Administrator for the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Workers’ Compensation Fund, and

WHEREAS, most of the general municipal entities, within the geographic region comprising St. Lawrence County participate in the St. Lawrence County Workers’ Compensation Plan, including the City of Ogdensburg, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney acts as counsel for the Sheriff’s Office with the implementation of General Municipal Law § 207-c Policy, and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 207 provides additional protection for municipal firefighters and police officers, including the sheriff, deputy sheriffs, corrections officers, and other investigators, injured in the performance of their duties and are commonly referred to as Section 207 benefits, and

WHEREAS, the additional protection provides for these Municipal employees to receive their full wages, for the time period that they are physically disabled from performing their regular job duties, and

WHEREAS, prompted by discussions held between staff of both municipal entities, early in March, the County received a formal request from the City of Ogdensburg for a shared services agreement whereby the County Attorney would render similar aid to the City of Ogdensburg Police Department and Fire Departments regarding the establishment and application of Section 207-c and 207-a policies, and

WHEREAS, the application of a Section 207 Policy for the City of Ogdensburg can act to augment the existing County Workers’ Compensation Plan administration, providing a synergistic effect that can benefit the worker, the Plan, and the Employer, and

April 1, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE USE OF IPAWS OPEN PLATFORM FOR EMERGENCY NETWORKS BY THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES INTEROPERABLE SYSTEM

By Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 32-2024, adopted February 5, 2024, authorized the Chair to sign a contract with RAVE Mobile Safety, an Emergency Alert Notification System recommended as the most cost-effective beneficial program for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, RAVE Mobile Safety localizes access to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), FEMA’s national system utilized by FEMA for local alerting that provides authenticated emergency and life-saving information to the public through multiple means of communication in the event of a major incident or emergency, and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that a memorandum of agreement be signed between St Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services, and Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, which interoperate with the IPAWS-Open Platform for Emergency Networks (IPAWS-OPEN) for a three year term with an additional 3 year extension,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Chair to sign a memorandum of agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and any additional documentation for the use of IPAWS-OPEN Platform for access to emergency networks, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 128-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Use of IPAWS OPEN Platform for Emergency Networks by the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services Interoperable System”, adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 2, 2024

April 1, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE IRREVOCABLE SPOUSAL TRUST FBO CAROL L. MAGINN FOR STORAGE SPACE AT 15 HARROGATE COMMONS, MASSENA, NEW YORK

By Mr. Denesha, District 6
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, renovations are underway at the Public Safety Complex and there is an additional need for space associated with storage until the updated space is ready, and

WHEREAS, the current lessor at Harrogate Commons in Massena has unoccupied unfinished space that the County could rent for the duration of the project, and

WHEREAS, the County has an intermittent need to access the materials and equipment stored at the location and will require approximately 500 square feet of additional space, and

WHEREAS, the relocation of these materials and equipment will allow for the Capital Project to continue without interruption, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease agreement with the Irrevocable Spousal Trust FBO Carol L. Maginn for storage space at 15 Harrogate Commons, Massena, New York, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term for storage would not exceed the duration of the renovation project and the rate is established at \$7 per square foot.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 129-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with the Irrevocable Spousal Trust FBO Carol L. Maginn for Storage Space at 15 Harrogate Commons, Massena, New York”, adopted April 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 2, 2024

April 15, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 130-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FINAL AND COMPREHENSIVE MOHAWK
LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, on July 7th, 1982 Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs (collectively, the Mohawk) asserted claims for possession of lands within the Counties of Franklin and St. Lawrence in the State of New York, and for damages on the ground that the lands in question were originally transferred in violation of law, including, but without limitation, the Trade and Intercourse Act of 1790 (1 Stat. 137), or subsequent reenactments or versions thereof, and

WHEREAS, such litigation, *The Canadian St. Regis Band of Mohawk Indians v. New York et al.* (82-CV-783); *The Canadian St. Regis Band of Mohawk Indians v. New York et al.* (82-CV-1114); and *The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council and the People of the Longhouse at Akwesasne, by Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs v. The State of New York, et al.* (89-CV-829), remains pending before the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York for nearly forty-two (42) years, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York, the Counties of Franklin and St. Lawrence, various municipalities of those Counties, and the New York Power Authority and other non-governmental entities with interests in the land at issue are defendants in such litigation, and

WHEREAS, continued disagreements and endless litigation have fostered distrust between the land claim defendants and the Mohawk related to jurisdictional, taxation and regulatory issues arising from the underlying land claims, and

WHEREAS, despite this fact, the parties have continued to engage in negotiations in lieu of more costly and time-consuming elements of litigation, and

WHEREAS, ultimate judicial resolution of the litigation remains elusive and recent judicial rulings make clear that no party should expect complete and total victory, and

WHEREAS, based upon the aforementioned, on May 28th, 2014, St. Lawrence County, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, and the State of New York entered into a Memorandum of Understanding establishing the broad strokes of what would later need to become a full and final Settlement Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the terms of the original Memorandum of Understanding anticipated the creation of a subsequent agreement which would incorporate the process for land acquisitions by the Tribe, revenue remittance to the County, as well as the terms of agreement between the other defendants, Franklin County, and the other municipalities, and

WHEREAS, since 2014, the parties have worked towards resolving their differences and establishing a lasting settlement of all land claims in the two county area, and

WHEREAS, starting in 2022, the parties began court-ordered mediation in an effort to reach a comprehensive settlement, and

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WHEREAS, after several individual gatherings, the parties met on February 26th, 2024 at the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York before the Hon. Teresa Dancks, Magistrate, in an effort to finalize the last elements of a Settlement Agreement, and

WHEREAS, there is a recognition that any final resolution of pending disputes through a process of litigation would: take many additional years and entail great expense to all parties; continue economically and socially-damaging controversies; prolong uncertainty as to the access, ownership, and jurisdictional status of land in question; and seriously impair long-term economic planning and development for all parties, and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached a tentative understanding on the remaining issues and have verbally agreed to a timeline for implementation, and

WHEREAS, all governing bodies of the litigants are to secure authority to enter into the final agreement, on or before May 8th, 2024 and report back to the Court that such authority has been secured, and

WHEREAS, following approval by the governing bodies, the parties will each execute the agreement for submission to the United States Congress for ratification,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to Sign a Final and Comprehensive Mohawk Land Claims Settlement Agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators endorses the terms of the Settlement Agreement, which incorporates the full terms of the 2014 Memorandum of Understanding.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 130-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Final and Comprehensive Mohawk Land Claims Settlement Agreement", adopted April 15, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 16, 2024

April 15, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE POLICY
FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT AND MODIFYING
THE 2024 BUDGET FOR SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department is an enterprise fund, and

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

WHEREAS, the current insurance policy through U.S. Specialty Insurance Company expire on April 12, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department requires additional funding to cover the increased cost in comprehensive insurance, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department wishes to renew the policy through April 12, 2025, for a total cost of \$93,592.21 (WA017104 41405), and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Budget has \$55,000 budgeted and the premium exceeds that amount, and

WHEREAS, the overage in these expenses can be offset by retained earnings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a comprehensive insurance policy for the Solid Waste Department, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Solid Waste Department, as follows:

DECREASE RETAINED EARNINGS:

05TG0909 50300	Retained Earnings	\$38,600
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

05TG0599 50300	EL Fund Balance, Appropriated	\$38,600
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WA017104 41405	W ADM Comprehensive Insurance	\$38,600
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April 15, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 131-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Comprehensive Insurance Policy for the Solid Waste Department and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Solid Waste Department”, adopted April 15, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 16, 2024

April 22, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR, AS THE “AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL,” TO SIGN ALL NORTHERN REGIONAL COMMISSION CATALYST INVESTMENT DOCUMENTS AND SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS TO REPLACE THE TOOLEY POND ROAD BRIDGE, BIN 3340750

By Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, a pre-application was submitted to the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Catalyst Program for funds to replace the Tooley Pond Road Bridge, aka New Bridge, BIN 3340750, over the South Branch of the Grasse River in the Town of Clare, and

WHEREAS, the County was invited by the NBRC to submit a full application, and

WHEREAS, the County oversees 192 bridges and utilizes a quantitative methodology defined and approved by the Board of Legislators by Resolution No. 139-2019, placing this structure as the highest ranked bridge according to County priorities that also meets the NBRC Catalyst Grant Program criteria, and

WHEREAS, in addition, the bridge was originally constructed in 1963 and has connections to the timber industry and access to recreational trails which align this bridge with NBRC priorities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes David Forsythe, Chair of the Board of Legislators, as the “authorized official” to sign all Northern Regional Commission Catalyst Investment Documents that bind the County, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorized official, David Forsythe, and the Board of Legislators support the application for funds to replace the Tooley Pond Road Bridge, BIN 3340750.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 132-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair, as the “Authorized Official,” to Sign All Northern Regional Commission Catalyst Investment Documents and Supporting the Application for Funds to Replace the Tooley Pond Road Bridge, BIN 3340750”, adopted April 22, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 23, 2024

May 6, 2024

Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 134-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORT (OASAS) TO EXPAND ACCESS TO THE MOBILE TREATMENT CLINIC

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services received funding from the NYS OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds, and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2023, the Community Services Board approved the use of OASAS Opioid Settlement Funds to new and existing pass-through agencies for harm reduction, treatment, housing, prevention, and transportation, and

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

WHEREAS, these funds will be used for the operating expenses for the mobile treatment clinic to increase access to treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Settlement State funding provided will follow the calendar year and can be rolled over to subsequent years and reconciled on an annual basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services for funding received from Opioid Settlement Funds from New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) to expand access to the Mobile Treatment Clinic, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142501	11000	MO	A MOB Unit Direct Service Worker	\$39,783
A1142508	81000	MO	Retirement	4,515
A1142508	83000	MO	Social Security	2,887
A1142508	84000	MO	Workers Compensation	997
A1142508	84500	MO	Group Life Insurance	73
A1142508	86000	MO	Hospital & Medical Insurance	11,916
A1142508	86508	MO	Dental Insurance	512
A1142508	89000	MO	Vision Insurance	159
A1142594	41901	MO	Central Printing	100
A1142504	41902	MO	Commercial Printing	100
A1142504	42000	MO	Office Supply & Expenses	307
A1142504	42402	MO	Postage	100

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A1142504 43007 MO	Other Fees & Services	3,051
A1142504 44000 MO	I/D Automotive Expenses	3,500
A1142504 44100 MO	I/D Fuel Charges	11,000
A1142504 45100 MO	Medical Supplies & Expenses	<u>1,000</u>
		\$80,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1Z34865 56000 MO	A SA Opioid Settlement Funds	\$80,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be reconciled in order to be rolled over to future budget years until the funding is fully expended.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 134-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for Community Services for Funding Received from Opioid Settlement Funds from New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) to Expand Access to the Mobile Treatment Clinic", adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 137-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET FOR AN
OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT CLINIC MODEL GRANT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has been awarded the OASAS Outreach and Engagement Clinic Model Grant funded through the New York State Opioid Settlement Funds, and

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 276-2023, adopted September 11, 2023, authorized the Chair to sign a contract with the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) for an Outreach and Engagement Clinic Model Grant, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 305-2023, adopted October 2, 2023, accepted the funds and authorized the Treasurer to modify the 2023 Budget for Community Services for this one-time only funding of \$445,104, not including \$44,509 for indirect costs to be utilized during the 24-month award period, beginning October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the funding is to be used to support outreach and engagement through care management services designed to reach underserved populations who have Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) across New York State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services for an Outreach and Engagement Clinic Model Grant, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1Z42501 11000 CM	A CM Direct Service Workers	\$123,000
A1Z42501 12000 CM	A CM Supervisory/Admin	3,000
A1Z42508 81000 CM	Retirement	13,702
A1Z42508 83000 CM	Social Security	8,488
A1Z42508 84000 CM	Workers' Compensation	3,062
A1Z42508 84500 CM	Group Life Insurance	222
A1Z42508 86000 CM	Hospital & Medical Insurance	35,880
A1Z42508 86500 CM	Dental Insurance	1,440
A1Z42508 89000 CM	Vision Insurance	480
A1Z42504 407HS CM	A CM Human Services Building Rent	4,242
A1Z42504 408HS CMA	CM Human Services Building Maintenance	4,150
A1Z42504 41401 CM	A CM Liability & Other Insurance	1,832

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Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 138-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES
FOR FUNDING FROM OASAS SAPT BLOCK GRANT COMPREHENSIVE
INTEGRATED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received funding modifications from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the SAPT Block Grant Program annually provides funds to states and territories to help plan, implement, and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance abuse and promote public health, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 64-2023 authorized a contract for funding from OASAS SAPT Block Grant to be used for developing a new Opioid Treatment Programs that is to be integrated with existing 822 outpatient services in order to provide person-centered comprehensive treatment and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) services, and

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

WHEREAS, the original one-time only funding of \$98,742, including \$7,754 for reimbursement of indirect costs, is for the infrastructure and integration of the Canton Addiction Services and OTP clinics to utilize during the award period of January 9, 2023 to March 14, 2023, with a proposed no-cost extension of one year extending the award to March 14, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services for funding from the OASAS SAPT Block Grant Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1Z42502 25000 SA	A Tech Equipment	\$10,792
A1Z42504 42000 SA	A SAPT Office Supplies and Expenses	4,738
A1Z42504 43007 SA	A Other Fees and Services	8,801
A1Z42504 45100 SA	A SAPT Medical Supplies and Expenses	2,639
A1Z42504 423SS SA	A SAPT Security System	<u>9,743</u>
		\$36,713

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1Z44865 57000 SA	A SAPT Block Grant Supp 1013	\$36,713
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 138-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for Community Services for Funding from OASAS SAPT Block Grant Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 139-2024

**PROCLAIMING MAY AS LYME AND TICK-BORNE DISEASE
AWARENESS MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Lyme and other Tick-Borne Disease, transmitted through the bite of an infected tick, are endemic throughout St. Lawrence County and are a nationally recognized health concern, and

WHEREAS, the risk of contracting Lyme and other Tick-Borne Disease can be year-round; the warm weather increases outdoor activities and St. Lawrence County residents and visitors work and also enjoy recreation activities in our woods, fields, and open areas that may be inhabited or infested by ticks carried by wildlife, birds, and domestic animals, increasing the risk of infection, and

WHEREAS, Lyme and other Tick-Borne Disease infected more than 250 people of all ages in St. Lawrence County during 2023, and

WHEREAS, Lyme and other Tick-Borne Disease, when not properly diagnosed or treated, may affect many body systems making proper diagnosis more difficult, and thereby making the need for public information regarding prevention, treatment, and control a priority, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department and other community partners are taking a lead role by educating the community to safeguard this and future generations against Lyme and other Tick-Borne Disease, and

WHEREAS, recognizing the danger and effects of these diseases, St. Lawrence County support efforts designed to raise awareness about the prevention and control of Lyme and other Tick-Borne Disease,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims the month of May as Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents are encouraged to learn how to prevent tick bites and understand when to seek treatment.

May 6, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 139-2024 Entitled “Proclaiming May as Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Services Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 142-2024

**PROCLAIMING MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH:
2024 THEME IS POWERED BY CONNECTION**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

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

WHEREAS, the 2024 theme for Older American Month is “Powered by Connection,” which recognizes the profound impact that meaningful relationships and social connections have on our health and well-being, and

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

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

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County can work to build an even better community for our older residents by:

- Share facts about the mental, physical, and emotional health benefits of social connection and how it contributes to overall well-being, and
- Promote resources that help older adults engage, like community events, social clubs, and volunteer opportunities, and
- Connect older adults with local services, such as transportation, that can help them overcome obstacles to achieving or maintaining meaningful relationships, and
- Encourage partners to host a connection-centric event or program focused on older adult mentors to youth, peer-to-peer support, or similar efforts, and
- Challenge professional and personal networks to prioritize meaningful social connections and share the benefits,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims May 2024 to be Older Americans Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents are encouraged to explore the vital role that connectedness plays in supporting independence, and aging in place by combatting isolation and loneliness.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 142-2024 Entitled “Proclaiming May as Older Americans Month: 2024 Theme is Powered by Connection”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 144-2024

**ADOPTION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY 2024 COORDINATED
TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County regularly receives and administers Federal and State funds to provide public transportation services, and

WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving these funds, the New York State Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration require rural transit providers to prepare a five-year Coordinated Transportation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a Coordinated Transportation Plan is to assess the transportation needs for persons who are seniors, earn limited incomes, or have a disability; identify transportation gaps and duplication of services; and to prioritize goals and actions to address these gaps and duplicate services, and

WHEREAS, the Public Transit Task Force for St. Lawrence County oversaw the creation of the Plan and provided input as it was prepared by the County Mobility Manager and the County Planning Office, and

WHEREAS, hard copies of the draft Plan were distributed and posted on the St. Lawrence County Public Transit Website for public review, and

WHEREAS, a legally noticed public hearing was held on March 21st to receive public comment on the draft Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has duly considered the assessment, goals, and actions in the draft Plan, and comments from the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby adopts the St. Lawrence County 2024 Coordinated Transportation Plan,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as the Plan is implemented, it should be reviewed and modified as needed to account for the changing conditions of riders who rely on the public transportation services in St. Lawrence County, and the Board of Legislators will be updated annually on the changes.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 144-2024 Entitled “Adoption of the St. Lawrence County 2024 Coordinated Transportation Plan”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 145-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS FOR THE CORRECTIONAL DIVISION

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is recommending an adjustment to the uniform budget to bring all Sheriff’s Office staff into a similar uniform style, and acquire vests to assist officers as a safety precaution, and

WHEREAS, appropriations budgeted to assist supporting the nursing staff are no longer needed for the original purpose and the Sheriff is requesting to transfer these funds to provide for the uniforms,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes that the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for the Purchase of the Uniforms for the Sheriff’s Office as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4031501 1900M	Temporary Per Diem Medical	\$28,800
S4031501 1900N	S JAIL Temp Per Diem Nurse	<u>11,200</u>
		\$40,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

S4031504 45300	S JAIL Uniforms & Clothing	\$40,000
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 145-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for the Purchase of Uniforms for the Correctional Division”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2024

ACCEPTING A FY23 OPERATION STONEGARDEN PROGRAM (OPSG) GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded a FY23 Operation Stonegarden Grant, in the amount of \$300,000, to key law enforcement agencies in St. Lawrence County, with a contract period of period of September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the mission of Operation Stonegarden is to utilize State, County, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies to enhance border security within the County, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office will receive \$57,918.52 and will act a pass-through agency for four local entities: City of Ogdensburg Police Department (\$78,574.25), Village of Canton (\$14,640.38), and Village of Massena (\$33,737.67), and Village of Potsdam (\$25,191.52), and

WHEREAS, the remaining funding of \$89,937.66 is allocated to two (2) State level law enforcement agencies (NYS Police and NYS DEC) who will do their own reporting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting the FY23 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security, upon the approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 18000 SG3	S CRIM Overtime	\$19,770
S1Z31102 25000 SG3	S CRIM Technical Equipment	30,323
S1Z31104 43007 SG3	S CRIM Other Fees and Services	152,144
S1Z31104 44000 SG3	S CRIM I/D Automotive Expenses	3,618
S1Z31108 81000 SG3	S CRIM Retirement	2,202
S1Z31108 83000 SG3	S CRIM Social Security	1,512
S1Z31108 84000 SG3	S CRIM Worker's Compensation	<u>494</u>
		\$210,063

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z43895 57000	SG S SG Federal Aid	\$210,063
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the Grant is fully expended.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 146-2024 Entitled “Accepting a FY23 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2024

**RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE
TO REJECT SENATE BILL S.8461, KNOWN AS
“THE SPORTING RANGE GOOD NEIGHBOR ACT”**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, on January 31st, 2024, Senator Pete Harckham (40th Senate District serving Rockland County, Putnam County, and Westchester County) introduced Senate Bill S.8461, “The Sporting Range Good Neighbor Act”, and

WHEREAS, S.8461 amends the environmental conservation law to require minimum boundary distances for outdoor skeet field shooting ranges, or alternatively, to construct backstops with minimum specifications that prevent lead migration outside the designated skeet field tract, and

WHEREAS, additionally, S.8461 seeks to prohibit any portion of a skeet field tract to include a wetland or open water source, and

WHEREAS, S.8461 would also require skeet field tracts at shooting ranges to be at least 600 by 300 yards, and

WHEREAS, S.8461, while formed in the guise of an environmentally friendly bill, appears to be designed to restrict skeet development and participation, limiting the exercise of protected Second Amendment activity, and

WHEREAS, as of 2022, almost half of the school districts in St. Lawrence County had an active skeet and trap shooting club, and

WHEREAS, shooting ranges already have to meet restrictive guidelines to operate safely, currently costing as much as \$100,000 or more, and

WHEREAS, there are significant legal and constitutional questions regarding the legality of this measure that have not been adequately addressed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the New York State Legislature reject Senate Bill S.8461, “The Sporting Range Good Neighbor Act”, and

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

May 6, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 147-2024 Entitled “Resolution Urging the New York State Legislature to Reject Senate Bill S.8461, Known as “The Sporting Range Good Neighbor Act””, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2024

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, "A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE IMPOSING THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF TAX LAW §186-g"

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, since 1991, counties in the State of New York were permitted to assess a surcharge on landlines and post-paid cellphones, if they sought permission to exercise home rule authority through the New York State legislature, to assist in funding E911 systems operating within the counties, and

WHEREAS, the New York State legislature authorized these counties to collect the surcharge under the provisions of Article 6 of the County Law, as long as the county seeking to do so applied for and was granted permission by the State legislature and the Governor, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County remains one of approximately eight counties out of the 62 in New York that has never sought permission to impose this surcharge, and

WHEREAS, on April 17th, 2017, as a part of the adoption of the 2017-2018 State budget, the legislature and the Governor repealed the authority granted to certain localities under Article 6 of the County Law to impose a wireless communications surcharge and, instead, created Tax Law § 186-g, authorizing New York City and all counties outside of New York City to impose a new State-administered wireless surcharge on both post-paid cellphones and pre-paid cellphones, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Law authorizes the imposition of the surcharge on customers of every "wireless communications service" within the county, and

WHEREAS, the State has permitted the creation of this surcharge to provide a source of revenue to support the development and maintenance of Emergency 911 call systems operating within a county, and

WHEREAS, all revenue generated from the imposition of this surcharge is for payment of system costs, eligible wireless 911 service costs, or other costs associated with the administration, design, installation, construction, operation, or maintenance of public safety communications networks or a system to provide enhanced wireless 911 service serving such the county, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes the importance of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of St. Lawrence County and further recognizes that when the lives or property of citizens of the St. Lawrence County are in imminent danger a timely and appropriate assistance must be rendered, and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators finds that the enhanced emergency telephone service known as E911 provides substantial benefits beyond the basic 911 system through the provision of selective routing and automatic number and location identification, and that these enhancements significantly reduce the response time of emergency services, and

WHEREAS, the surcharge shall be used to pay the costs associated with obtaining and maintaining the telecommunication equipment and telephone services needed to provide the E911 service within St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that adoption of a local law be preceded by a public hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law C (No.) for the Year 2024, will be held at 5:50 p.m. on June 3, 2024, in the Legislative Board Room, subject to approval of the Rules of Procedure for 2024.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, “A LOCAL LAW
OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE IMPOSING THE WIRELESS
COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF
TAX LAW §186-g”**

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

Section 1. Imposition of wireless communications surcharges.

(a) Pursuant to the authority of Tax Law § 186-g, there are hereby imposed and there shall be paid surcharges within the territorial limits of the County of St. Lawrence on: (i) wireless communications service provided to a wireless communications customer with a place of primary use within such county, at the rate of thirty cents per month on each wireless communications device in service during any part of the month; and (ii) the retail sale of prepaid wireless communications service sold within such county, at the rate of thirty cents per retail sale, whether or not any tangible personal property is sold therewith.

(b) Wireless communications service suppliers shall begin to add such surcharge to the billings of its customers and prepaid wireless communications sellers shall begin to collect such surcharge from its customers commencing December 1, 2024.

(c) Each wireless communications service supplier and prepaid wireless communications seller is entitled to retain, as an administrative fee, an amount equal to three percent of its collections of the surcharges imposed by this Local Law, provided that the supplier or seller files any required return and remits the surcharges due to the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance on or before the due date for that return and that payment.

Section 2. Administration of surcharges.

The surcharges imposed by this Local Law shall be administered and collected by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance as provided in paragraph (8) of Tax Law § 186-g,

May 6, 2024

Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2024

CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR TO COMPLETE ENHANCED FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE RECONCILIATIONS THAT ARE YEARS OVERDUE AND PROVIDE A FULL ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS OWED TO COUNTIES AND NEW YORK CITY AND A SCHEDULE FOR RELEASE OF THESE FEDERAL FUNDS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the funding to support the Medicaid program is provided by a combination of federal, state and local resources, and

WHEREAS, the state requires the counties and New York City to contribute \$7.6 billion annually to pay for the federal and state defined and controlled program, and

WHEREAS, additionally, counties and New York City also voluntarily contribute about \$1 billion annually to draw down available federal funds to support publicly owned or supported nursing homes, clinics, and hospitals, and

WHEREAS, the local share the state requires counties and New York City to pay is the highest of any state in the country, and

WHEREAS, this large local funding share for Medicaid and other state programs is a major contributor to New York's high local tax burden compared to other states, and

WHEREAS, under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the COVID era the federal government provided an enhanced Medicaid matching share (eFMAP), which has saved New York state billions of dollars, and

WHEREAS, the state has utilized a methodology that provides 80 percent of these estimated federal savings to counties in the year the costs accrue followed by a reconciliation in the following year of the remaining 20 percent of savings, and

WHEREAS, for the first three years after enactment of the Affordable Care Act the state followed through on a relatively timely basis with the initial pass through of savings based on 80 percent of the estimated value of these federal savings to counties and New York City and the reconciling the remaining 20 percent, and

WHEREAS, the last completed reconciliation and transfer of federal savings owed to counties was for state fiscal year 2015-16 with the reconciliation being implemented in December of 2020, and

WHEREAS, as of February 1, 2024, counties and New York City are waiting on seven years of unfinished reconciliations, and

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WHEREAS, the only accounting counties have received from the state of the unreconciled eFMAP funds have come via FOIL requests for SFY 2017-2020, and

WHEREAS, as of February 8, 2022, 34 counties have received responses from DOH to their FOIL inquiries and that these calculations show that up to \$232 million is owed to these counties from Affordable Care Act eFMAP reconciliations, and

WHEREAS, the state utilized the same 80 percent pass through methodology for the distribution of federal COVID eFMAP savings provided from 2020-2024, but no reconciliations have been completed for these years, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties has submitted FOIL requests on behalf of all counties for federal COVID eFMAP savings distributed to counties, and

WHEREAS, the federal COVID eFMAP savings are mandated to be shared with counties under federal law, and

WHEREAS, the state identified at the beginning of the COVID crisis that the local share of these federal savings would be about 17.8 percent, but publicly available data indicates only about 12.7 percent has been shared with counties and this has required NYSAC to FOIL the New York State Department of Health because hundreds of millions of dollars in federal savings have yet to be distributed, and

WHEREAS, because the state is withholding these federal funds it requires counties and New York City to reserve funds locally to make up for the loss, meaning local taxes have been kept higher than they need to be over multiple years, or local services are scaled back or eliminated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls on the Governor to complete enhanced federal medical assistance percentage reconciliations that are years overdue and provide a full accounting of funds owed to Counties and New York City and a schedule for release of these federal funds,

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 149-2024 Entitled “Calling on the Governor to Complete Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Reconciliations that are Years Overdue and Provide a Full Accounting of Funds Owed to Counties and New York City and a Schedule for Release of these Federal Funds”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 150-2024

**SUPPORTING AN EXTENSION ON THE ALLOWING SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS
TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE EARLY INTERVENTION**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the SFY 2025 Executive Budget recommendation discontinues the authorization allowing school psychologists to provide services in the Early Intervention Program (EIP), and

WHEREAS, federal level changes making Early Intervention (EI) services provided by school psychologists no longer eligible for Medicaid reimbursement have resulted in New York State moving away from utilizing these providers in the EI Program, and

WHEREAS, to this point extensions have been granted to continue to allow the provision of EI services by school psychologists in recognition of ongoing provider capacity shortages in the EIP, and

WHEREAS, the SFY 2025 Executive Budget proposal continues to provide an extension on the use of school psychologists in the 4410 Pre-School Special Education Program (Pre-K SEP), and

WHEREAS, school psychologists may provide multi-disciplinary evaluations and services to children transitioning from the EIP to Pre-K SEP, and

WHEREAS, as of August 2023, counties reported that there were 7,360 children across New York State waiting for EI services, and

WHEREAS, this represents a 28% increase in children waiting for services since 2022 and an over 500% increase in children waiting for services since 2020, and

WHEREAS, this number includes approximately 1,000 children waiting for evaluations, and behavioral and developmental services that could be provided by school psychologists, and

WHEREAS, the overall provider capacity challenges in the EIP and lack of capacity specific to mental health services have resulted in children waiting months to receive critical services, and

WHEREAS, restricting any provider capacity in the EIP impedes the need to expand the currently limited provider pool,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports an extension on the allowing school psychologist to provide services in the Early Intervention, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 150-2024 Entitled “Supporting an Extension on the Allowing School Psychologists to Provide Services in the Early Intervention”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 151-2024

**CALLING ON THE STATE TO INCREASE THE SALARY CAP FOR RETIRED
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES SEEKING COUNTY EMPLOYMENT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, under current state law a retired public employee may only earn up to \$35,000 annually if retained/rehired to a state or local government position without this salary impacting their retirement benefits, and

WHEREAS, any retired public employee salary amount over \$35,000 will result in a decrease in pension payments for the employee, and

WHEREAS, the \$35,000 cap was set in 2019, with the intent of minimizing misuse in hiring practices, while at the same time providing enough incentive for employees with broad experience and institutional knowledge to be retained in a government service capacity, and

WHEREAS, this cap has been adjusted just once since 2007 at a rate of \$5,000 and this increase has eroded in value due to inflation over this time, and

WHEREAS, the ability to hire enough qualified public employees on the State and county level to perform our residents' needed services has reached crisis level, and

WHEREAS, this hiring crisis during COVID resulted in an Executive Order action allowing for the removal of the \$35,000 cap to help ease this issue, unfortunately, this was a limited allowance and the Executive Order expired in 2023, and

WHEREAS, New York counties have unique challenges when hiring for certain skilled or knowledge-based positions due to each county having different populations, economics, and demographics including but not limited to retired corrections deputy sheriffs, school resource officers, public health nurses, registered nurses, caseworkers, mental health professionals, and other critical positions, and

WHEREAS, county governments are being asked to provide more services with less funding, a goal that becomes more difficult when those who best understand local government service needs are retiring and their continued connection to public service in a limited fashion is being deterred by state policies, and

WHEREAS, in 2023 a bill was introduced (S.3144D, Mannion) that recognizes adjusting this cap to \$50,000 will provide the State and the local governments more hiring options when they seek to fill a position that requires unique skill sets, government experience, and, in some cases, reduces health insurance costs as the person is already retired,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls on the State to increase the salary cap for retired public employees seeking county employment, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 151-2024 Entitled “Calling on the State to Increase the Salary Cap for Retired Public Employees Seeking County Employment”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

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Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2024

**CALLING ON THE STATE TO FULLY REIMBURSE COUNTIES FOR
DISTRICT ATTORNEY SALARY INCREASES THAT ARE SET AND
CONTROLLED BY THE STATE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2023, the New York State Commission on Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Compensation voted to recommend a 10 percent increase in state judge salaries in 2024, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that on April 1, 2024 the State Legislature will approved the Commission's recommendation and place State Court Judges' salaries at \$232,600 up from \$210,900, and

WHEREAS, New York State Judiciary Law Section 183-a links judicial salaries to county District Attorney (DA) salaries, requiring them to be equal to or higher than the State Judges within their county, and

WHEREAS, historically when the state increased State Judge salaries in the 1980s and 1990s, the State fully funded all DA salary increases imposed on the counties, recognizing without this funding the increase would be an unfunded mandate, and

WHEREAS, the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY), recognizing the automatic nature of these increases and its effect on local county budgets, and further to support the counties' position, requested in correspondence with state officials that the state fund this salary increase, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has stated they understand the importance of not shifting more state generated costs to the local tax base, mindful of the impact locally with the state-imposed property tax cap, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has recognized lowering property taxes is the main priority to ensure a healthy Upstate New York economy, and

WHEREAS, for smaller counties, the D.A. salary increase can represent nearly one third of their total allowable property tax growth for all government operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls on the State to fully reimburse counties for district attorney salary increases that are set and controlled by the State, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 152-2024 Entitled “Calling on the State to Fully Reimburse Counties for District Attorney Salary Increases that are Set and Controlled by the State”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

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Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2024

**URGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO RESTORE
ESSENTIAL FUNDING FOR RABIES IN THE FY 2024-25 STATE BUDGET**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul completely eliminates the \$1.45 million appropriation for rabies prevention in her FY 2024-25 Executive Budget proposal, and

WHEREAS, local health departments (LHDs) are the only health entities in New York State that are statutorily required to provide core public health services in communities across New York State, including the suppression of human rabies, and

WHEREAS, unless treated soon after exposure, rabies is a fatal disease, and

WHEREAS, New York State statute recognizes the severity of this disease and therefore maintains strong statutory requirements for counties to reduce the risk of contracting rabies and assure treatment for anyone who is exposed to the disease, including an obligation for counties to cover the costs of human post-exposure treatment for individuals who lack the ability to pay for treatment and to offer free quarterly rabies vaccination clinics for cats, dogs, and domestic ferrets, and

WHEREAS, other statutory requirements for counties include prompt investigation of reports of exposure; arrangements for disposition of animals involved, including confinement and observation; quarantines; vaccination boosters; euthanasia; testing and collection; preparation; and submission of animal specimens to the state rabies lab for diagnosis, and

WHEREAS, most of the state pre-exposure prophylaxis funding for rabies prevention and control via oral rabies vaccine (ORV) animal baiting was originally eliminated in 2009, despite the necessity of this preemptive measure to control the spread of rabid animals, and

WHEREAS, since then, a small portion of the original \$1.45 million appropriation that NYSDOH spent annually on animal control outside New York City, including ORV baiting, was allocated via contracts to the 57 counties outside New York City, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the last full year for which data is available, LHDs collected and submitted 5,223 animal specimens for rabies testing, and

WHEREAS, NYSAC and NYSACHO strongly oppose the elimination of this funding, as it supports these statutorily required, life-saving public health protections and eliminating this funding results in a direct cost shift to local taxpayers and runs the risk of undermining the life-saving goals that New York's strong rabies statutes provide, and

WHEREAS, because rabies falls under the provisions of Article 6, the services supported are eligible public health expenses, and, therefore, the projected potential savings to

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Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2024

**SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S.2695-B AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.7086-A
TO ENSURE SHERIFFS AND UNDERSHERIFFS CONTINUE TO HAVE
POLICE OFFICER POWERS**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Sheriffs are elected law enforcement officials established by the New York State Constitution, and

WHEREAS, historically, those individuals inhabiting the office of both Sheriff and Undersheriff were imbued with the legal authority of police officers solely by virtue of holding those positions, and

WHEREAS, the statutory exemption granting Sheriffs and Undersheriffs police officer powers as a component of holding the office, absent any other prerequisite training, was ostensibly repealed as a component of the Professional Policing Act, and

WHEREAS, such statutory change has narrowed the field of qualified candidates for Sheriff, since individuals who are already police officers can credibly claim that their civilian opponent, if elected, will not be a police officer, thereby diminishing the pool of aspiring public servants who could bring diversity and new perspectives to the Office of Sheriff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports Senate Bill S.2695-B and Assembly Bill A.7086-A to ensure sheriffs and undersheriffs continue to have police officer powers, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 154-2024 Entitled “Supporting Senate Bill S.2695-B and Assembly Bill A.7086-A to Ensure Sheriffs and Undersheriffs Continue to have Police Officer Powers”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 156-2024

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW D (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2024, AMENDING LOCAL LAW 1 FOR THE YEAR 2018, “A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING AND REGULATING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE OPERATION ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS”

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County (hereafter, “County”) has developed and established a County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that authorizing the development of a County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System will capitalize on the open space and forestry assets of the region to provide quality outdoor recreation activities for visitors and residents, stimulating and supporting local business and regional economic development, and conserving the natural resources for future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that the preparation of a Multi-Use Recreational Trail Plan is necessary and appropriate to set forth the management goals and objectives as well as operational guidelines for the proposed County-Wide trail system, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 262-2010, dated July 26, 2010, and pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Title 6, Part 617.2 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”) implementing Article 8 (collectively referred to hereinafter as “SEQRA”), the County initiated the environmental review of the proposed development of a County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational trail System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that the development of a County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System constituted a “resource management plan” as that term is defined by Part 6 NYCRR § 617.4(b)(1) of the implementing regulations, declared the Multi-Use Recreational Trail System to be a Type I action pursuant to SEQRA, and declared itself lead agency for SEQRA review, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that pursuant to Part 6 NYCRR § 617.6(a)(4), preparation of a draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“GEIS”) would better serve the Board in assessing potential environmental impacts, and directed that a draft GEIS be prepared and filed in lieu of submittal of an Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”),

WHEREAS, to address all the potential environmental impacts associated with those aspects of the proposed Multi-Use Recreational Trail System that could be identified, as well as to provide a framework for assessing such impacts for potential future additions to the Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, the County prepared a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“DGEIS”) pursuant to SEQRA, and

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WHEREAS, Resolution No. 149-2011, adopted May 2, 2011, by the Board of Legislators determined that the DGEIS was complete and as a result, the DGEIS was deemed adequate for the purpose of commencing public review of the document, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators caused a Notice of Completion to be filed and published in the Environmental News Bulletin in accordance with SEQRA requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has caused a Final GEIS (“FGEIS”) to be prepared which contains responses to the comments received from the public, both written and oral, as well as responses to the comments received from involved agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators, by Resolution No. 271-2012, adopted on November 5, 2012, declared its intent to accept the Final GEIS for the County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

WHEREAS, it has always been anticipated that additional trail segments would be added on an incremental basis in the future to the County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

WHEREAS, the County has also anticipated creating an alternate trail system through the FGEIS in order to prepare for and control any breakage or discontinued use of portions of the main trail once completed, and

WHEREAS, the alternate trail system will cross the entire County and connect the trail systems of Franklin County and Lewis County to the St. Lawrence County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System just as the main trail will, and

WHEREAS, the alternate trail system will permit the County to continue to work on the permanent Multi-Use Recreational Trail while allowing trail users to enjoy the resources and trail system of St. Lawrence County, with the intention of the county being to shut down the alternate trail once completion of the main trail occurs, and

WHEREAS, the FGEIS has established an Environmental Checklist for new trail segments (FGEIS Appendix A) to be used to assess the environmental impacts associated with potential future trail segments which, when completed, fulfills the SEQRA process by linking the proposed segment to the FGEIS, and

WHEREAS, the FGEIS Appendix A has been updated to include the alternate trail system route, and

WHEREAS, a trail segment referred to as the Alternate St. Lawrence County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail extending from the open trail on Tooley Pond Road in Russell to the existing trail in Pitcairn, passing through the Town of Edwards has been determined to be added to the County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System and for which the aforementioned Environmental Checklist has been completed, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that adoption of a local law be preceded by a public hearing,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law D (No. __) for the year 2024, will be held at 5:40 p.m. on June 3, 2024, in the Legislative Board Room, subject to approval of the Rules of Procedure for 2024.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW D (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2024, AMENDING LOCAL LAW 1 FOR THE YEAR 2018, “A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING AND REGULATING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE OPERATION ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS”

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

Section 1. The County of St. Lawrence hereby amends Local Law 1 for the Year 2018, a local law permitting and regulating all-terrain vehicle operation on certain County roads, specifically, **Section 4.** To add five (5) additional roads to read as follows:

Section 4. **Designated Roads & Bridges**

- ee) County Route 27 from Tooley Pond to County Route 17; 0.49 miles
- ff) County Route 17 from County Route 27 to McCarthy Road; 0.8 miles
- gg) County Route 17 from Silver Hill Road to Dana Hill Road; 1.34 miles
- hh) County Route 17 from Dana Hill Road to County Route 24 Trail Head; 2 miles
- ii) County Route 24 from Given Road to Hamlet of Edwards line; 2 miles
- jj) County Bridge McCarthy Road; BIN 3221730

Section 2. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State and satisfactory completion of Appendix A for the County Corridor SEQR.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 156-2024 Entitled “Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law D (No. __) for the Year 2024, Amending Local Law 1 for the Year 2018, “A Local Law Permitting and Regulating All-Terrain Vehicle Operation on Certain County Roads””, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 157-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, D.P.C, TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO PREPARE APPENDIX A FOR THE NEW TRAIL SEGMENT IN THE TOWN OF EDWARDS AS INCLUDED IN THE FINAL GENERIC IMPACT STUDY (FGIS) FOR THE MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL TRAIL

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2017, the Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 193-2017, amending a Local Law permitting and regulating all-terrain vehicle operation on certain County roads, and

WHEREAS, this Local Law took effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State and satisfactory completion of Appendix A as included in the Final Generic Impact Study (FGIS) for the Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, a new trail segment in the Town of Edwards area will be added to the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. has agreed to provide environmental services needed to prepare the Appendix A-Environmental Checklist for the new trail segment for a fee not to exceed \$10,000 (BF079894 43007 TRAIL),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C., to provide environmental services to prepare Appendix A for the new trail segment in the Town of Edwards as included in the FGIS for the Multi-Use Recreational Trail, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 157-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C, to Provide Environmental Services to Prepare Appendix A for the New Trail Segment in the Town of Edwards as Included in the Final Generic Impact Study (FGIS) for the Multi-Use Recreational Trail”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 159-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL GRID FOR RELOCATION OF UTILITIES REGARDING THE BROWN’S FALLS ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways will be replacing Brown’s Falls Road Bridge, BIN 3340920, in the Town of Fine, in 2024, and

WHEREAS, National Grid (Niagara Mohawk) presently owns and operates utilities that are in conflict with the construction of Brown’s Falls Road Bridge project, and

WHEREAS, National Grid has estimated the cost to relocate the utilities at approximately \$140,000 (HM551104 465CO B27),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with National Grid for the relocation of utilities regarding the Brown’s Falls Road Bridge Project, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 159-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with National Grid for Relocation of Utilities Regarding the Brown’s Falls Road Bridge Project”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

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Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 160-2024

**AMENDING THE OFFICIAL COUNTY HIGHWAY MAP TO REFLECT
A TRANSFER OF PROPERTY BETWEEN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
AND THE TOWN OF FOWLER**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to Highway Law §102, the County Highway Superintendent shall “have supervision of all roads and bridges comprising the county highway system, together with any other roads, bridges, including bridges over canals and railroad bridges and state and interstate highways for which responsibility is imposed upon the county under any lawful agreement made by the county or under any other provision of law”, and

WHEREAS, an official order by New York State, Order No. 1446, dated December 2, 1982, affirms County ownership of the .13 miles of the Balmat-Fowler Road between Little York Road and State Route 812 being established as a County Road, and

WHEREAS, an official order by New York State, Order No. 2305, dated September 20, 1993, affirms County ownership of the .18 miles of the Balmat-Fowler Road between Pumphouse Road and State Highway 812 is a County Road, and

WHEREAS, in January 2024, the Town Highway Superintendent for the Town of Fowler proposed a swap of segments of roadway to accurately reflect usage of the roadways within the Town road system and the County road system, and

WHEREAS, the proposal consists of reciprocated transfers whereby the County would convey ownership of Balmat-Fowler Road, State Highway 58 to Little York Road, approximately .13 miles in length and Balmat-Fowler Road, from Pumphouse Road to State Highway 812, approximately .18 miles in length to the Town of Fowler, and

WHEREAS, the proposal envisions an exchange whereby the Town of Fowler would convey ownership of Emeryville Road, from County Route 22 to Emeryville Road Bridge (B.I.N. 2259360), approximately .13 miles in length to St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has reviewed the proposed segments for transfer and has concluded that such parcels do not serve a County purpose in the current road inventory and the additional parcels are consistent with County usage and need, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Highway Law § 115, “The county superintendent of highways of each county shall prepare a map showing a proposed county road system for such county to be constructed with moneys from the county road fund, such system not to include a state highway, except that a designated state highway not under state maintenance may be included in such system and be improved by a county....[t]hereafter, except as otherwise provided by section one hundred fourteen of this chapter, no road shall be constructed, reconstructed or maintained with any such county road fund moneys except the road set forth on such map,...(and) [a]mendments

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to such map may from time to time be made by such county superintendent and if approved by such board of supervisors....,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes amending the Official County Map to reflect a transfer of property between St. Lawrence County and the Town of Fowler, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the transfer of Balmat-Fowler Road, State Highway 58 to Little York Road, approximately .13 miles in length and Balmat-Fowler Road, from Pumhouse Road to State Highway 812, approximately .18 miles in length, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of St. Lawrence accepts the section of Emeryville Road, from County Route 22 to Emeryville Road Bridge (BIN 2259360), approximately .13 miles in length, from the Town of Fowler, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption, St. Lawrence County accepts maintenance, repair, and legal responsibilities of said roadway, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this amendment is contingent upon receipt of a certified resolution from the Town of Fowler affirming said transfers of roadways.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 160-2024 Entitled “Amending the Official County Highway Map to Reflect a Transfer of Property Between St. Lawrence County and the Town of Fowler”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

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Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 161-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SLATE HILL CONSTRUCTORS FOR REPLACEMENT OF TOWN LINE ROAD BRIDGE OVER LISBON CREEK, BIN 3366670, TOWN OF OSWEGATCHIE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects in its 2024 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for the replacement of Town Line Road Bridge over Lisbon Creek, BIN 3366670, and

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

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

Contractor:	Slate Hill Constructors
Contract Title:	Town Line Road Bridge over Lisbon Creek, BIN 3366670, Town of Oswegatchie
Contract Amount:	Not to Exceed \$712,000 HM551124 465CO B6

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Slate Hill Constructors for replacement of Town Line Road Bridge over Lisbon Creek, BIN 3366670, Town of Oswegatchie, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 161-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Slate Hill Constructors for Replacement of Town Line Road Bridge over Lisbon Creek, BIN 3366670, Town of Oswegatchie", adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 163-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY (DANC) FOR COLLECTION DISPOSED PAINT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) has partnered with PaintCare for the collection and disposal of paint, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 118-2024, was adopted April 1, 2024, authorizing the Chair to sign an agreement with PaintCare New York LLC for paint disposal, and

WHEREAS, DANC will be providing staff, at no cost to the County, to collect the discarded paint from the Highway Facility located at 44 Park Street, in the Village of Canton,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for collection disposed paint, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 163-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign Memorandum of Understanding with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for Collection Disposed Paint”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 164-2024

AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF A PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM ASSOCIATED WITH THE ALLEN’S FALLS ROAD BRIDGE IN THE TOWN OF PARISHVILLE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2024, there was a motor vehicle accident on the Allen’s Falls Road Bridge in the town of Parishville resulting in a significant amount of damage to the guard rail, and the County is the legal owner of this bridge, and

WHEREAS, the vehicle, operated by Paul Merrill, was insured for purposes of property damage claims, by Progressive Insurance, and

WHEREAS, a claim was submitted to Progressive Insurance in the amount of \$9,583.58, representing the parts, equipment, and labor necessary for the repairs, and

WHEREAS, on or about March 21, 2024, Progressive Insurance offered the County \$8,689.45 to settle this claim, and

WHEREAS, the settlement proposal represents a twenty percent (20%) reduction of the material costs listed to account for depreciation; however, it would result in finality and avoid the costs of litigation on the matter,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes settlement of a property damage claim associated with the Allen’s Falls Road Bridge in the Town of Parishville, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of St. Lawrence, acting through the County Administrator, the County Attorney, or any other authorized agent is, upon receipt of appropriate general releases in a form approved by the County Attorney, is hereby directed to settle this claim on behalf of the County of St. Lawrence.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 164-2024 Entitled “Authorizing Settlement of a Property Damage Claim Associated with the Allen’s Falls Road Bridge in the Town of Parishville”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 165-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
CLARKSON UNIVERSITY REGARDING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, a primary Economic Development Initiative for St Lawrence County is the development of a multi-use trail that seeks to increase tourism and increase business traffic for businesses in the County, and

WHEREAS, the St Lawrence County Legislature supports this initiative and have worked collaboratively toward the timely completion of the trail, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that authorizing the development of a County-wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System would capitalize on the open space and forestry assets of the region to provide quality outdoor recreation activities for visitors and residents, stimulating and supporting local business and regional economic development, and conserving the natural resources for future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that the preparation of a Multi-Use Recreational Trail Plan was necessary and appropriate to set forth the management goals and objectives as well as operational guidelines for the proposed county-wide trail system, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 262-2010, dated July 26, 2010, and pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Title 6, Part 617.2 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”) implementing Article 8 (collectively referred to hereinafter as “SEQRA”), the County initiated the environmental review of the proposed development of a County-wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

WHEREAS, to address all the potential environmental impacts associated with those aspects of the proposed Multi-Use Recreational Trail System that could be identified, as well as to provide a framework for assessing such impacts for potential future additions to the Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, the County prepared a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“DGEIS”) pursuant to SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 271-2012, was adopted on November 5, 2012, with intent to accept the Final GEIS for the County-Wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Board of Legislators passed a new local law designed to re-establish the St. Lawrence County Multi-Trail System and create a permitting process for all-terrain vehicle enthusiasts who use the trail system, and

May 6, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has received anecdotal evidence of increased usage and growing popularity of the trail system, but is seeking empirical data to assess the viability and strength of the trail system, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County enjoys the luxury of having four (4) academic institutions that lead in their respective fields and who have knowledge with which to help the County with its various endeavors, and

WHEREAS, among the four universities is Clarkson University, a proven academic leader in technological education, research, innovation and sustainable economic development impacting more than 7,800 students annually through nationally recognized undergraduate and graduate STEM degrees in engineering, business, science and health professions; executive education, industry-relevant credentials and K-12 STEM programs, and

WHEREAS, Clarkson is uniquely suited to assist the County with pre-professional engineering services with respect to the Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, preliminary engagement to assess interest has occurred between Clarkson University and County Administration, and

WHEREAS, the County is interested in exploring entering into a contract with Clarkson to obtain pre-professional services that will assist the County in assessing the strength and viability of the County trail system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the chair to sign a contract with Clarkson University regarding the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System for pre-professional engineering services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 165-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Clarkson University Regarding the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 166-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JEDA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UNDER THE BLIGHTED PROPERTY PROGRAM FOR THE DEMOLITION AND ABATEMENT OF TWO CONDEMNED STRUCTURES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, each year the County forecloses on, and sells at auction, properties that are acquired by the County for the failure of a taxpayer to make payment upon their taxes, and

WHEREAS, periodically there are properties that are not turned over to a new owner through the auction process due to perceived deficiencies in the structures on the property, or the property itself, and

WHEREAS, properties that have been foreclosed upon that do not sell at the auction become a liability to the County and result in costs to maintain and continue to make local jurisdictions whole with respect to taxes assessed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, the St. Lawrence County Treasurer (as Tax Enforcement Officer) and the County Attorney are entrusted with protecting the interests of the County with respect to tax delinquent parcels,

WHEREAS, as a part of the annual review of parcels performed by the St. Lawrence County Tax Foreclosure Team, it has been determined that there are a number of active and abandoned parcels that are encumbered by the presence of structural deterioration sufficient to constitute a threat to human health, safety, and community welfare, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Board of Legislators authorized the creation of the “Blighted Property Program”, designed to tackle blighted residential structures and augment the approach of the County to environmental clean-ups the County was already engaged in, and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer, County Attorney and the Tax Foreclosure Team have selected two (2) properties for demolition in the 2024 cycle and have solicited bids, and

WHEREAS, the Team recommends the demolition and removal of two (2) condemned structures known as 56,58 Sycamore & 98 Woodlawn, Town of Massena with Tax Map No. 405801 9.051-3-25 and 20 Larnard Street, Town of Potsdam with Tax Map No. 407403 64.050-3-7 as well as the awarding a contract for demolition and abatement services to JEDA Environmental Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the chair to sign a contract with JEDA Environmental Services under the Blighted Property Program for the demolition and abatement of two condemned structures, upon approval of the County Attorney.

May 6, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 166-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with JEDA Environmental Services under the Blighted Property Program for the Demolition and Abatement of Two Condemned Structures”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 167-2024

**RECOGNIZING THE GOOD WORK BEING DONE BY THE
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES AT THE
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

WHEREAS, on May 5, 1984, President Ronald Reagan did proclaim that the first full week of May each year would be observed as National Correctional Officers Week, in recognition of the important role these officers play in our criminal justice system, and

WHEREAS, in the year 2021 Correctional Officers and other Correctional Employees continue to play that important role, but in an ever more stressful environment due to the too frequently shown lack of respect for authority, and especially for those engaged in criminal justice professions, which is sweeping our nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, even as President Reagan observed in his 1984 Proclamation, the position of Correctional Officer, once considered merely that of a “guard”, has become increasingly more complex and demanding, involving simultaneously custodial, supervisory, and counselling roles, and that complexity continues to grow, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to acknowledge the difficult job these officers and employees perform while locked inside a facility for a large part of their day, where they must securely, safely and humanely keep those committed to the jail, respecting the rights and dignity of all the inmates, including those who have been found guilty and those only awaiting adjudication, and

WHEREAS, the important and difficult role of Correctional Officers and Correctional Employees is not always recognized or appreciated by the general public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the good work being done by the Correctional Officers and Correctional Employees at the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators acknowledges the conscientious, difficult, and dedicated service our Correctional Officers and Correctional Employees perform for the People of St. Lawrence County, and does further extend to those good public servants our gratitude for jobs well done.

May 6, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 167-2024 Entitled “Recognizing the Good Work Being Done by the Correctional Officers and Correctional Employees at the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 168-2024

**DECLARING MAY 15, 2024, TO BE PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3 and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, by Presidential Executive Order and Resolution of the Congress, May 15 of each year is recognized as Peace Officer's Memorial Day, honoring all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, and

WHEREAS, the week in which Peace Officer Memorial Day falls is celebrated as National Police Week, recognizing the important role that all law enforcement officers play in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all citizens, and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers perform an essential public service under difficult circumstances, especially today, in view of the unrest of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of law enforcement officers are selfless public servants who accept as part of their profession being exposed to great danger in order to protect the life and property others, with, too often, tragic results, as we have already witnessed this year, and

WHEREAS, these dedicated officers deserve to be honored for their willingness to perform that essential public service on behalf of all our citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to acknowledge the difficult job ask our Deputy Sheriffs and other police officers to perform, and to thank them for their willingness to do it, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wants to recognize and honor all those law enforcement officers who, over the years, have lost their lives in the line of duty,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators declares May 15, 2024, to be Peace Officer Memorial Day in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators acknowledges and honors the service of the St. Lawrence County Deputy Sheriffs, and all other police officers who have served, and who are serving in the County.

May 6, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 168-2024 Entitled “Declaring May 15, 2024, to be Peace Officer Memorial Day in St. Lawrence County”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 169-2024

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO THE NYS CONNECTALL COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM AND COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators is committed to the expansion of and accessibility of broadband services throughout the County, and has demonstrated this commitment by allocating ARPA funds for infrastructure buildout that will make broadband service available to approximately one-half or 601 households in the County identified as having no access to service, and have partnered with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) to advance several other buildouts that have or will provide service to another 230 households, and

WHEREAS, New York State ConnectALL has issued a Request for Application (RFA) for the County Partnerships Program for buildouts in areas for which counties have initiated their own procurement process prior to the issuance of the RFA, and for which these counties are prepared to enter into enforceable commitments with service providers, pending sufficient funding, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County issued RFP 2023-04, Expanding Access to Broadband in St. Lawrence County, in January 2023, soliciting bids on 21 geographic “lots”, and

WHEREAS, funding has yet not been secured for approximately 48 households or “passings” from those lots, and

WHEREAS, building-out the area that encompasses these 48 households is anticipated to cost approximately \$600,000, and the ConnectALL Office requires twenty-five percent (25%) match of project costs to come from the applicant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports an application to the New York State ConnectALL County Partnerships Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators commits up to \$150,000 in local funds as the required matching funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign any documentation necessary for the application, administration, reporting and close-out of this project, upon approval of the County Attorney.

May 6, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 169-2024 Entitled “Supporting an Application to the NYS ConnectAll County Partnerships Program and Committing Matching Funds”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 170-2024

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Hull, District 8; and Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 369-2019 and Resolution No. 253-2020 authorized the continuance of the current vacancy review process with a recommendation that the vacancies continue to be deliberated at each jurisdictional committee, but one resolution be created for all approved positions to be considered at the Regular Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Vacancy Review Committee reviewed twelve (12) positions in five (5) departments, and of those reviewed three (3) positions were new positions, and three (3) positions will be abolished,

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

<u>Department/Unit:</u>	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Office for the Aging	Account Clerk	100100044	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Foster Care	Caseworker	815000032	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Caseworker	815200020	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Carpenter	309500002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Deputy Superintendent of Highways	318600002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000032	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator*	310000036	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff's Office/Criminal	Principal Fiscal Officer	101000004	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Sheriff's Office/Corrections	Correction Officer	603000055	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff's Office/Criminal	Detective Sergeant*	606000007	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Administrator	Deputy Clerk*	024000003	FT	Provisional	Immediate
County Administrator/B&G	Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds	305000001	FT	Provisional	Immediate

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 312300001, Bridge Construction Mechanic, be abolished in the Highway Department; Position No. 605000009, Deputy Sheriff, be abolished in the Sheriff's Office; and Position No. 023600001, Secretary to the Board of Legislators, be abolished in the County Administrator's Office, 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.

May 6, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 170-2024 Entitled “Authorizing Filling of Vacancies”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 172-2024

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO REVIEW THE ARMING OF PROBATION OFFICERS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

Sponsored by Mr. Webster, District 13; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, in 2023, members of the Board of Legislators raised concerns around the safety of Probation Officers while in the field, and

WHEREAS, currently, staff in the Probation Department are offered defensive tactics training, trained in the use of and are provided pepper spray, and last year were provided ballistic vests to improve their safety while in the field, and

WHEREAS, given the changing population that are assigned to Probation, it has become a matter of significant importance to address the safety of Probation Officers, and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2023, Legislator Glenn Webster was appointed to Chair and Legislators Lightfoot and Curran were also appointed as Committee Members to join members of staff and the community to convene and review the concerns; through a variety of means including; the utilization of a survey tool for staff to provide input with a sixty-two (62%) percent participation rate, consider the liability challenges presented by introducing weapons, consult with other counties on both sides of the issue and gather data to share with staff, and

WHEREAS, the Committee convened seven (7) times to consider the issue and considered all information gathered along with input from a county that has implemented arming of their officers, held facilitated discussions with staff to provide a platform to address concerns and ensure access to information was provided, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed case law and provided guidance on the liability associated with arming of officers, and

WHEREAS, the importance of providing a means for staff to be adequately prepared to defend themselves when completing the tasks associated with their role with the County is being addressed by the recommendation to arm probation officers, and

WHEREAS, along with the challenge of making a determination to arm or not to arm officers, the Committee made a determination to require defensive tactics and firearms training as mandatory training regimen for officers, and

WHEREAS, the Committee is prepared to make a recommendation to arm Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County, providing the option to existing officers and requiring all new officers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators accepts the recommendations of the Committee tasked to review the arming of Probation Officers to arm Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County, providing the option to existing officers and requiring all new officers, and

May 6, 2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Committee and staff will convene to research and approve policies and procedures, logistics, operations, and appropriations as well as any other areas in the concept and work with the Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that resolutions will be prepared for consideration by the Board of Legislators to address the appropriations necessary to begin the Program.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 172-2024 Entitled “Accepting the Recommendations of the Committee Appointed to Review the Arming of Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 6, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 173-2024

SUPPORTING A REQUEST BY THE TOWN OF DEKALB FOR ENACTMENT OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S8791 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A9514, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF DEKALB, IN THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE, TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF U.S. ROUTE 11

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 100-2021, adopted on April 5, 2021, requested the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) perform a traffic study and investigation on a portion of U.S. Route 11 in the Town of DeKalb, and supported a the reduction of the maximum speed limit on certain public roadways, and

WHEREAS, the Hermon-DeKalb Central School District and athletic fields are located along Route 11 in the Town of DeKalb, which is a heavily traveled highway, and

WHEREAS, the athletic fields are located adjacent to the highway, and students and spectators have continuous and frequent interactions with traffic when parking to attend functions at the District, and

WHEREAS, many students walk or ride bikes to attend school functions, and

WHEREAS, there is a constant flow of traffic in and out of the school parking lots, and there is a four-way intersection of U.S. Route 11 and the East DeKalb Road at the north corner of the district property that is also next to the primary district parking lot, and

WHEREAS, this issue highlights a matter of safety for students, staff, parents, and community members,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports a request by the Town of DeKalb for enactment of New York State Senate Bill S8791 and Assembly Bill A9514, authorizing the Town of DeKalb, in the County of St. Lawrence, to reduce the maximum speed limit on a portion of U.S. Route 11, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports the reduction of the current speed limit of 55 mph to 45 mph on U.S. Route 11 for the maximum allowable distance in each direction from the District property lines and that such reduction be completed in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies of the State of New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Mark Walczyk, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Hermon-DeKalb Central School Board of Education, Town of Hermon, and Town of DeKalb.

May 6, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 173-2024 Entitled “Supporting a Request by the Town of Dekalb for Enactment of New York State Senate Bill S8791 and Assembly Bill A9514, Authorizing the Town of Dekalb, in the County of St. Lawrence, to Reduce the Maximum Speed Limit on a Portion of U.S. Route 11”, adopted May 6, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 7, 2024

May 20, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 174-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF THE NEW YORK LABOR TRAFFICKING PROGRAM GRANT, ACCEPTING A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION FROM THE HOWARD G. BUFFET FOUNDATION AND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR THE NORTHERN NEW YORK TRAFFICKING PROGRAM GRANT

By Mr. Perkins, District 7; Ms. Haggard, District 10; Mr. Gennett, District 13;
and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, in partnership with Erie County Sheriff's Office, the designated prime grantee for the New York State Labor Trafficking Program Grant, St. Lawrence County adopted Resolution No. 280-2022 which authorized the acceptance of this Grant from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation with St. Lawrence County Renewal House and additional agencies from Erie County, and

WHEREAS, recently Erie County Sheriff's Office concluded their involvement earlier than anticipated and this action requires partnering agencies to return all unspent funds to the Howard G. Buffett Foundation within fifteen (15) days, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office has pursued an opportunity to become the designated prime grantee for a five-year Northern New York Trafficking Program Grant, to continue the important work of reducing human trafficking in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to continue the work that began because of the former grant, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a charitable contribution of \$45,000 from the Foundation to assist during the transition to the new grant, potentially anticipated to be a 60-day period,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the closure of the New York State Labor Trafficking Program Grant, accepts a charitable contribution of \$45,000 from the Howard G. Buffet Foundation, and authorizes an application for the Northern New York Trafficking Program Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff's Office will be working with the Treasurer's Office to reconcile and return the balance of the New York State Labor Trafficking Program Grant Funds to the Howard G. Buffet Foundation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff's Office will submit an application to become the prime grantee for the Northern New York Trafficking Program Grant and if successful, prepare a resolution for consideration to accept and modify the 2024 Budget accordingly.

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 174-2024 Entitled "AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF THE NEW YORK LABOR TRAFFICKING PROGRAM GRANT, ACCEPTING A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION FROM THE HOWARD G. BUFFET FOUNDATION AND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR THE NORTHERN NEW YORK TRAFFICKING PROGRAM GRANT ", adopted May 20, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 21, 2024

May 20, 2024

Finance Committee: 5-20-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 175-2024

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW E (NO.)
FOR THE YEAR 2024, "AMENDING LOCAL LAW 2 FOR THE YEAR 2023, SETTING
POLICY ON ACQUISITION AND SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY IN ST.
LAWRENCE COUNTY"**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2024, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law the New York State 2024-2025 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the enacted budget reforms the property tax enforcement laws of the State to bring them into compliance with a recent decision of the United States Supreme Court, Tyler v. Hennepin County, Minnesota, 598 U.S. 631 (2023), by providing that when tax-delinquent property is sold, any excess proceeds be returned to the former owner or owners, and where appropriate, to lienors, and

WHEREAS, this bill would require any surplus resulting from tax foreclosure sales to be distributed to the former owners and lienors, subject to claims incurred by the taxing authority for administrative costs and remediation, and

WHEREAS, tax enforcing districts, of which St. Lawrence County is one, would still be able to offset from the foreclosure sale the taxes and penalties they are owed, as well as interest, administrative and some legal expenses assuming the tax enforcing district has adopted an appropriate local law permitting the recovery of those expenses, and

WHEREAS, in order to assess remediation costs for properties that are foreclosed upon but are in a contaminated state or identified as hazardous, the tax enforcing district must provide for such fees to be recoverable by way of local law, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators authorized the creation of the "Blighted Property Program", designed to tackle blighted residential structures and augment the county's approach to environmental clean-ups the County was already engaged in, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the remediation costs, the new provisions of the Real Property Tax Law, as amended through the budget, defines reasonable administrative expenses, subject to local law adoption as: (1) the cost of the mailing or service of notices required or authorized by law; (2) the cost of publication of notices; (3) the amount of any interest and penalties imposed by law; (4) the cost of recording or filing required legal documents; (5) the cost of appraising a parcel for the purpose of determining the existence and amount of any surplus in cases where a public sale does not occur the reasonable and necessary cost of any search of the public record required or authorized to satisfy the notice requirements of this article, and other reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by a tax district in connection with a proceeding to foreclose a tax lien, including but not limited to, administrative, auction and

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reasonable attorney fees and/or costs associated with the foreclosure process, provided, that: (i) a charge of up to either \$250 per parcel, or 2% of the sum of the taxes, interest and penalties due on the parcel, whichever is greater, shall be deemed reasonable and necessary to cover the combined costs of such searches and the other reasonable and necessary costs and expenses and (ii) a tax district may charge a greater amount with respect to one or more parcels upon demonstration to the satisfaction of the court having jurisdiction that such greater amount was reasonable and necessary; (6) the amount owed to the tax district by virtue of a judgment lien, a mortgage lien, or any other lien held by the tax district that is not a delinquent tax lien, and

WHEREAS, the County is seeking to amend the existing Local Law in order to accommodate and align with the amended State Statute permitting the recovery of the administrative costs as well as the costs associated with property remediation, and

WHEREAS, the primary amendment of the local law is the rise in charge of the foreclosure fee and the authorization to charge the assessed owner for blighted property investigation and remedy, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law E (No.) for the Year 2024 to be held at 5:30 p.m. on June 3, 2024, in the Legislative Board Room.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW E (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, "AMENDING LOCAL LAW 2 FOR THE YEAR 2023, SETTING POLICY ON ACQUISITION AND SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY"

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

Section 1. This local law shall supersede and repeal all prior local laws regarding real property tax foreclosure proceedings.

Section 2. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, The St. Lawrence County Legislature hereby exercises the following options for the collection of delinquent taxes in St. Lawrence County.

Section 3. A charge of up to either \$250 on each parcel with delinquent taxes, or two percent of the sum of the taxes, interest and penalties due on the parcel, whichever is greater, shall be deemed reasonable and necessary to cover allowable administrative costs in tax foreclosure. This charge will be applied on June 1st of the year following the tax bill.

Section 4. The Tax Enforcement Officer is hereby empowered to take installment payments of delinquent taxes. Said installment payments shall have a payment term of 24 months with payments due every three months. The Tax Enforcement Officer shall add \$2 to all delinquent tax bills to cover the cost of notifying the taxpayer of this right. All Installment Agreements shall be entered into on or before September 30 of the year in which the tax becomes a lien. The Tax Enforcement Officer shall collect 25% of the tax due at the time the taxpayer signs the

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Installment Payment Agreement. The remaining seven installments are payable every quarter, with the first one due on December 1, following the Installment Agreement.

Section 5. The Tax Enforcement Officer, who is the County Treasurer, is hereby authorized to accept a deed in lieu of enforcement of collection of delinquent taxes under Article 11.

Section 6. All property acquired by the County pursuant to Article 11, shall be sold in one of the following manners: a) at a public auction held on the second Saturday in September of the auction year, b.) at a properly advertised private sale subject to approval by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, or c.) at such date and in such manner as established by a validly issued Administrative Order, a validly issued Executive Order, subsequent superseding State Statute, or valid order of a Court with jurisdiction over the matter. Such sales may also be held online if deemed necessary by the County Treasurer.

Section 7. The County sells only its lien and interest, does not warrant title, and will convey only by quitclaim deed. No abstracts will be provided.

Section 8. Any fees associated with the auction and conveyance of properties sold at public auction, to include auctioneer fees, buyer's premium, advertising fees, and recording fees will be the responsibility of the bidder.

Section 9. At a public auction, the highest bidder must tender twenty percent (20%) of the bid or a fifty dollar (\$50.00) deposit, whichever is greater. In addition, the highest bidder is responsible for any buyer's premium, auctioneer fees, and possible advertising fees payable by certified check, money order, cash or credit card. The balance is due within thirty (30) days, also payable by certified check, money order or cash. Confirmation of the sale by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators is unnecessary for Article 11 properties sold at public auction. The County must sell to the highest bidder unless the highest bidder defaults. Upon default of the highest bidder, the deposit will be forfeited, and the County reserves the right to accept the bid of the second highest bidder.

Section 10. The former owner, and any other person who may be acting as an agent of the former owner, whether disclosed or undisclosed, is strictly prohibited from bidding at the auction.

Section 11. Any bidder who owns property in St. Lawrence County and is delinquent in their taxes shall be prohibited from bidding at the auction. The term delinquent is defined as prior year tax delinquency. No other person who may be acting as an agent of this bidder shall be allowed to bid at the auction.

Section 12. For properties with actual or suspected environmental contamination, application may be made to the Court in an effort to gain "Temporary Incidence of Ownership", granting St. Lawrence County the legal authority to enter such property and conduct an environmental investigation to determine the nature and extent of any environmental contamination which may exist at the property and the cost for addressing such contamination.

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Section 13. The costs to St. Lawrence County associated with addressing actual or suspected environmental contamination of a property, including investigative, cleanup and legal costs, may be charged to the assessed owner and included on the tax assessment roll.

Section 14. The costs to St. Lawrence County associated with addressing actual or suspected contaminated, condemned, abandoned, and/or blighted property, including investigative, demolition and legal costs, may be charged to the assessed owner and included on the tax assessment roll subject to recovery pursuant to the provisions of the Real Property Tax Law.

Section 15. This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 175-2024 Entitled "SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW E (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, "AMENDING LOCAL LAW 2 FOR THE YEAR 2023, SETTING POLICY ON ACQUISITION AND SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY"", adopted May 20, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 21, 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. 176-2024

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

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Canton Chamber of Commerce requests the use of County parking lots at the H.B. Smith Building and the Courthouse for the staging area/line up of the annual Dairy Festival Days Parade held this year on June 1, 2024, and

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

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

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 176-2024 Entitled "AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR USE OF PARKING LOTS AT THE COUNTY COMPLEX FOR THE ANNUAL DAIRY FESTIVAL DAYS PARADE", adopted May 20, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
May 21, 2024

June 3, 2024

Finance Committee: 5-20-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 177-2024

PROCLAIMING JUNE AS DAIRY MONTH AND THE ANNUAL ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY DAIRY FESTIVAL DAYS' THEME IS "GET MOOVING WITH MILK"

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Webster, District 11 and Ms. Curran, District 15

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

WHEREAS, milk and dairy foods provide health benefits and valuable nutrients, and

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

WHEREAS, dairy farming is a family tradition, one that has been a way of life for many generations, and St. Lawrence County is fortunate to have at least eighteen family-owned farms that have been in operation for more than 100 years, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County dairy farmers produced 890 million pounds of milk in 2023, ranking St. Lawrence County is fifth in the Northeast Milk Marketing Area, which extends from New Hampshire to Virginia, and

WHEREAS, according to the Northeast Statistical Handbook, in 2023 there were 176 dairy farms operating in St. Lawrence County making the County the third-highest number of farm operations in the marketing area, and

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

WHEREAS, the annual St. Lawrence County Dairy Festival Days, including the annual parade, will be held in Canton this year on May 31st and June 1st, with this year's theme being "Get Mooving with Milk,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes that the Board of Legislators proclaims June as Dairy Month, and the annual St. Lawrence County Dairy Festival Days' theme is "Get Mooving with Milk."

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 177-2024 Entitled "PROCLAIMING JUNE AS DAIRY MONTH AND THE ANNUAL ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY DAIRY FESTIVAL DAYS' THEME IS "GET MOOVING WITH MILK"", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Services Committee: 5-13-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 178-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR COSSAP I
FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 335-2021, named St. Lawrence County Addiction Services Clinic the sub-recipient to develop and operate the Opioid Treatment Program for the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has recognized the need for increased recovery and harm reduction services for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), and

WHEREAS, the approved COSSAP I Award (2020-AR-BX-0076) was slated to end on September 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the County was unable to fully expend their allocation of their award in 2023, and an extension was approved by the Office of Justice Programs to extend the grant period to September 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Department requests to reallocate the funds to sub-recipients,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer's Office to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services for COSSAP I Funding, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1542201 12000	A OPIOID REC Supervisory/Admin	\$10,690
A1542208 81000	Retirement	1,225
A1542208 83000	Social Security	733
A1542208 84000	Workers' Compensation	265
A1542208 84500	Group Life Insurance	17
A1542208 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	4,711
A1542208 86500	Dental Insurance	123
A1542208 89000	Vision Insurance	<u>38</u>
		\$17,802

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1542204 46500	A OPIOID Recovery Program Payments	\$17,802
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 178-2024 Entitled "MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR COSSAP I FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

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Services Committee: 5-13-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 179-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR COSSAP II
FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 378-2022, adopted November 7, 2022, authorized accepting the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP II) Funding, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has recognized the need for increased recovery and harm reduction services for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), and

WHEREAS, the approved COSSAP II Award (15PBJA-22-GG-04477-COAP) is for a term of three (3) years in the amount of \$1,299,998 to be used for the implementation of additional harm reduction services, expanding on the Opioid Treatment Program which was established with funding from the 2020 COSSAP award (2020-AR-BX-0076), and

WHEREAS, the organizations that will be provided funding for COSSAP II include Seaway Valley Prevention Counsel and St. Lawrence County Addiction Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services for COSSAP II Funding from the Office of Justice Programs, as follows, and any remaining funds to be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1542201 13000 FY22	A OPIOID REC Technical	\$123,533
A1542204 407HS FY22	A OPIOID REC Human Serv Rent	2,351
A1542204 408HS FY22	A OPIOID REC Human Serv Maintenance	2,531
A1542204 41401 FY22	A OPIOID REC Liability & Other Insurance	23
A1542204 42000 FY22	A OPIOID REC Office Supplies	150
A1542204 42001 FY22	A OPIOID REC Computer Supplies	125
A1542204 42101 FY22	A OPIOID REC I/D Copying Equipment	225
A1542204 42303 FY22	A OPIOID REC I/D Phone Charges	25
A1542204 44100 FY22	A OPIOID REC I/D Fuel Charges	500
A1542204 44500 FY22	A OPIOID REC Other Travel	7,000
A1542204 46500 FY22	A OPIOID REC Program Payments	953,067
A1542208 81000 FY22	Retirement	15,731
A1542208 83000 FY22	Social Security	8,550
A1542208 84000 FY22	Workmens Compensation	3,121
A1542208 84500 FY22	Group Life Insurance	220

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A1542208 86000 FY22	Hospital & Medical Insurance	35,751
A1542208 86500 FY22	Dental Insurance	1,309
A1542208 89000 FY22	Vision Insurance	<u>482</u>
		\$1,154,694

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1544865 57000 FY22	A OPIOID Recovery FA Grant	\$1,154,694
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 179-2024 Entitled "MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR COSSAP II FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Operations Committee: 5-13-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 182-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CDW-G FOR ADOBE ACROBAT PDF EDITOR SOFTWARE AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing security concern in all levels of government for software with an affiliation to the country of China, and

WHEREAS, the Foxit PDF reader and editor software currently used by the County has been determined to have such an affiliation, and

WHEREAS, the IT Department has selected Adobe as the replacement PDF software in this case, and

WHEREAS, the cost of Adobe is subscription-based and higher than that of the current Foxit software budgeted for in 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with CDW-G for Adobe Acrobat PDF editor software, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD016804 42004	C Computer Software	\$12,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$12,000
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 182-2024 Entitled "AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CDW-G FOR ADOBE ACROBAT PDF EDITOR SOFTWARE AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Operations Committee: 5-13-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 183-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED STATE SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM COUNTY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$340,000 was made available in 2021 for a second round of this program, has repaired or replaced 38 septic systems, and has been spent down to a remaining balance of \$23,816.11, and

WHEREAS, an additional \$635,000 in funding was made available in 2022, and

WHEREAS, the NYSEFC has made available an additional \$400,000 in funding, with a significantly expanded eligible waterbody list, and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the Third Amended and Restated State Septic System Replacement Program County Participation Agreement with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, and other documentation as needed for the administration, delivery, reporting, and closeout of this contract, upon the approval of the County Attorney, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget in the Planning Office, as follows, and to roll over any remaining funds to future years until the grant is fully expended:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N1087904 460GP EFC	N EFC Gen Nat Resources Cont	\$400,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N1039895 56000 EFC	N EFC SA Other Home & Comm	\$400,000
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 183-2024 Entitled "AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED STATE SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM COUNTY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Operations Committee: 5-13-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 184-2024

ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION FUNDING FOR THE SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators accepts additional administration funding for the Septic System Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget in the Planning Office, as follows, and to roll over any remaining funds to future years until the grant is fully expended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an update and notification will be provided to the Board of Legislators when additional administrative funding is necessary.

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N1087904 43007 EFC	N GEN Natural Resources Con	\$25,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N1012895 55000 EFC	N Other GEN Department Income	\$25,000
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 184-2024 Entitled "ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION FUNDING FOR THE SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE ", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Operations Committee: 5-13-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 185-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH CLARKSON UNIVERSITY, SUNY CANTON AND SUNY POTSDAM TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Public Transit established the College Connector routes in 2020 to provide public transportation services to SUNY Canton, SUNY Potsdam and Clarkson University, whose riders account for 54% of the system's ridership, and

WHEREAS, SUNY Canton, SUNY Potsdam and Clarkson University have expressed an interest in continuing this public transportation service at each of their respective campuses, and

WHEREAS, separate contracts are needed between the universities and the County to provide this service for a term not to exceed July 31, 2028 and

WHEREAS, the cost for this service does not rely on County funds but is instead paid for using State and Federal transit monies awarded by the New York State Department of Transportation, and payments from the participating colleges, and

WHEREAS, a revenue account (N2B17895 55001) was established, and an appropriation account (N2B56304 43007) was modified in the 2024 St. Lawrence County Budget to provide this service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with Clarkson University, SUNY Canton and SUNY Potsdam to provide public transportation, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 185-2024 Entitled "AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH CLARKSON UNIVERSITY, SUNY CANTON AND SUNY POTSDAM TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Operations Committee: 5-13-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 187-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET FOR THE FY21 OPERATION STONEGARDEN PROGRAM (OPSG) GRANT

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 360-2021 approved the acceptance of a FY21 Operation Stonegarden Grant (contract period of 9/1/21 - 8/31/24) totaling \$300,000, and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is necessary due to the recent rollover of funds from 2023 to 2024, and

WHEREAS, this modification will align the account balances to current grant balances,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office, as follows, and

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 11000 SG1	S CRIM Direct Service Workers	\$2,000
S1Z31101 14000 SG1	S CRIM Clerical	500
S1Z31104 43007 SG1	S CRIM Other Fees and Services	<u>1,529</u>
		\$4,029

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 18000 SG1	S CRIM Overtime	\$4,029
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 187-2024 Entitled "MODIFYING THE 2024 SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET FOR THE FY21 OPERATION STONEGARDEN PROGRAM (OPSG) GRANT", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Finance Committee: 5-20-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 189-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JEDA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE REMOVAL OF SUB-SURFACE BULK TANKS ON PROPERTY OWNED BY ELEANOR R. MALLETTE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County has commenced an In Rem real property tax foreclosure proceeding for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against property owned by Eleanor R. Mallette located at 58 State Highway 3, Town of Pitcairn, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 221.001-1-29.1 ("Property"), and

WHEREAS, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$16,804, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$17,347 for a total of \$34,151 on the property, and

WHEREAS, the property is known to have had historic storage and/or sale of gasoline and other petroleum products and is believed to be potentially contaminated with petroleum, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators previously authorized the execution of a contract with Odin Environmental to perform a Phase II investigation on the Property, and

WHEREAS, the Phase II environmental investigation of the Property included a subsurface exploration via test pitting which determined that two (2) underground petroleum storage tanks are still present at the Property, but no petroleum was identified in soil sampling conducted to date, and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the Phase II test pit study was unable to definitively determine whether contamination exists under either of the two subsurface tanks, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and Consultant, Gary Bowitch, Esq. solicited proposals for the removal and proper disposal of the tanks; subsurface sampling to identify whether any petroleum contamination is present under the tanks and for related sampling, reporting and consulting services (T1013254 40900), and

WHEREAS, proposals have been reviewed and JEDA Environmental Services is recommended as the vendor, who was the low bidder, for the removal of the tanks and for related sampling, reporting and consulting services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract to retain the services of JEDA Environmental Services to remove tanks located at property owned by Eleanor R. Mallette and to perform sampling and related consultant services, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

June 3, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 189-2024 Entitled "AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JEDA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE REMOVAL OF SUB-SURFACE BULK TANKS ON PROPERTY OWNED BY ELEANOR R. MALLETTE", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Finance Committee: 5-20-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 190-2024

ADOPTING MORTGAGE TAX REPORT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

<u>TOWN/VILLAGE:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Brasher	\$5,203.74
Canton:	
Village of Canton	18,779.98
Village of Rensselaer	805.50
Town of Canton	66,292.65
Clare	-
Clifton	4,484.69
Colton	6,760.14
Dekalb:	
Village of Richville	225.38
Town of Dekalb	6,171.04
DePeyster	3,159.59
Edwards	2,512.93
Fine	5,741.38
Fowler	14,411.92
Gouverneur:	
Village of Gouverneur	4,061.73
Town of Gouverneur	11,701.95
Hammond:	
Village of Hammond	487.44
Town of Hammond	22,350.77
Hermon	5,670.31
Hopkinton	4,275.46
Lawrence	3,528.37
Lisbon	9,963.53
Louisville:	
Village of West Massena	1,533.14
Town of Louisville	16,727.27
Macomb	3,851.71
Madrid	3,358.66

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Massena:	
Village of Massena	12,019.42
Town of Massena	25,993.19
Morristown	20,678.73
Norfolk:	
Village of Norwood	66.99
Village of Massena	11.17
Town of Norfolk	9,731.22
Ogdensburg	22,385.49
Oswegatchie:	
Village of Heuvelton	995.81
Town of Oswegatchie	18,817.17
Parishville	8,496.64
Piercefield	3,950.59
Pierrepont	13,641.23
Pitcairn	14,302.65
Potsdam:	
Village of Potsdam	8,534.15
Village of Norwood	1,907.33
Town of Potsdam	34,420.74
Rossie	1,170.17
Russell	2,001.34
Stockholm	14,286.57
Waddington:	
Village of Waddington	2,242.50
Town of Waddington	<u>8,645.68</u>
TOTALS:	\$446,358.06

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 190-2024 Entitled "ADOPTING MORTGAGE TAX REPORT ", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Finance Committee: 5-20-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 191-2024

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

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Highway and Solid Waste Departments employ staff requiring a Commercial Driver’s License (“CDL”), and

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

WHEREAS, BOCES, as part of its administrative support services offers facilitation of Drug and Alcohol Testing of drivers holding a Commercial Driver’s License (“CDL”) pursuant to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act (“FMCSA”) and assists with maintaining compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Clearinghouse mandate, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways (HM351104 430DT) and the Solid Waste Department (WO081604 43004) desire to continue participating in the BOCES Drug and Alcohol Testing Program with an estimated cost of approximately \$5,000, and

WHEREAS, this inter-municipal agreement shall become effective on July 1, 2024, and expire on June 30, 2025,

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 191-2024 Entitled “AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE JEFFERSON-LEWIS-HAMILTON-HERKIMER-ONEIDA BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES) FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES”, adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Finance Committee: 5-20-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 192-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR
BRIDGE PROJECTS**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is required to maintain 192 open bridges in the County and maintain its infrastructure for the safety of the traveling public, and

WHEREAS, upon review of the 2023 unaudited results, the Board of Legislators would like to maintain the 2024 bridge replacement projects schedule, and

WHEREAS, the impacted projects are located in the following towns; the Town Line Road in Lisbon, the Brown's Falls Road in Fine, the Tooley Pond Road in Clare, and the Buck Road in Waddington, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Budget approved three (3) County-funded bridge projects, and cost increases and final adjustments in the adoption of the New York State Budget have become prohibitive, but the additional funding requested in this resolution will restore the ability of the Department to accomplish the intended number of bridges in the 2024 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 bridge projects, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$590,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$590,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199019 90300	T IFT GF Transfer to CR	\$590,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6350319 90100	T IFT CR Transfer from GF	\$590,000
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June 3, 2024

Finance Committee: 5-20-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 193-2024

APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 WITH BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE GOUVERNEUR TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 392-2023 authorized the Chair to sign an agreement with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C., for engineering services for the Gouverneur Transfer Station Rehabilitation Project, and

WHEREAS, a supplemental agreement is now required for additional engineering services beyond those originally contemplated in the Agreement, including preparation of a bid for a new scale system, planning the new scale deck system, and revising details for the trash deflector system, and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice is requesting a fee increase from \$8,500 to a revised maximum amount payable of \$49,400,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators does hereby approve Supplemental Agreement #1 for engineering services for:

Consultant:	Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C.
Contract Title:	Gouverneur Transfer Station Rehabilitation
Engineering Services Fee:	Not to Exceed \$49,400 WT081604 430ED

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 193-2024 Entitled "APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 WITH BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE GOUVERNEUR TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Finance Committee: 5-20-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 194-2024

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

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

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

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

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

Title	Name	Standard Workday	Term	Social Security Number (last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (Check only if member is Tier 1)	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted (Check only if official did not submit ROA)
County Clerk	Sandy Santamoor	7 hours	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2027	████	██████████		31.87	
Sheriff	Rick Engle	8 hours	1/1/2024-12/31/2027	████	38305322		24.42	

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 194-2024 Entitled “ESTABLISHING A STANDARD WORK DAY FOR NEW YORK STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM REPORTING PURPOSES”, adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 195-2024

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Perkins, District 7 and Mr. Sheridan, District 4

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 fifteen (15) positions in eight (8) departments, and of those reviewed four (4) positions were new positions, and three (3) positions will be abolished,

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
Probation	Administrative Assistant*	005200016	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Probation	Keyboard Specialist*	003100112	FT	Permanent	60 days
Treasurer's Office	Principal Account Clerk*	100300011	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Chemical Dependency Counselor	510400012	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Conflict Defender	Assistant Conflict Defender	021500007	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Services Coordinator	506000004	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Public Health	Communications Specialist*	034700001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services/Prevent	Caseworker	815000021	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/DCAP	Keyboard Specialist	003100029	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Caseworker	815200026	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Caseworker	815200035	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/TA SNAP	Social Welfare Examiner	814000032	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff's Office/Jail	Correction Officer	603000013	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Clerk's Office	Motor Vehicle Clerk	009100024	FT	Provisional	Immediate

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 100800002, Fiscal Officer, and Position No. 005100010, Secretary I, be abolished in the Probation Department; and Position No. 100100033, Account Clerk, be abolished in the Treasurer's Office, 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.

June 3, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 195-2024 Entitled "AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Operations Committee: 4-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 196-2024

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW C (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, “A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE IMPOSING THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF TAX LAW §186-G”

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, District 6

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

Section 1. Imposition of wireless communications surcharges.

(a) Pursuant to the authority of Tax Law § 186-g, there are hereby imposed and there shall be paid surcharges within the territorial limits of the County of St. Lawrence on: (i) wireless communications service provided to a wireless communications customer with a place of primary use within such county, at the rate of thirty cents per month on each wireless communications device in service during any part of the month; and (ii) the retail sale of prepaid wireless communications service sold within such county, at the rate of thirty cents per retail sale, whether or not any tangible personal property is sold therewith.

(b) Wireless communications service suppliers shall begin to add such surcharge to the billings of its customers and prepaid wireless communications sellers shall begin to collect such surcharge from its customers commencing December 1, 2024.

(c) Each wireless communications service supplier and prepaid wireless communications seller is entitled to retain, as an administrative fee, an amount equal to three percent of its collections of the surcharges imposed by this Local Law, provided that the supplier or seller files any required return and remits the surcharges due to the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance on or before the due date for that return and that payment.

Section 2. Administration of surcharges.

The surcharges imposed by this Local Law shall be administered and collected by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance as provided in paragraph (8) of Tax Law § 186-g, and in a like manner as the taxes imposed by Articles Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine of the Tax Law.

Section 3. Applicability of State law to surcharges imposed by this Local Law.

All the provisions of Tax Law § 186-g shall apply to the surcharges imposed by this Local Law with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been set forth in full in this Local Law, except to the extent that any of those provisions is either inconsistent with or not relevant to the surcharges imposed by this Local Law.

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Section 4.

Net collections received by St. Lawrence County from the surcharges imposed by this Local Law shall be expended only upon authorization of the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence and only for payment of system costs, eligible wireless 911 service costs, or other costs associated with the administration, design, installation, construction, operation, or maintenance of public safety communications networks or a system to provide enhanced wireless 911 service serving such county, as provided in paragraph (9) of Tax Law § 186-g, including, but not limited to, hardware, software, consultants, financing and other acquisition costs.

The County shall separately account for and keep adequate books and records of the amount and object or purpose of all expenditures of all such monies. If, at the end of any fiscal year, the total amount of all such monies exceeds the amount necessary for payment of the above-mentioned costs in such fiscal year, such excess shall be reserved and carried over for the payment of those costs in the following fiscal year.

Section 5. Effective date.

This Local Law shall take effect December 1, 2024.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 196-2024 Entitled "ADOPTING LOCAL LAW C (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, "A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE IMPOSING THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF TAX LAW §186-G"", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Finance Committee: 4-22-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 197-2024

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW D (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2024, "AMENDING LOCAL LAW 1 FOR THE YEAR 2018," A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING AND REGULATING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE OPERATION ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS""

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

Section 1. The County of St. Lawrence hereby amends Local Law 1 for the Year 2018, a local law permitting and regulating all-terrain vehicle operation on certain County roads, specifically, Section 4. To add five (5) additional roads to read as follows:

Section 4. **Designated Roads & Bridges**

- ee) County Route 27 from Tooley Pond to County Route 17; 0.49 miles
- ff) County Route 17 from County Route 27 to McCarthy Road; 0.8 miles
- gg) County Route 17 from Silver Hill Road to Dana Hill Road; 1.34 miles
- hh) County Route 17 from Dana Hill Road to County Route 24 Trail Head; 2 miles
- ii) County Route 24 from Given Road to Hamlet of Edwards line; 2 miles
- jj) County Bridge McCarthy Road; BIN 3221730

Section 2. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State and satisfactory completion of Appendix A for the County Corridor SEQR.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 197-2024 Entitled "ADOPTING LOCAL LAW D (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2024, "AMENDING LOCAL LAW 1 FOR THE YEAR 2018," A LOCAL LAW PERMITTING AND REGULATING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE OPERATION ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS""", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
 Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 June 4, 2024

June 3, 2024

Finance Committee: 5-20-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 198-2024

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW E (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, "AMENDING LOCAL LAW 2 FOR THE YEAR 2023, SETTING POLICY ON ACQUISITION AND SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY"

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

Section 1. This local law shall supersede and repeal all prior local laws regarding real property tax foreclosure proceedings.

Section 2. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, The St. Lawrence County Legislature hereby exercises the following options for the collection of delinquent taxes in St. Lawrence County.

Section 3. A charge of up to either \$250 on each parcel with delinquent taxes, or two percent of the sum of the taxes, interest and penalties due on the parcel, whichever is greater, shall be deemed reasonable and necessary to cover allowable administrative costs in tax foreclosure. This charge will be applied on June 1st of the year following the tax bill.

Section 4. The Tax Enforcement Officer is hereby empowered to take installment payments of delinquent taxes. Said installment payments shall have a payment term of 24 months with payments due every three months. The Tax Enforcement Officer shall add \$2 to all delinquent tax bills to cover the cost of notifying the taxpayer of this right. All Installment Agreements shall be entered into on or before September 30 of the year in which the tax becomes a lien. The Tax Enforcement Officer shall collect 25% of the tax due at the time the taxpayer signs the Installment Payment Agreement. The remaining seven installments are payable every quarter, with the first one due on December 1, following the Installment Agreement.

Section 5. The Tax Enforcement Officer, who is the County Treasurer, is hereby authorized to accept a deed in lieu of enforcement of collection of delinquent taxes under Article 11.

Section 6. All property acquired by the County pursuant to Article 11, shall be sold in one of the following manners: a) at a public auction held on the second Saturday in September of the auction year, b.) at a properly advertised private sale subject to approval by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, or c.) at such date and in such manner as established by a validly issued Administrative Order, a validly issued Executive Order, subsequent superseding State Statute, or valid order of a Court with jurisdiction over the matter. Such sales may also be held online if deemed necessary by the County Treasurer.

Section 7. The County sells only its lien and interest, does not warrant title, and will convey only by quitclaim deed. No abstracts will be provided.

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Section 8. Any fees associated with the auction and conveyance of properties sold at public auction, to include auctioneer fees, buyer's premium, advertising fees, and recording fees will be the responsibility of the bidder.

Section 9. At a public auction, the highest bidder must tender twenty percent (20%) of the bid or a fifty dollar (\$50.00) deposit, whichever is greater. In addition, the highest bidder is responsible for any buyer's premium, auctioneer fees, and possible advertising fees payable by certified check, money order, cash or credit card. The balance is due within thirty (30) days, also payable by certified check, money order or cash. Confirmation of the sale by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators is unnecessary for Article 11 properties sold at public auction. The County must sell to the highest bidder unless the highest bidder defaults. Upon default of the highest bidder, the deposit will be forfeited, and the County reserves the right to accept the bid of the second highest bidder.

Section 10. The former owner, and any other person who may be acting as an agent of the former owner, whether disclosed or undisclosed, is strictly prohibited from bidding at the auction.

Section 11. Any bidder who owns property in St. Lawrence County and is delinquent in their taxes shall be prohibited from bidding at the auction. The term delinquent is defined as prior year tax delinquency. No other person who may be acting as an agent of this bidder shall be allowed to bid at the auction.

Section 12. For properties with actual or suspected environmental contamination, application may be made to the Court in an effort to gain "Temporary Incidence of Ownership", granting St. Lawrence County the legal authority to enter such property and conduct an environmental investigation to determine the nature and extent of any environmental contamination which may exist at the property and the cost for addressing such contamination.

Section 13. The costs to St. Lawrence County associated with addressing actual or suspected environmental contamination of a property, including investigative, cleanup and legal costs, may be charged to the assessed owner and included on the tax assessment roll.

Section 14. The costs to St. Lawrence County associated with addressing actual or suspected contaminated, condemned, abandoned, and/or blighted property, including investigative, demolition and legal costs, may be charged to the assessed owner and included on the tax assessment roll subject to recovery pursuant to the provisions of the Real Property Tax Law.

Section 15. This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

June 3, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 198-2024 Entitled "ADOPTING LOCAL LAW E (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, "AMENDING LOCAL LAW 2 FOR THE YEAR 2023, SETTING POLICY ON ACQUISITION AND SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY"", adopted June 3, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
June 4, 2024

July 1, 2024

Operations Committee: 6-10-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 199-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE FY23-24 ADIRONDACK REGIONAL HAZMAT CONSORTIUM HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUNDING

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Regional HazMat Consortium is an existing regional partnership between the Counties of St. Lawrence, Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Warren, and Washington, and

WHEREAS, the Consortium seeks to solidify their existing partnership to achieve a more efficient use of all staff in response, management, bidding and procurement for supplies and contractors to sustain all existing equipment, which preparing a long-range purchase/upgrade plan to continue to provide superior services to the respective counties, and

WHEREAS, grant funds are being leveraged to assist the Consortium with efforts to sustain and enhance its capabilities, and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Consortium and as the fiduciary agent, Warren County applied for a FY23-24 Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant funding through the New York State Division of Homeland Security, and

WHEREAS, the Grant application has been successful in the amount of \$20,000, with a local match of not more than twenty-five (25%) percent (\$5,000), to be paid through in-kind services and a cash match that will be divided into seven equal shares and shared between St. Lawrence County and the other participating counties listed above, and

WHEREAS, the contribution requested of St. Lawrence County is \$571 (X1134102 25000),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Agreement for the FY23-24 Adirondack Regional Consortium Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Funding, upon approval of the County Attorney.

July 1, 2024

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 199-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Agreement for the FY23-24 Adirondack Regional HazMat Consortium Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Funding", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Operations Committee: 6-10-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 200-2024

**ADOPTING THE "ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ASSESSMENT OF
FAIR HOUSING 2024"**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County applies for and is awarded Community Development Block Grant funding to administer a variety of community and economic development projects that principally benefit low to moderate income households throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving Federal funds, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires local communities to certify that they affirmatively further fair housing; this obligation requires the grantee to conduct an assessment of fair housing in the community, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of identified impediments, and maintain records concerning the local analysis and activities, and

WHEREAS, the last assessment of fair housing was conducted in 2017, which relied on 2010 Census Data and no longer accurately reflects current population demographics or housing conditions in the County, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Fair Housing Task Force responded to the need to assess progress on fair housing issues, collaborated with St. Lawrence University on data collection and analysis, conducted meetings with stakeholders, and reviewed the draft "Assessment" prepared by St. Lawrence County Planning Staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators adopts the "St. Lawrence County Assessment of Fair Housing 2024," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessment identifies strategies to educate the public about housing discrimination, and short and long-term strategies to improve equal opportunity for affordable housing in the County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators designates the Fair Housing Task Force to affirmatively further fair housing in St. Lawrence County, and to maintain records concerning these activities.

July 1, 2024

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 200-2024 Entitled "Adopting the "St. Lawrence County Assessment of Fair Housing 2024"", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk

St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators

July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Operations Committee: 6-10-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 201-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE LOCAL SPONSOR SIGNATURE FORM AS PART OF THE SNOWMOBILE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has served as the local sponsor of the New York State Snowmobile Trails Grant-In-Aid Program since 1988, and

WHEREAS, the snowmobile registrations will be remitted to St. Lawrence County (BF038895 56000) to be used for snowmobile trail development and maintenance, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association and North Country Trail Maintenance Alliance are committed to continuing the maintenance of trails within the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the Local Sponsor Signature Form as part of the grant application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation upon the approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 201-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign the Local Sponsor Signature Form as Part of the Snowmobile Grant Application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Operations Committee: 6-10-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 202-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH DESIGNATED TRAIL MAINTENANCE ENTITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW YORK STATE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program (hereinafter “Program”) was created, based on Article 27 of the NY Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law, and

WHEREAS, this Program establishes a mechanism for allocating funds to local governmental sponsors engaged in the development and maintenance of snowmobile trails, designated as part of the New York State Snowmobile Trail System, and

WHEREAS, the County is a designated recipient of funds under the Program and is designated as a “local sponsor” for receipt of New York State Snowmobile Grant funds, and

WHEREAS, the Program establishes a mechanism for allocating funds to local governmental sponsors that engage in the development and maintenance of snowmobile trails designated as part of the State Snowmobile Trail System, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Office has been tasked with the role of Authorized Project Administrator (Administrator) and will oversee the operations and deliverables on behalf of the County, and

WHEREAS, several snowmobile associations assist the County in maintaining the trail system and may be designated as Trail Maintenance Entities (hereinafter referred to as the “TME”) on behalf of the County,

WHEREAS, in order to establish the parameters of performance and create a clear understanding of the parties obligations, a contract between the County and each designated TME is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with County designated Trail Maintenance Entities associated with the New York State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

July 1, 2024

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 202-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts with Designated Trail Maintenance Entities Associated with the New York State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Operations Committee: 6-10-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 203-2024

**ACCEPTING MODIFICATIONS TO AGRICULTURE DISTRICT 1 AND
AUTHORIZING THE CONSOLIDATION OF AGRICULTURE DISTRICT 1 AND 2
INTO A SINGLE AGRICULTURE DISTRICT CALLED AGRICULTURE DISTRICT 1**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has established an Agricultural Districts Program to protect and enhance its agricultural resources, and

WHEREAS, Section 303-a of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law requires agricultural districts to be reviewed every eight (8) years to authorize the continuation, with or without modifications to said district, and

WHEREAS, during the eight-year review, the County can modify the districts by adding or removing parcels based on review of agricultural tax exemptions, aerial imagery, soil classification, and real property classification, and

WHEREAS, Section 303-b of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law authorizes annual reviews to receive requests from property owners to add land to an agricultural district, and

WHEREAS, Section 303-c of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law authorizes the County to consolidate agricultural districts, and

WHEREAS, from March 1st to March 30th, the County received requests to add three (3) parcels to Agricultural District 2, received no requests to add parcels to Agricultural District 1, and received no requests to remove parcels from Agricultural District 1, and

WHEREAS, consolidation of districts will save time and resources by conducting a single eight-year review rather than two each eight-year period, and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board recommends accepting all modifications as requested by each property owner, and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board recommends adding 19 parcels totaling 1,125 acres of viable agricultural land to Agricultural District 1, and removing 472 parcels of non-agricultural uses totaling 1,445 acres from the same district, and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board recommends consolidation of the two districts into one district,

July 1, 2024

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators accepts modifications to Agriculture District 1 and Authorizes the Consolidation of Agricultural District 1 and 2 into a single agricultural district called Agricultural District 1, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Planning Office to submit the eight-year review report and appropriate documentation to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets for certification as required by law.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 203-2024 Entitled “Accepting Modifications to Agriculture District 1 and Authorizing the Consolidation of Agriculture District 1 and 2 into a Single Agriculture District called Agriculture District 1”, adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
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St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Operations Committee: 6-10-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 204-2024

PROCLAIMING JULY 21-27, 2024, AS PROBATION, PAROLE, AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WEEK

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are trained professionals who provide services and referrals for offenders, and work in partnership with other community agencies to promote prevention, intervention, and advocacy, and

WHEREAS, community corrections is an essential part of the justice system, and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity, and

WHEREAS, community correctional professionals are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community, and provide services, support, and protection to victims,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims July 21-27, 2024 as Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all citizens are encouraged to honor the men and women working in these professions and to recognize their many achievements.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 204-2024 Entitled "Proclaiming July 21-27, 2024, as Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Operations Committee: 6-10-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 205-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR A 2021 LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM (SLETPP) GRANT FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 197-2021 approved the acceptance of FY21 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP) Grant, in the amount of \$157,910, from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is required as an account change has been made for the appropriation expenses of this grant for the purpose of purchasing an ATV Trailer,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for a 2021 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP) Grant from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, as follows, and that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets unit the grant is fully expended:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31104 42018 21HS	S 21HS Radio Equipment	\$7,896
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31102 26000 21HS	S CRIM Other Equipment	\$7,896
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 205-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for a 2021 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP) Grant from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services ”, adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Operations Committee: 6-10-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 206-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR HOUSING INMATES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has received unanticipated revenue from nearby counties for housing inmates above the budgeted amount in the 2024 Budget, and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to pay other county correctional facilities when it is necessary to house St. Lawrence County inmates at other facilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for housing inmates, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

S5022645 550CO	S IH County Inmate Housing	\$31,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S5031504 48001	S IH Boarding Out Prisoners	\$31,000
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 206-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for Housing Inmates", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Operations Committee: 6-10-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 207-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PURCHASE AN INCEPTION WHOLE BODY CONTRABAND DETECTIONS SCANNER FOR THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Correctional Division has determined there is a need to purchase an Inception Whole Body Contraband Detection Scanner for use at the County Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, funds were not appropriated in the 2024 Sheriff's Office Budget for this equipment, and

WHEREAS, staff will be trained to operate this device with the proven benefit to increase safety and security for all staff and inmates at the Correctional Facility as it is able to detect both metallic and non-metallic threats including weapons, drugs, cell phones, and other contraband,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to Purchase an Inception Whole Body Contraband Detection Scanner for the Correctional Facility, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

S4015895 55001	S JAIL Other Public Safety Inc	\$44,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$100,000
S4031504 414MM	S JAIL Medical Malpractice Insurance	<u>36,000</u>
		\$136,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4031502 25000	S JAIL Technical Equipment	\$180,000
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 207-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to Purchase an Inception Whole Body Contraband Detections Scanner for the Correctional Facility", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Services Committee: 6-17-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 208-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE POLICY WITH ALLIED WORLD SURPLUS LINE INSURANCE COMPANY

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the 2024 St. Lawrence County medical malpractice insurance premium was updated in March this year and the increase in the cost for coverage were not included in the adopted budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services for the cost of medical malpractice insurance with Allied World Surplus Line Insurance Company, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142504 414MM	A CACD Medical Malpractice Insurance	\$2,538
A1242504 414MM	A JBCD Medical Malpractice Insurance	333
A1342504 414MM	A OGCD Medical Malpractice Insurance	2,333
A1442304 414MM	A OTP Medical Malpractice Insurance	3,164
A1642504 414MM	A CD Medical Malpractice Insurance	667
A3143204 414MM	A MHOC Medical Malpractice Insurance	2,999
A3143204 414MM DSRP	A DSRP Medical Malpractice Insurance	333
A3243204 414MM	A CFS Medical Malpractice Insurance	<u>333</u>
		\$12,700

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1134905 56000 DSRP	A Canton Chem Dep Clinic Fees	\$2,538
A1234905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Jail Based Revenue	333
A1334905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	2,333
A1434905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP OTP Revenue	3,164
A1634905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP CD Revenue	667
A3134905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP MHOC Revenue	2,999
A3116205 55000 DSRP	A DSRP MHOC Mental Health Fees	333
A3234905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP CFS Revenue	<u>333</u>
		\$12,700

July 1, 2024

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 208-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for Community Services for Medical Malpractice Insurance Policy with Allied World Surplus Line Insurance Company", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Services Committee: 6-17-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 209-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JACK VENESKY, CPA AND ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE THE AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE FACILITY (AHCF) ANNUAL MEDICAID, MEDICARE, AND ARTICLE 28 COST REPORTS FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2025, 2026, AND 2027

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is required to file a final, partial Medicare/Medicaid Cost Report, an annual Ambulatory Health Care Facility (AHCF) Medicaid Cost Report, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA & Associates, has been providing this service to the Public Health Department, and

WHEREAS, proposals have been received by the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA & Associates, to continue providing these services for the fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027 (PP040104 43003) for a cost of \$8,500 annually,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Jack Venesky, CPA & Associates to prepare the Ambulatory Health Care Facility (AHCF) Annual Medicaid, Medicare and Article 28 Cost Report for the Public Health Department for the fiscal years 2025, 2026 and 2027, upon approval of the County Attorney.,

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 209-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Jack Venesky, CPA and Associates to Prepare the Ambulatory Health Care Facility (AHCF) Annual Medicaid, Medicare, and Article 28 Cost Reports for the Public Health Department for the Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, and 2027", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Services Committee: 6-17-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 210-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Emergency Preparedness Program Contract is used to promote and protect the health of County residents by planning for health emergencies caused by deliberate acts, accidents, and naturally occurring events, to ensure that the Local Health Department is ready to respond to such threats, and

WHEREAS, Local Health Departments must conduct a Health Emergency Preparedness Program as a condition of State Aid eligibility, and

WHEREAS, the term of the Emergency Preparedness Program HRI Contract will be July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$87,445 (PP044895 57000 EP),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the Emergency Preparedness Program Contract for the Public Health Department, and any COLAs to the contract, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 210-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign the Emergency Preparedness Program Contract for the Public Health Department", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Finance Committee: 6-24-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 211-2024

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTING LOCAL LAW F (NO.)
FOR THE YEAR 2024, "REPEALING LOCAL LAW 3 FOR THE YEAR 1993 AND
AMENDING LOCAL LAW 2 FOR THE YEAR 1956, "A LOCAL LAW
ENUMERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF
THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SELF-INSURANCE PLAN"**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County established a Workers' Compensation Plan for county, city, town and village employees by Local Laws 1 and 2 of 1956, which (as of the date of this resolution) includes all but two municipalities and all volunteer fire units within the geographic confines of St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of workers' compensation law is to protect employees who are injured in the course of their employment, and

WHEREAS, the workers' compensation law is designed to ensure that employees who are injured or disabled on the job are provided with fixed monetary awards, eliminating the need for litigation, and

WHEREAS, the workers' compensation law imposes certain obligations upon employers and coverage plans related to the timely report of injuries, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Workers Compensation Law §110, an employer must report an employment related injury within ten (10) days of the occurrence or risk penalties being assessed against the insurance plan covering the employer, and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the Workers' Compensation Board has started to enforce penalties for failure to report an injury or failure to timely report an injury, with penalties up to \$2,500 for each act possible, and

WHEREAS, under the current local law governing the County Plan, those costs are not capable of being directly applied to the offending member, but are instead spread across to all participants, and

WHEREAS, Article 5, §64 of the Workers' Compensation law requires that the Board of Legislators shall, by local law, provide for the administration of a plan for workers' compensation, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that adoption of a local law be preceded by a public hearing,

July 1, 2024

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law F (No.) for the year 2024, will be held at 5:45 p.m. on August 5, 2024, in the Legislative Board Room, subject to approval of the Rules of Procedure for 2024.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW F (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, "REPEALING LOCAL LAW 3 FOR THE YEAR 1993 AND AMENDING LOCAL LAW 2 FOR THE YEAR 1956, A LOCAL LAW ENUMERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SELF-INSURANCE PLAN"

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of St. Lawrence County as follows (existing and continuing local law language is in standard type face, New local law language is in italics):

I. *Title*

A local law enumerating rules and regulations for the administration of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan

II. *Statement of Legislative Findings and Intent*

It is the intent of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators:

- 1. To equitably apportion the cost of participants consistent with the risk brought to the plan and the participant's recent experience, thereby encouraging participants to focus on accident prevention coupled with early and safely returning injured workers to productive work. Local Law No. 3 for the year 1993 is hereby REPEALED. Local Law No. 2 of 1956 [A Local Law enumerating Rules and Regulations for the Administration of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan] to establish apportionment of costs to plan participants, together with such other amendments and additional new rules and regulations necessary for the efficient administration of the Self-Insurance Plan is hereby AMENDED; and*
- 2. The apportioned funds will be exclusively used for plan operation, including all direct and indirect expenses; and*
- 3. To allow "fire districts" with taxing authority or that are municipal corporations shall be eligible plan participants as an independent entity as provided under Workers' Compensation Law §60 provided such fire district, if currently apportioned as part of another participant, shall first agree with said participant how the ongoing liabilities of any claims incurred prior to such conversion shall be paid; and*
- 4. To establish a method for making actuarial calculations of plan liabilities for any purposes (including the sum owing from an entity withdrawing from the plan and establishing a buy-in rate to entering participants), an installment methodology for both entering and withdrawing participants, provisions relating to the role and responsibilities of the plan administrator, determining the maximum reserve upon an actuarial determination of plan liabilities, requiring proof of medical testing for certain titles as prescribed by law, codifying the required labor management safety committee together with its powers, and methods of enforcement plan*

July 1, 2024

provisions and the governing law, including but not limited to, withholding of sales tax proceeds; and

5. Further, it is intended that any provision of Local Law No.2 of 1956 that is not amended by this local law shall remain in full force and effect as is currently in force and as amended hereto, if so amended hereto.

III. Statutory Authority

Article V of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law provides:

§64, Administration of Plan: authorizes the County Legislature by local law to provide for the administration of the Self-Insurance plan including naming an administrator, provides that plan funds shall be placed in the custody of the County Treasurer and that the County Attorney is designated as the legal advisor to the Self-Insurance plan.

§65, Rules and Regulations: authorizes the County Legislature, by local law, to establish plan rules and regulations, including but not limited to, enforcement mechanisms and collections of any enforcement sanctions from participants.

§67, Annual Estimate; payments by participants: obligates the plan administrator to prepare an annual budget estimate and provides for the methods of notification to participants and the allocation amongst the Self-Insurance plan participants and collection method for non-payment.

§69, Reserve: authorizes the legislature by local law to establish a reserve of the Self-Insurance plan for payment against plan liabilities and the maximum amount of contribution to the reserve.

§71(1), Accrual of Liabilities: authorizes the legislature by local law to provide for operation of the Self-Insurance plan on an actuarial and/or experience rating basis, in whole or part, and once adopted may not thereafter be discontinued.

§74 Manner of Adoption of Local Laws: provides for the manner of the adoption of local laws under the Workers' Compensation Law in the manner prescribed in the Municipal Home Rule Law; yet shall not be subject to mandatory or permissive referendum.

IV. Rules and Regulations for the administration of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan are hereby promulgated.

A. PARTICIPATION

In addition to the county, participation in the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan shall be available to:

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Cities
Towns
Villages
School Districts
Rescue Squads
Fire Districts

The participation of a town or village shall include: fire districts, fire protection districts, fire alarm districts and volunteer ambulance companies of the respective town or village under the terms and conditions as more fully set forth in the provisions of Workers' Compensation Law §63, unless said rescue squad or fire district is an independent participant as provided hereinafter.

B. ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL

Entry into the Plan by an eligible municipality, fire district or volunteer ambulance company, other than participants in the Plan on the effective date of this local law, shall be made by service upon the Administrator of a certified copy of the local resolution or legalizing act authorizing same on or before March 31st of the calendar year for the ensuing calendar year. Withdrawal by an eligible municipality from the Plan shall be made by service of a certified copy of the local resolution or legalizing act withdrawing from the Plan on or before March 31st of in the calendar year for the ensuing calendar year. Any withdrawal from the Plan shall require the payment of the withdrawing participant's equitable share of unfunded liabilities of the Plan, as calculated by an actuarial reserve estimate without discounting for present value.

C. APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS

Following the preparation of the annual estimate of projected amounts necessary for the ensuing calendar year, pursuant to Workers' Compensation Law §71, the share of the amounts chargeable to each participant shall be made using the classifications and loss costs adopted by the New York Compensation Insurance Rating Board to govern the underwriting of Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance, Voluntary Compensation Insurance and Employers Liability Insurance in the State of New York. In the event that the New York Compensation Rating Board shall cease to promulgate said rates and classifications, the County Legislature shall by resolution identify another equitable means to identify costs by employee industrial classification.

D. PAYMENTS BY PARTICIPANTS

Each participant, except towns and Cities, shall pay the County Treasurer within thirty days after the commencement of its fiscal year the amount billed as its share of the annual estimate of the plan.

The amount due from each Town and City participating shall be included in the next succeeding tax levy against property taxable by the participant responsible therefor.

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E. RESERVE

All funds of the Plan are to be held by the county treasurer as a separate fund as required under Workers' Compensation Law §64(2). In such fund, a self-insurance reserve is established in an amount not to exceed [\$200,000.00] where such sum represents the figure above the amount necessary to fully fund the actuarially determined outstanding ultimate liability of the Plan.

F. REPORTING OF REQUIRED MEDICAL TESTS

Each Plan participant is responsible to provide medical tests and examinations as required by law, licensing agency, or government entity having oversight over the participant's employee qualifications or standards. Upon compliance, but in any event within the timeframe required for compliance of such medical tests and examinations, the Plan participant shall provide confirmation or status to the Administrator of the completion of such required medical tests and examinations. The costs associated with any and all such tests shall be borne by the respective Plan participant.

G. ADMINISTRATOR FUNCTIONS

The plan administrator as appointed pursuant to Local Law No. 1 of 1956 shall have the following duties and authority within the annual estimate adopted, together with and in addition to such other duties as are required to administer the plan under the controlling laws and regulations that apply to the plan:

- 1. Prepare and recommend the annual estimate as set forth under WCL §67;*
- 2. Secure a professional claims administrator, actuary and other required professional services for the implementation of the provisions of this local law;*
- 3. Make safety recommendations to the Labor Management Safety Committee and engage safety professionals or trainers for any adopted safety measures;*
- 4. Advise the legislature of significant changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, regulations and case law;*
- 5. Settle plan claims or stipulate to plan claim resolutions. The administrator shall settle or stipulate to claim resolutions using a reasonable and prudent standard. In no event, other than medical exigency, shall the administrator voluntarily enter into such an agreement or stipulation if the amount to be paid, together with the total amounts expended for the given budget year will exceed the adopted budget for the given year. All such agreements and stipulations shall be reported to the chair at least quarterly;*
- 6. Provide plan participants with all necessary forms at plan expense that are reasonably necessary for plan participants to file required claims forms, logs and reports;*
- 7. Provide or arrange for participant "key employee" training on all plan procedural requirements, including, but not limited to, new claim and claim update reporting;*
- 8. Report deficiencies of participant filing and reporting to the Labor-Management Committee or the legislature as prescribed herein for such action as authorized under Workers' Compensation Law §65(2).*

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H. LABOR MANAGEMENT SAFETY COMMITTEE

A Labor-Management Safety Committee is established under the plan as provided for under Workers' Compensation Law §71(2) and shall be constituted as directed therein. Within a line item in the annual estimate adopted for the plan, the Labor-Management Committee shall have the authority to:

- 1. Establish such plans and programs designed to educate public employees of the plan participants in proper health and safety procedures,*
- 2. Design additional programs as may be appropriate to the development of a safe working environment in participants' facilities and job sites,*
- 3. Publicize the availability of the plans and programs established by the Labor-Management Committee,*
- 4. Review incident investigations in order to make safety recommendations to plan participants,*
- 5. Receive notice of delinquency of plan participants from the administrator and take such action as it deems proper, including a penalty authorized under Workers' Compensation Law §65(2); excepting where the proposed penalty is for the participant to be expelled from the plan, such action shall be submitted to the legislature for authorization. No penalty imposed by the Labor-Management Committee shall exceed the penalty that the Workers Compensation Board is authorized to impose upon the plan.*

Participants in the plan shall cooperate with the administrator and the Labor Management Committee by promptly filing all required reports, by aiding in the investigation of claims or incidents whether or not any injury occurred, by developing and enforcing safety programs adopted by the Labor Management Committee and by furnishing any additional aid or information that may be required to carry out the provisions and intent of the Workers' Compensation Law.

I. PENALTIES

*For any violation of the provisions of the foregoing section or of the requirements of the Workers' Compensation Law the Administrator may recommend to the Board of Legislators a penalty against any participant which shall not exceed *One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00)*. The Board of Legislators may upon resolution by a majority vote of the members present and voting upon roll call charge a penalty in excess of *One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)* or expel such member from the plan. *Any expulsion from the Plan shall require the payment of the expelled participant's equitable share of unfunded liabilities of the Plan, as calculated by an actuarial reserve estimate without discounting for present value.**

J. CATASTROPHE INSURANCE

The Administrator, subject to the approval of the legislature, may purchase excess insurance, the cost of which shall be an administrative expense of the plan and apportioned to the participants pro rata. A

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V. *Definitions:*

The terms as utilized in this local law shall have the meaning as set forth under Workers' Compensation Law §60 [Definitions] unless otherwise defined in this local law.

“Legislature” shall mean the legislature of the County of St. Lawrence.

VI. *Conflicting Laws*

The provisions of this local law are intended to supersede the provisions of any other local law amending Local Law #2 of 1956 any conflicting provisions of such other amending local law notwithstanding.

The provisions of this local law are intended to be construed as consistent with the authorizing statutes as set forth in section 3 hereof and not in conflict therewith.

VII. *Severability*

In the event any provision of this local law shall be determined to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable; the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this local law shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby and such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality and unenforceability.

VIII. *Effective Dates*

This local law shall take effect January 1, 1957; except that subdivision C of section 1 shall take effect August 1, 1956 together with the effective dates of subsequent amendments being made hereto by local law. The effective date of the amendments and additions made by and through the provisions herein contained is upon the adoption of the same by the legislature and filing with the Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared this Resolution No. 211-2024 Entitled “Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Adopting Local Law F (No.) for the Year 2024, "Repealing Local Law 3 for the Year 1993 and Amending Local Law 2 for the Year 1956, "A Local Law Enumerating Rules and Regulations for the Administration of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Finance Committee: 6-24-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 212-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH BLUE WING SERVICES, INC., FOR TOWER LEASING BROKERAGE**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Emergency Services currently maintains a Very-High Frequency (VHF) analog un-encrypted radio system for fire departments, ambulance services, and law enforcement agencies operating within the County, and

WHEREAS, the current VHF radio system, which was implemented in 1988, replaced the previous low-band option owned and maintained by St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the current VHF radio system relies on antiquated and outdated equipment that is no longer supported by the manufacturer, some of which has started to fail in a faster progression than anticipated, and

WHEREAS, the current VHF radio system is experiencing frequent interruptions, consistent static, intentional and unintentional unauthorized transmission on public safety frequencies, and overall coverage degradation as technology evolves, causing an extreme deficit to public safety and the safety of responders in the County, and

WHEREAS, to explore the mitigation of these issues, Resolution No. 141-2014 authorized the use of Blue Wing Services to conduct a Communications Study and act as the public safety communications consultant, and

WHEREAS, Blue Wing Services assisted in the planning and construction of multiple interoperability public safety radio towers in Colton, Waddington, Hammond, Gouverneur, Massena, Russell, and Ogdensburg to assist in increasing the overall radio coverage, and

WHEREAS, since 2014, Blue Wing has assisted in the planning, implementation, and design of the St. Lawrence County Emergency Services Interoperability Telecommunications Tower Project, and

WHEREAS, during implementation, it was determined that collocation of user groups on telecommunication towers could increase the likelihood of project approvals from various State and Federal agencies, and

WHEREAS, in addition to increasing the likelihood of project approvals, use of vacant tower space to generate revenue for the County operations results in good stewardship of a County resource, and

WHEREAS, Blue Wing Services, Inc., specializes in lease management and procurement for tower space on telecommunication projects, and

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WHEREAS, the proposal from Blue Wing Services, Inc. envisions management, fee collection, maintenance, and leasing being overseen and managed by Blue Wing Services in exchange for twenty-percent (20%) of the lease values it secures, with no additional fees or payment for the service, and

WHEREAS, all leases proposed and secured by Blue Wing Services, Inc. will require separate resolutions authorizing the arrangements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Blue Wing Services, Inc. for the management and brokerage of tower space leases on telecommunication towers owned and operated by St. Lawrence County for one year, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 212-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Professional Services Agreement with Blue Wing Services, Inc., for Tower Leasing Brokerage", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Finance Committee: 6-24-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 213-2024

**ESTABLISHING THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT
BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR 2024-2025**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is the designated Grant Recipient for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Acts funds and establishes budgets in accordance with obligations received, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has been provided with funding levels by New York State for WIOA Formula Funds and TANF Funds, and

WHEREAS, total funds anticipated for Program Year 2024-2025 (July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025) are \$1,496,641, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board approved the Budget at the June 12, 2024 meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to establish the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Budget, as follows:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Administration	\$117,518	\$105,000
Title I Adult	\$340,148	\$304,312
Youth	\$390,209	\$348,065
Dislocated Workers	\$327,305	\$292,624
Trade Adjustment Assistance Rapid Response Training	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	<u>\$380,043</u>	<u>\$436,640</u>
Total Appropriations	\$1,555,223	\$1,496,641
Total Revenue	\$1,555,223	\$1,496,641

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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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 213-2024 Entitled "Establishing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Budget for the Program Year 2024-2025", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

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Finance Committee: 6-24-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 214-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR A SPECIAL PROJECT MARKETING PROPOSAL FOR AMERICA'S 250TH COMMEMORATION AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence is rich in history with many museums, historians, historical sites, heritage festivals and events, historically significant people, and history-inspired art, and

WHEREAS, American's 250th Commemorative initiative is a nationally recognized effort to create a platform to highlight our historical assets with the opportunity to bring more visitors to St. Lawrence County while enhancing historical and heritage programmatic experiences for residents, and

WHEREAS, as the Tourism Promotion Agent (TPA) for St. Lawrence County, the Chamber of Commerce will work more closely with the County Historian and other relevant committees and stakeholders to amplify promotional efforts while supporting existing foundational initiatives, and

WHEREAS, strategic branding, marketing, advertising, event promotions, printed marketing materials, event tabling, and tradeshow attendance with consideration to the 250th commemorative efforts will enhance tourism-driven programming and elevate the visitor experiences to attract more tourists to St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to Sign an Agreement with St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce for a Special Project Marketing Proposal for America's 250th Commemoration, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the Chamber of Commerce, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$15,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1M75104 46000 SP	B PRTNR AG - Special Proj	\$15,000
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 214-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce for a Special Project Marketing Proposal for America's 250th Commemoration and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Chamber of Commerce", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Finance Committee: 6-24-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 215-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR
MACHINERY RENTAL AND EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Section 133 of the New York State Highway Law provides for the payment of machinery rental to the County Road machinery fund, and

WHEREAS, New York State establishes the machinery rental rates, and

WHEREAS, New York State has not updated the machinery rental rates since 2017, and has now adopted Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) rates that are over forty-percent (40%) higher, and

WHEREAS, the FEMA machinery rental rates were not included in the formulation of the 2024 Budget, and

WHEREAS, inflation has significantly increased the cost of equipment repairs and maintenance, and

WHEREAS, \$894,000 will be used to purchase equipment in 2024 to reduce the capital obligation planned in the 2025 capital equipment replacement plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for machinery rental and equipment repair and maintenance, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$1,184,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$1,184,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM551124 40600 B1	H B1 Machinery Rental	\$67,000
HM151104 40600 H1	H H1 Machinery Rental	100,000
HM551104 40600	H MB Machinery Rental	67,000
HC051424 40600	H CSR Machinery Rental	248,000
HS051444 40600	H Snow Machinery Rental	50,000
HG051484 40600	H HSOG Machinery Rental	32,000

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HM351104 40600	H MR Machinery Rental	<u>620,000</u>
		\$1,184,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HR051302 24000	H RM Highway & Street Equipment	\$894,000
HR051304 42200	H RM I/D Equip Repair & Maintenance	220,000
HR051304 42202	H RM Equip Repair & Maintenance	40,000
HR051304 454SS	H RM Shop Supplies	<u>30,000</u>
		\$1,184,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

HR028015 55000	H Rental of Equip – Other Fund	\$1,102,000
HR023025 55000	H LR RM State Snow Removal	50,000
HR024145 55000	H LR RM Equip Rental Other Gov	<u>32,000</u>
		\$1,184,000

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 215-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for Machinery Rental and Equipment Repair and Maintenance”, adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

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Finance Committee: 6-24-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 216-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN PAYMENT PLAN AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND INDIVIDUAL HAULERS FOR THE REPAYMENT OF ACCUMULATED SOLID WASTE HAULING DEBT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, over the years, St. Lawrence County has enacted two laws that affect the way trash and recyclables are handled in St. Lawrence County; the first law, Source Separation, was written in 1991 and amended in 1997, which makes it mandatory for County residents to recycle, for haulers to provide and enforce recycling, and for the County to oversee this process, and the second law, Flow Control, requires all Municipal Solid Waste generated in St. Lawrence County to be disposed of in St. Lawrence County at a transfer station or at the DANC landfill, and

WHEREAS, as a part of the control of solid waste, the Solid Waste Department was created and placed under the auspices of the St. Lawrence County Highway Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department operates Transfer Stations located at the following locations, “Ogdensburg Transfer Station”, located at 522 CR 28A, Ogdensburg, N.Y., “Massena Transfer Station” located at 49 Dump Road, Massena N.Y., “Gouverneur Transfer Station” located 1831 US Hwy 11, Gouverneur, N.Y. and the “Star Lake Transfer Station”, located at 4582 SH 3, Star Lake, N.Y., and

WHEREAS, as a part of the operation of the Transfer Stations, private trash haulers and commercial trash haulers must pay based upon the weight of materials they are dumping for hauling by the County, and

WHEREAS, the extent of the trash and recyclables brought daily to the Transfer Stations, results in sizable amounts of money being owed for the use of the service, and

WHEREAS, from time to time, debts accumulated by the haulers may require a payment schedule to be established that allows for ease of budgeting without disruption of service by the hauler, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law § 450(3)(d), the Board of Legislators may delegate to the Chair such powers as are necessary to “...execute and deliver documents and contracts authorized by such board,”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign payment plan agreements between St. Lawrence County Solid Waste and individual haulers for the repayment of accumulated solid waste hauling debt, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 216-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Payment Plan Agreements between St. Lawrence County Solid Waste and Individual Haulers for the Repayment of Accumulated Solid Waste Hauling Debt", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

Finance Committee: 6-24-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 217-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CANTON CHURCH AND COMMUNITY PROGRAM FOR USE OF THE PARKING LOT AT THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE FOR A 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, since 1974, the Canton Church and Community Program has provided a way for neighbors to help neighbors by providing food, clothing, and offering referrals for additional assistance to those in need and doing so with respect to those they serve, and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2024, the Canton Church and Community Program will be hosting a 50th birthday celebration and requests the use of the Courthouse parking lot for said purpose including a children's train ride to be assembled in the parking lot to be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and

WHEREAS, the Canton Church and Community Program would hold the County harmless from any and all liability arising from the use of the County parking lot,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the Canton Church and Community Program for Use of the Parking Lot at the County Court House for a 50th Birthday Celebration, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 217-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to sign an Agreement with the Canton Church and Community Program for Use of the Parking Lot at the County Court House for a 50th Birthday Celebration", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 218-2024

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2, Mr. Smithers, District 5 and Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 369-2019 and Resolution No. 253-2020 authorized the continuance of the current vacancy review process with a recommendation that the vacancies continue to be deliberated at each jurisdictional committee, but one resolution be created for all approved positions to be considered at the Regular Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Vacancy Review Committee reviewed seven (7) positions in six (6) departments, and of those reviewed four (4) positions were new positions, and three (3) positions will be abolished,

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

Department/Unit:	Title:	Position	Type	Duration	Timeline
Highway	Engineering Aide III*	313200001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Supervising Public Health Nurse*	504200001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Defender	Assistant Public Defender	021400003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff	605000019	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff	605000046	FT	Contingent	Immediate
District Attorney	Assistant District Attorney*	026800015	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Emergency Services	Administrative Assistant	005200014	FT	Provisional	Immediate

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 314200001, Field Operations Coordinator, be abolished in the Highway Department; and Position No. 502000024, Community Health Nurse, be abolished in Public Health, and Position No. 0051000035, Secretary I, be abolished in Emergency Services, and

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

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

July 1, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 218-2024 Entitled "AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

July 1, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 219-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LOT 21 FOR SPACE IN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, LOCATED AT 206 FORD STREET

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 261-2021 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with David and Lynn Blevins for the lease of property at 206 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, and

WHEREAS, the total space consists of 6,471 square feet and is currently occupied by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Probation, and Community Services' Addiction Services Clinic, and

WHEREAS, the terms of a new agreement will be five (5) years from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029, for approximately 6,471 square feet of space, and

WHEREAS, the space will also provide for flexibility for additional department space during upcoming renovations to County facilities in Canton, and

WHEREAS, the rental rate will be \$12.90 per square foot (K1414104 40700, Q1031404 40700, A1342504 40700) in the first year of the lease, with a two-percent (2%) increase per annum for the five (5) year term of the lease,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease agreement with Lot 21 for space in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, located at 206 Ford Street, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED at an initial rental rate of \$12.90 per square foot with a two (2%) percent increase per annum, for a five-year term, from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 219-2024 Entitled "AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LOT 21 FOR SPACE IN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, LOCATED AT 206 FORD STREET", adopted July 1, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
July 2, 2024

August 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 220-2024

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF
CATHERINE BOOTH TOURON DENNY**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for the community that benefits from the knowledge and experiences this individual brings to all, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence and City of Ogdensburg recognize with great respect and admiration the contributions that all people, including senior citizens, give to our communities, and

WHEREAS, Catherine Booth was born on August 21, 1924, to her parents, Fred and Alice Maley Booth, attending school in Ogdensburg and graduating from OFA in 1941, and

WHEREAS, after graduation, and during WWII, Catherine worked at a chemical factory in Massena taking a bus from Ogdensburg to the job site each day, and over the years has also worked diligently at every job since then including Ogdensburg A&P grocery store, Diamond International, and New York State Psychiatric Center, and

WHEREAS, Catherine married Francis Louis Touron in 1944, raising five children: Francis L. Touron, retired US Army Colonel, Nurse Anesthetist, who is still practicing at the age of 78; Martha O'Marah, retired Veterans' Affairs staff ; Dave Touron, retired Corrections Officer from Ogdensburg Correctional Facility; Gordon Touron, a retired Quality Control Specialist; and Gary Touron, Vice President of NBT Bank, and

WHEREAS, some of the finest blessings in Catherine's life are her ten grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, with another on the way, and

WHEREAS, after the passing of her husband in 1975, Catherine married Howard Denny in 1984, and continued spending time with family, serving her community, and volunteering, and

WHEREAS, known as a quiet, modest woman who is extremely humble, Catherine dedicated her life to serving others and is well known for her committed volunteerism at St. Joseph's Nursing Home, and has also received many awards and accolades including Woman of the Year for the Altar and Rosary Society in 1987; Ogdensburg Woman's Club Volunteer of the Year in 1999, and was even given a citation and medallion called Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice from the Pope, which is the highest papal lay award given from the Catholic Church,

WHEREAS, Catherine was a member of several organizations, including a lay Associate of the Grey Nuns of Sacred Heart; Notre Dame Altar and Rosary Society Member; a Eucharistic Minister and a lay Minister for the Diocese of Ogdensburg, and after taking courses at Mater Dei College, she taught religion classes to children in her home, and

August 5, 2024

WHEREAS, now at the blessed age of 100 years old, Mrs. Catherine Booth Touron Denny is to be commended for distinguishing herself not only for the length of her incredible life but for the impact she undoubtedly had on many lives in her community and beyond, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to honor the newest centenarian in the County with the sincerest congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the 100th birthday of Mrs. Catherine Booth Touron Denny.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 220-2024 Entitled "Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Birthday of Catherine Booth Touron Denny", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 7-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 221-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS REQUESTING GRANT EXTENSIONS FOR THE 2024 ABSENTEE BALLOT PRE-PAID POSTAGE GRANT FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 329-2022 authorized the Chair to sign grant applications for New York State Absentee Ballot Pre-paid Postage Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, New York State has notified the Board of Elections that they are extending the grant deadlines to March 31, 2025, for those grants that have an unexpended balance, and are increasing the amount available to the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections for 2024, and

WHEREAS, the unexpended balance for Absentee Ballot Pre-paid Postage Grant Program is \$10,142 (E1030895 56000),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts requesting grant extensions for Absentee Ballot Prepaid Postage Grant for the Board of Elections, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 221-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts Requesting Grant Extensions for the 2024 Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage Grant for the Board of Elections", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 7-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 222-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN GRANT AMENDMENTS FOR THE EARLY VOTING EXPANSION (EVE) GRANT CONTRACT EXTENSION AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 202-2021 authorized the Chair to sign grant applications for the Early Voting Expansion Grant, and also allowed for the rollover of these funds annually, and

WHEREAS, New York State has notified the Board of Elections that they are extending the grant deadlines to March 31, 2025, for those grants that have an unexpended balance, and

WHEREAS, the unexpended balance for the Early Voting Expansion Grant is \$19,653,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign grant amendments for the Early Voting Expansion (EVE) Grant Contract Extension, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislature authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Board of Elections, as follows, and to roll over any remaining funds until the Grant is fully expended:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

E1Z14502 25000	Technical Equipment	\$19,653
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INCREASE REVENUE:

E1Z30895 56000	State Aid	\$19,653
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 222-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Grant Amendments for the Early Voting Expansion (EVE) Grant Contract Extension and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Board of Elections", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 7-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 223-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS AMENDING TERMS FOR THE CYBERSECURITY REMEDIATION GRANT AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections has been awarded a Cybersecurity Remediation Grant Program for expenses related to Cybersecurity, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 231-2020 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with New York State for the NYS Cybersecurity Remediation Grant Program for the Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, New York State has notified the Board of Elections that they are extending the grant deadlines to March 31, 2025, for those grants that have unexpended balances, and

WHEREAS, the unexpended balance for the Cybersecurity Remediation Grant Program is \$42,275,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts amending terms for the Cybersecurity Remediation Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Board of Elections, as follows, and to roll over any remaining funds until the Grant is fully expended,

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

E1Z14502 25000	Technical Equipment	\$42,275
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INCREASE REVENUE:

E1Z30895 56000	State Aid	\$42,275
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 223-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts Amending Terms for the Cybersecurity Remediation Grant and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Board of Elections ", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 7-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 224-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS REQUESTING GRANT EXTENSIONS FOR TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND ELECTION RESOURCE (TIER) GRANT PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved Resolution No. 203-2021, authorizing the Chair to sign grant applications for the New York State Technology Innovation and Election Resource (TIER) Grant Program, and allowing for the rollover of these funds annually, and

WHEREAS, New York State has notified the Board of Elections that they are extending the grant deadlines to March 31, 2025, for those grants that have unexpended balances, and that they are increasing the amount available to the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, the unexpended balance for the State Technology Innovation and Election Resource (TIER) Grant Program is \$131,563,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts requesting grant extensions for the Technology Innovation and Election Resource (TIER) Grant Program, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Board of Elections, as follows, and to roll over any remaining funds to future budgets until the Grant is fully expended:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

E1Z14502 25000 TIER	E SA Technical Equipment	\$131,563
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INCREASE REVENUE:

E1Z30895 56000 TIER	E State Aid	\$131,563
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 224-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts Requesting Grant Extensions for Technology Innovation and Election Resource (TIER) Grant Program and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Board of Elections ", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 7-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 225-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR DISCOVERY GRANT FUNDS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Discovery Grant Funds have been received in 2024 for use in the years of 2022-2024 to cover the cost of an Ogdensburg Police Officer, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the 2024 Budget for the Office of the District Attorney to reflect this change,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Office of the District Attorney for Discovery Grant Funds, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

J1030895 56000	J State Aid Special Items	\$92,362
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

J1011654 43007	J Other Fees and Services	\$92,362
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 225-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Office of the District Attorney for Discovery Grant Funds", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 7-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 226-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN SUCCESSIVE ANNUAL FACILITIES USE PERMITS WITH THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY AT CANTON, NY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, due to space constraints at County facilities, the County utilizes the State University of New York College of Technology at Canton for Civil Service tests on an as needed basis, and

WHEREAS, the State University of New York College of Technology at Canton requests that St. Lawrence County sign a facilities use permit for a cost of \$150/hour (CP014304 40700),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign successive annual facilities use permits with the State University of New York College of Technology at Canton, NY, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 226-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Successive Annual Facilities Use Permits with the State University of New York College of Technology at Canton, NY", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 7-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 227-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH FIRSTLIGHT FOR SIP TELEPHONE TRUNK SERVICE FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the current telephone system service for St. Lawrence County Government is an out-of-date service called PRI Trunks, which is based on an analog system, and

WHEREAS, telephone service providers are phasing out support for PRI Service, and

WHEREAS, Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Service, which is digital, is more cost-efficient, modern, scalable, and easily supported, and

WHEREAS, thorough comparison and vetting has been performed by communication industry experts, and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract will be three (3) years at a monthly rate of \$1,580 plus taxes and fees (CS016104 42302),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with FirstLight for SIP Telephone Trunk Service for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 227-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with FirstLight for SIP Telephone Trunk Service for St. Lawrence County", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
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August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 7-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 228-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH GEOCOVE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF GIS SERVICES TO UPGRADE ESRI ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the current St. Lawrence County GIS Enterprise, installed in 2020, is no longer supported by its software manufacturer ESRI, and

WHEREAS, Microsoft Edge and Google Chrome have released plans for July of this year, which will impact all the GIS web applications within the GIS enterprise of the County, and while ESRI is releasing patches to address web browser updates, the version the County is currently running will not be available to have an update installed, and

WHEREAS, additionally, in 2023 St. Lawrence County began transitioning from *.org* to *.gov* for the County website and email addresses; in August 2024 New York State will require County governments to use the *.gov* domain on County websites, and the current GIS portion of the website still uses *.org*, and

WHEREAS, Geocove, an ESRI-approved professional service vendor, has already completed a number of successful initiatives for the County, and has offered the following quote to perform the services described at a cost not-to-exceed cost of \$15,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Geocove for the acquisition of GIS Services to upgrade ESRI Enterprise Software, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Information Technology, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD016804 43007	C IT Other Fees	\$15,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$15,000
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August 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 228-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Geocove for the Acquisition of GIS Services to Upgrade ESRI Enterprise Software and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Information Technology", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 7-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 229-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ADIRONDACK TECHS TO BUILD BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE WITH NYS CONNECTALL COUNTY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators is committed to the expansion of and accessibility to broadband services throughout the County, and has applied to the New York State ConnectALL County Partnerships Program for \$428,872 to build out broadband infrastructure to seventy-seven (77) previously un-served locations in areas of the Towns of Fowler and Parishville, and

WHEREAS, Adirondack Techs was the sole internet service provider that submitted a viable proposal for these areas in response to St. Lawrence County RFP 2023-04, Expanding Access to Broadband in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, New York State has indicated its intent to make conditional awards under the County Partnerships Program in July 2024 and a prompt start will facilitate potential completion of construction in 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Adirondack Techs to build broadband infrastructure with New York State ConnectALL County Partnerships Program Funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign any documentation necessary for the application, administration, reporting and close-out of this project.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 229-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Adirondack Techs to Build Broadband Infrastructure with NYS ConnectALL County Partnership Program Funds", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 7-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 230-2024

RECOGNIZING ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AS HAVING SOME OF THE BEST FRESHWATER FISHERIES IN THE NATION

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has consistently ranked among the top in the Nation in quality, diversity, and bounty of its freshwater fisheries, and

WHEREAS, fishing tournaments draw hundreds of participants to the area each year, which has important widespread economic benefits, and

WHEREAS, many entities, including local municipalities, fishing clubs, sportsman and hunting clubs, lake associations, university researchers, the Chambers of Commerce, the SLC Environmental Management Council, the SLC Fisheries Advisory Board, SLC Soil and Water Conservation District, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management, New York State Department of Conservation, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and numerous passionate individuals support, promote, and preserve the quality of the fisheries in our County, and

WHEREAS, the national recognition of the area as a premier sports fishing destination is something to be proud of, valued, and encouraged,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes and celebrates St. Lawrence County as having some of the best freshwater fisheries in the Nation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in collaboration with local, state, and federal partners, the Board of Legislators will work to protect its fisheries, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes all the individuals who support the fisheries in St. Lawrence County.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 230-2024 Entitled "Recognizing St. Lawrence County as having some of the Best Freshwater Fisheries in the Nation", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Operations Committee: 7-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 231-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR PROBATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE
NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Probation has received unique funding from The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for pretrial services in the amount of \$206,976, and

WHEREAS, the State has approved \$20,000 to be used for data management,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Probation for funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Q1031404 43007	Q Other Fees & Services	\$20,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

Q1033105 56000 ATI	Q SA ATI Pre Trial	\$20,000
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STATE OF NEW YORK)	
) ss:	
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)	

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 231-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for Probation for Funding from The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Services Committee: 7-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 233-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (OASAS) FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ADDICTION SERVICES' FOR THE JAIL-BASED MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) PROGRAM

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services will receive funding through the New York State Opioid Settlement Funds to offset St. Lawrence County Addiction Services cost to provide support for the mandated jail-based Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program, and

WHEREAS, Addiction Services currently provides Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services, as well as counseling and peer services at the Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes the need for access for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to recovery services in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, this is one-time funding of \$66,000 for a three-year period, tentatively beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) for funding to support St. Lawrence County Addiction Services for the jail-based Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 233-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) for Funding to Support St. Lawrence County Addiction Services' for the Jail-Based Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Services Committee: 7-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 234-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THRIVE WELLNESS AND RECOVERY INC., TO ACCEPT PASS-THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, a contract was previously signed with North Country Transitional Living Services to accept pass through funds from the New York State Office of Mental Health and,

WHEREAS, North Country Transitional Living Services and Credo filed a Certificate of Merger on July 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, THRIVE Wellness and Recovery Inc. will be the surviving entity, and the Community Services Board supports the merger,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with THRIVE Wellness and Recovery Inc., to accept pass-through funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 234-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Thrive Wellness and Recovery Inc., to accept pass-through funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Services Committee: 7-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 235-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR
FLOORING IN THE HAROLD B. SMITH BUILDING**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services maintains a large server infrastructure for storage and access to utilize vast quantities of client and departmental information, and

WHEREAS, a raised floor exists in the server room and it has assisted in preventing damage as well as providing access for maintenance and ventilation to the server and equipment infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the basement of the Harold B. Smith building flooded from the ceiling in the server room, causing damage to the network infrastructure and to the existing raised floor, and

WHEREAS, the raised floor has not been replaced since the room sustained flood damage and the subsequent wear and tear has made it even more difficult to maintain critical equipment for Social Services, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to replace the existing raised floor and this update will improve the integrity of managing the infrastructure safely,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Social Services for flooring in the Harold B. Smith Building, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60102 21000	D Admin Furniture & Fixtures	\$45,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60104 40800	D ADM Maintenance Building	\$30,000
DAA60104 42000	D Admin Office Supplies & Expenses	5,000
DAA60104 42600	D Admin Books & Periodicals	<u>10,000</u>
		\$45,000

August 5, 2024

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 235-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for Social Services for Flooring in the Harold B. Smith Building", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Services Committee: 7-15-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 237-2024

**RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RECENT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT
ON FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Sheridan, District 5; Mr. Smithers, District 6;
Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, Former President Donald Trump was shot and injured in an assassination attempt on Saturday, July 13, 2024, whereupon a spectator was killed and two others were critically injured, and

WHEREAS, snipers killed the shooter, a 20-year-old man, after he fired eight rounds at the rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, the former president and Republican candidate for the 2024 Presidential election could be seen with blood on his face, surrounded by Secret Service agents, after the shooting at a campaign rally, and

WHEREAS, the FBI identified the shooter early on July 14th, 2024 as 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks, of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, a registered Republican who, in 2021, had donated to "Act Blue," a democratic political action committee, and

WHEREAS, the event conjured images of prior assassination attempts on political leaders: Ronald Reagan, John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, and Theodore Roosevelt, and

WHEREAS, despite the horrific scenes and circumstances surrounding the attempted killing, thousands took to social media to express their displeasure that the shooter had failed in his objective, and

WHEREAS, the former President emerged following the shooting, stating, "In this moment, it is more important than ever that we stand united, and show our true character as Americans, remaining strong and determined, and not allowing evil to win," and

WHEREAS, vitriolic political speech, normalized speech of desperation, and political attacks have been a hallmark of American politics in the last decade, escalating in the most recent event, and

WHEREAS, as Abraham Lincoln (a victim of arguably America's most notable political assassinations) once famously said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand," and

WHEREAS, Americans must gather together to condemn the attempted assassination of the former President and, as true patriots, lead Americans in times of trouble to a more prosperous future without elevated acrimony, and

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WHEREAS, “Let every American, every lover of liberty, every well-wisher to his posterity, swear by the blood of the Revolution, never to violate, in the least particular, the laws of the country; and never to tolerate their violation by others,” (Abraham Lincoln),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators condemns the recent assassination attempt on former President Donald J. Trump in the strongest terms possible.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 237-2024 Entitled “Resolution Condemning the Recent Assassination Attempt on Former President Donald J. Trump”, adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 238-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO ACCEPT AND SIGN A FY24 HOWARD G. BUFFETT FOUNDATION GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE, AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been awarded a five (5) year Howard G. Buffett Foundation Grant that will cover costs associated with St. Lawrence County's Human Trafficking Task Force that serves St. Lawrence County and Northern New York, and

WHEREAS, the task force will include local law enforcement, victim service agencies, legal services, and outreach entities, and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be administered by the Sheriff's Office with sub-awards to the District Attorney's Office and Renewal House to cover criminal investigations, prosecutions, outreach, legal advocacy, case management, emergency assistance, training coordination and data analysis, and

WHEREAS, the scope of this project includes establishing and formalizing a St. Lawrence County Human Trafficking Task force which is focused on labor trafficking, and

WHEREAS, the goals of this grant are to investigate and prosecute labor trafficking, provide comprehensive services to survivors, build the capacity to identify and respond to labor trafficking in Northern New York, engage in outreach and trust building with vulnerable communities and to also collect and use data, and

WHEREAS, the grant is for a five (5) year period (2024-2029) in the amount of \$7,011,620 of which \$251,768.54 is considered indirect costs as well as Renewal House receiving \$2,260,609 upon the execution of the cost reimbursement contract to cover salary, fringes, along with other necessary equipment and contractual expenses, and

WHEREAS, the grant is to include the creation of three positions in the Sheriff's Office this year: an Administrative Assistant, Position No. 005200017; Crime Analyst, Position No. 607300001; and Deputy Sheriff - Detective, Position No. 605500009 upon review and recommendation of the Vacancy Review Committee, and one position in the District Attorney's Office, approved by the Board of Legislators on July 7, 2024: an Assistant District Attorney, Position No. 026800015,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to accept and sign the FY24 Howard G. Buffett Foundation Grant on behalf of the St. Lawrence County Human Trafficking Task Force, upon the approval of the County Attorney, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 11000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Direct Service Worker	\$682,017
S1Z31101 13000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Technical	334,264
S1Z31101 14000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Clerical	126,433
S1Z31101 18000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Overtime	709,844
S1Z31101 18600 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Training	20,799
S1Z31102 23000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Automotive Equipment	170,000
S1Z31102 25000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Technical Equipment	234,945
S1Z31104 42300 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Other Communications	9,000
S1Z31104 42800 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Other Supplies	6,000
S1Z31104 43007 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Other Fees	2,335,609
S1Z31104 44001 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Automobile Expenses	45,000
S1Z31104 44100 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF I/D Fuel Charges	53,280
S1Z31104 44500 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Other Travel	84,900
S1Z31104 45300 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Uniforms & Clothing	6,000
S1Z31108 81000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Retirement	236,043
S1Z31108 83000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Social Security	128,887
S1Z31108 84000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Workers' Compensation	47,209
S1Z31108 84500 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Life Insurance	3,372
S1Z31108 86000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Health Insurance	606,593
S1Z31108 86500 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Dental Insurance	20,982
S1Z31108 89000 HGB2	S CRIM HGBF Vision Insurance	7,493
J1Z11651 12000 HGB2	J HGBF Supervisory/Administrative	464,158
J1Z11652 23000 HGB2	J HGBF Automotive Equipment	50,000
J1Z11652 25000 HGB2	J HGBF Technical Equipment	4,250
J1Z11654 42300 HGB2	J HGBF Other Communications	2,700
J1Z11654 43007 HGB2	J HGBF Other Fees and Services	73,132
J1Z11654 44000 HGB2	J HGBF I/D Automotive Expenses	12,500
J1Z11654 44100 HGB2	J HGBF Fuel Costs	15,000
J1Z11654 44500 HGB2	J HGBF Other Travel	14,155
J1Z11658 81000 HGB2	J HGBF Retirement	58,484
J1Z11658 83000 HGB2	J HGBF Social Security	31,934
J1Z11658 84000 HGB2	J HGBF Workers' Compensation	11,697
J1Z11658 84500 HGB2	J HGBF Life Insurance	835
J1Z11658 86000 HGB2	J HGBF Health Insurance	145,281
J1Z11658 86500 HGB2	J HGBF Dental Insurance	5,199
J1Z11658 89000 HGB2	J HGBF Vision Insurance	<u>1,857</u>
		\$6,759,852

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INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z27055 55000 HGB2	S HGBF Donation Revenue	\$5,868,670
J1Z27055 55000 HGB2	J HGBF Donation Revenue	<u>891,182</u>
		\$6,759,852

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 238-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Accept and Sign a FY24 Howard G. Buffet Foundation Grant on Behalf of the St. Lawrence County Human Trafficking Task Force, and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 239-2024

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO VETO NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.2882 AND NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S.6649 WHICH MODIFIES PENAL LAW §400.00 IMPOSING CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR MANDATED SIGNAGE FOR FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSES DEALERS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Denesha, District 6;
Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, in early June 2024, the New York State Assembly and Senate voted to pass Assembly Bill A.2282 and Senate Bill S.6649 that would require firearms dealers to post conspicuous signs in their stores warning potential customers of the dangers of guns, and

WHEREAS, the notice mandates “Access to a weapon or firearm in the home significantly increases the risk of suicide, death during domestic disputes, and/or unintentional deaths to children, household members and others,” the warning would read. “If you or a loved one is experiencing distress and/or depression, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988”, and

WHEREAS, the bill would also require that gun sellers provide the same warning printed out in at least 26-point font to all who buy a gun, and

WHEREAS, shop owners who do not post the signs within ninety (90) days of the bill being signed into law would be subject to a fine of at least \$1,000, or 15 days in county jail, and each day a shop goes without posting the sign would be counted as an individual offense, and

WHEREAS, the bill is the latest of more than twenty (20) anti-gun laws passed by the State of New York over the past couple of years and continues to focus efforts on deterring gun ownership through vendors who sell guns and ammunition, rather than through the purchasers, and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association et al. v. Bruen et al., striking down the New York State ‘proper cause’ requirements for the issuance of a pistol license to individuals, sending the State of New York looking for new ways in which to discourage or impede gun ownership and possession, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has coupled their attacks on individual gun possession rights with attacks on the businesses responsible for the sale, distribution, and manufacture of firearms, passing a slate of laws designed to make operation of those businesses encumbered to near impossible, and

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WHEREAS, there is currently no empirical data readily available demonstrating a connection to legal sales of firearms and an increased likelihood of criminality or suicide, and

WHEREAS, according to data released by the CDC in 2021, and reported by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in January 2024, there were 1,660 suicides in the State of New York in 2021, of which twenty-six percent (26%) involved a firearm, and

WHEREAS, a study performed in sixteen (16) rural New York counties performed by NORC, a non-partisan, objective research organization, at the University of Chicago found a greater incidence of mental health distress in these rural communities as the primary cause for suicide, not gun ownership, and

WHEREAS, enactment of this bill will have no effect on consumers and will merely impose greater burdens on one of the most heavily regulated industries in America,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges Governor Kathy Hochul to veto New York State Assembly Bill A. 2882 and New York State Senate Bill S.6649 which modifies Penal Law §400.00 imposing criminal liability for mandated signage for federal firearms licenses dealers, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 239-2024 Entitled "Resolution Urging Governor Kathy Hochul to Veto New York State Assembly Bill A.2882 and New York State Senate Bill S.6649 Which Modifies Penal Law §400.00 Imposing Criminal Liability for Mandated Signage for Federal Firearms Licenses Dealers", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 240-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A SEGMENT OF PROPERTY FROM
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TO LEE AND MELISSA MATTHEWS
IN THE TOWN OF FINE**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in 1923, St. Lawrence County acquired in "fee simple" two small parcels of land consisting of a combined .58 acres known as the Fine-Star Lake Federal Aid Highway, State Highway 8175 from May Lansing via Map 13, Parcels A and B, and from Northern NY Utilities via Map 14, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the acquisition was to assist the State of New York in the development of State Highway 3 in the Town of Fine between 1920s and the 1950s; however, a small segment of the acquisition was ultimately never used after the 1950s due to a highway realignment, and

WHEREAS, as the County owns the underlying fee title, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) does not have the ability to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of this property, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOT abandoned maintenance jurisdiction via official Order No. 217 dated February 5, 1957, to the Town of Fine, and the property has remained unused since 1923, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has received contact from an agent on behalf of the adjacent landowners, Lee and Melissa Matthews, regarding the parcel, and following the completion of a boundary line survey of land already owned by the Matthews, the Matthews Survey identified the two small parcels of land that lie between the Matthews parcel and Boni Road and New York State Route 3, and

WHEREAS, the Matthews have inquired as to the willingness by the County to transfer the parcels with the understanding that the County has no immediate plans or needs for highway purposes for this area, and

WHEREAS, the addition of these parcels back into their parent chain of title would help clean-up the erratic boundary that currently exists along the front of the Matthews' land, and it is noteworthy that the area covered by the parcels in question appears to currently already be tax assessed to the Matthews, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of years of taxes paid by the Matthews of land owned by the County, and in consideration of the Matthews' offer to acquire the parcel for the average value of an acre of land in the amount of \$232, it is the recommendation of the County Attorney that the Board approve the conveyance of the parcel to the Matthews,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Transfer of a Segment of Property from St. Lawrence County to Lee and Melissa Matthews in the Town of Fine, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey a segment of property to Lee and Melissa Matthews known as the segment of Fine-Star Lake Federal Aid Highway, SH 8175 from May Lansing via Map 13, Parcels A and B, and from Northern NY Utilities via Map 14, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 240-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Transfer of a Segment of Property from St. Lawrence County to Lee and Melissa Matthews in the Town of Fine", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 241-2024

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW F (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024, "REPEALING LOCAL LAW 3 FOR THE YEAR 1993 AND AMENDING LOCAL LAW 2 FOR THE YEAR 1956, "A LOCAL LAW ENUMERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SELF-INSURANCE PLAN"

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

I. TITLE

A local law enumerating rules and regulations for the administration of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan

II. STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT

It is the intent of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators:

1. To equitably apportion the cost of participants consistent with the risk brought to the plan and the participant's recent experience, thereby encouraging participants to focus on accident prevention coupled with early and safely returning injured workers to productive work. Local Law No. 3 for the year 1993 is hereby REPEALED. Local Law No. 2 of 1956 [A Local Law enumerating Rules and Regulations for the Administration of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan] to establish apportionment of costs to plan participants, together with such other amendments and additional new rules and regulations necessary for the efficient administration of the Self-Insurance Plan is hereby AMENDED; and
2. The apportioned funds will be exclusively used for plan operation, including all direct and indirect expenses; and
3. To allow "fire districts" with taxing authority or that are municipal corporations shall be eligible plan participants as an independent entity as provided under Workers' Compensation Law §60 provided such fire district, if currently apportioned as part of another participant, shall first agree with said participant how the ongoing liabilities of any claims incurred prior to such conversion shall be paid; and
4. To establish a method for making actuarial calculations of plan liabilities for any purposes (including the sum owing from an entity withdrawing from the plan and establishing a buy-in rate to entering participants), an installment methodology for both entering and withdrawing participants, provisions relating to the role and responsibilities of the plan administrator, determining the maximum reserve upon an actuarial determination of plan liabilities, requiring proof of medical testing for certain titles as prescribed by law, codifying the required labor management safety committee together with its powers, and methods of enforcement plan

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provisions and the governing law, including but not limited to, withholding of sales tax proceeds; and

5. Further, it is intended that any provision of Local Law No.2 of 1956 that is not amended by this local law shall remain in full force and effect as is currently in force and as amended hereto, if so amended hereto.

III. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Article V of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law provides:

§64, Administration of Plan: authorizes the County Legislature by local law to provide for the administration of the Self-Insurance plan including naming an administrator, provides that plan funds shall be placed in the custody of the County Treasurer and that the County Attorney is designated as the legal advisor to the Self-Insurance plan.

§65, Rules and Regulations: authorizes the County Legislature, by local law, to establish plan rules and regulations , including but not limited to, enforcement mechanisms and collections of any enforcement sanctions from participants.

§67, Annual Estimate; payments by participants: obligates the plan administrator to prepare an annual budget estimate and provides for the methods of notification to participants and the allocation amongst the Self-Insurance plan participants and collection method for non-payment.

§69, Reserve: authorizes the legislature by local law to establish a reserve of the Self-Insurance plan for payment against plan liabilities and the maximum amount of contribution to the reserve.

§71(1), Accrual of Liabilities: authorizes the legislature by local law to provide for operation of the Self-Insurance plan on an actuarial and/or experience rating basis, in whole or part, and once adopted may not thereafter be discontinued.

§74 Manner of Adoption of Local Laws: provides for the manner of the adoption of local laws under the Workers' Compensation Law in the manner prescribed in the Municipal Home Rule Law; yet shall not be subject to mandatory or permissive referendum.

IV. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations for the administration of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan is hereby promulgated:

A. Participation:

In addition to the county, participation in the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan shall be available to:

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Cities
Towns
Villages
School Districts
Rescue Squads
Fire Districts

The participation of a town or village shall include: fire districts, fire protection districts, fire alarm districts and volunteer ambulance companies of the respective town or village under the terms and conditions as more fully set forth in the provisions of Workers' Compensation Law §63, unless said rescue squad or fire district is an independent participant as provided hereinafter.

B. Entry and Withdrawal:

Entry into the Plan by an eligible municipality, fire district or volunteer ambulance company, other than participants in the Plan on the effective date of this local law, shall be made by service upon the Administrator of a certified copy of the local resolution or legalizing act authorizing same on or before March 31st of the calendar year for the ensuing calendar year. Withdrawal by an eligible municipality from the Plan shall be made by service of a certified copy of the local resolution or legalizing act withdrawing from the Plan on or before March 31st of in the calendar year for the ensuing calendar year. Any withdrawal from the Plan shall require the payment of the withdrawing participant's equitable share of unfunded liabilities of the Plan, as calculated by an actuarial reserve estimate without discounting for present value.

C. Appointment of Costs:

Following the preparation of the annual estimate of projected amounts necessary for the ensuing calendar year, pursuant to Workers' Compensation Law §71, the share of the amounts chargeable to each participant shall be made using the classifications and loss costs adopted by the New York Compensation Insurance Rating Board to govern the underwriting of Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance, Voluntary Compensation Insurance and Employers Liability Insurance in the State of New York. In the event that the New York Compensation Rating Board shall cease to promulgate said rates and classifications, the County Legislature shall by resolution identify another equitable means to identify costs by employee industrial classification.

D. Payment by Participants:

Each participant, except towns and Cities, shall pay the County Treasurer within thirty days after the commencement of its fiscal year the amount billed as its share of the annual estimate of the plan.

The amount due from each Town and City participating shall be included in the next succeeding tax levy against property taxable by the participant responsible therefor.

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E. Reserve:

All funds of the Plan are to be held by the county treasurer as a separate fund as required under Workers' Compensation Law §64(2). In such fund, a self-insurance reserve is established in an amount not to exceed [\$200,000.00] where such sum represents the figure above the amount necessary to fully fund the actuarially determined outstanding ultimate liability of the Plan.

F. Reporting of Required Medical Tests:

Each Plan participant is responsible to provide medical tests and examinations as required by law, licensing agency, or government entity having oversight over the participant's employee qualifications or standards. Upon compliance, but in any event within the timeframe required for compliance of such medical tests and examinations, the Plan participant shall provide confirmation or status to the Administrator of the completion of such required medical tests and examinations. The costs associated with any and all such tests shall be borne by the respective Plan participant.

G. Administrator Functions:

The plan administrator as appointed pursuant to Local Law No. 1 of 1956 shall have the following duties and authority within the annual estimate adopted, together with and in addition to such other duties as are required to administer the plan under the controlling laws and regulations that apply to the plan:

1. Prepare and recommend the annual estimate as set forth under WCL §67;
2. Secure a professional claims administrator, actuary and other required professional services for the implementation of the provisions of this local law;
3. Make safety recommendations to the Labor Management Safety Committee and engage safety professionals or trainers for any adopted safety measures;
4. Advise the legislature of significant changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, regulations and case law;
5. Settle plan claims or stipulate to plan claim resolutions. The administrator shall settle or stipulate to claim resolutions using a reasonable and prudent standard. In no event, other than medical exigency, shall the administrator voluntarily enter into such an agreement or stipulation if the amount to be paid, together with the total amounts expended for the given budget year will exceed the adopted budget for the given year. All such agreements and stipulations shall be reported to the chair at least quarterly;
6. Provide plan participants with all necessary forms at plan expense that are reasonably necessary for plan participants to file required claims forms, logs and reports;
7. Provide or arrange for participant "key employee" training on all plan procedural requirements, including, but not limited to, new claim and claim update reporting;
8. Report deficiencies of participant filing and reporting to the Labor-Management Committee or the legislature as prescribed herein for such action as authorized under Workers' Compensation Law §65(2).

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H. Labor Management Safety Committee:

A Labor-Management Safety Committee is established under the plan as provided for under Workers' Compensation Law §71(2) and shall be constituted as directed therein. Within a line item in the annual estimate adopted for the plan, the Labor-Management Committee shall have the authority to:

1. Establish such plans and programs designed to educate public employees of the plan participants in proper health and safety procedures,
2. Design additional programs as may be appropriate to the development of a safe working environment in participants' facilities and job sites,
3. Publicize the availability of the plans and programs established by the Labor-Management Committee,
4. Review incident investigations in order to make safety recommendations to plan participants,
5. Receive notice of delinquency of plan participants from the administrator and take such action as it deems proper, including a penalty authorized under Workers' Compensation Law §65(2); excepting where the proposed penalty is for the participant to be expelled from the plan, such action shall be submitted to the legislature for authorization. No penalty imposed by the Labor-Management Committee shall exceed the penalty that the Workers Compensation Board is authorized to impose upon the plan.

Participants in the plan shall cooperate with the administrator and the Labor Management Committee by promptly filing all required reports, by aiding in the investigation of claims or incidents whether or not any injury occurred, by developing and enforcing safety programs adopted by the Labor Management Committee and by furnishing any additional aid or information that may be required to carry out the provisions and intent of the Workers' Compensation Law.

I. Penalties:

For any violation of the provisions of the foregoing section or of the requirements of the Workers' Compensation Law the Administrator may recommend to the Board of Legislators a penalty against any participant which shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00). The Board of Legislators may upon resolution by a majority vote of the members present and voting upon roll call charge a penalty in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or expel such member from the plan. Any expulsion from the Plan shall require the payment of the expelled participant's equitable share of unfunded liabilities of the Plan, as calculated by an actuarial reserve estimate without discounting for present value.

J. Catastrophe Insurance:

The Administrator, subject to the approval of the legislature, may purchase excess insurance, the cost of which shall be an administrative expense of the plan and apportioned to the participants pro rata.

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Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 242-2024

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE
APPORTIONMENT FOR THE YEAR 2025**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Self-Insured Plan has developed its budget for the year 2025, and

WHEREAS, the participant allocation of the plan costs is to be provided to the participants by September 1, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes that the following apportionment of Workers' Compensation costs for the year 2025 be applied to the participating municipalities of St. Lawrence County:

	<u>2024 Apportionment</u>	<u>2025 Apportionment</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease (-)</u>
St. Lawrence County	\$1,330,348	\$1,364,685	\$34,337
Soil and Water	\$2,694	\$1,452	-\$1,242
<u>CITY:</u>			
Ogdensburg	\$288,924	\$353,957	\$65,033
<u>TOWNS:</u>			
Brasher	\$33,332	\$37,271	\$3,939
Canton	\$48,198	\$55,471	\$7,273
Clare	\$7,840	\$8,247	\$407
Clifton	\$37,565	\$34,079	-\$3,486
DeKalb	\$31,055	\$30,607	-\$448
DePeyster	\$11,240	\$12,941	\$1,701
Edwards	\$29,832	\$29,629	-\$203
Fine	\$43,461	\$41,278	-\$2,182
Fowler	\$28,995	\$28,636	-\$359
Gouverneur	\$37,971	\$33,640	-\$4,331
Hammond	\$14,862	\$16,112	\$1,250
Hermon	\$30,813	\$32,582	\$1,769
Hopkinton	\$26,825	\$25,195	-\$1,630
Lawrence	\$30,028	\$33,733	\$3,705
Lisbon	\$55,637	\$66,490	\$10,853
Louisville	\$56,758	\$55,616	-\$1,142
Macomb	\$17,314	\$18,514	\$1,200
Madrid	\$23,891	\$26,899	\$3,008
Massena	\$102,375	\$128,890	\$26,515
Morristown	\$36,095	\$35,457	-\$638

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Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 243-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
JEDA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UNDER THE BLIGHTED PROPERTY
PROGRAM FOR THE DEMOLITION AND ABATEMENT OF A CONDEMNED
STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 209 RENSSELAER STREET,
IN THE VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS, NY**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Village of Rensselaer Falls, located in the Town of Canton, County of St. Lawrence, approached St. Lawrence County in 2023 in relation to a destroyed building located at 209 Rensselaer Street, Rensselaer Falls, NY 13617 with Tax Map No. 87.037-3-12.2, which is owned by Palazzo Nail Spas, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the building, a former residential apartment rental building, was destroyed in a fire on February 27, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Rensselaer Falls contacted St. Lawrence County to request that the County clean up the location and proceed with litigation against the owner for the tax delinquency and cleanup costs utilizing the Blighted Property Program established by the County, and

WHEREAS, the property is currently listed as tax delinquent based upon unpaid 2023 taxes with an amount of taxes due of \$173.88 along with interest, penalties, and fees of \$46.90 with the 2024 unpaid taxes having not been re-levied as of yet, and

WHEREAS, rather than commence a foreclosure action against Palazzo Nails Spa, Inc., the County Attorney approached Palazzo Nails Spa, Inc. about executing a transfer of the title to the property in lieu of foreclosure, and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2024, the Board of Legislators authorized the Chair to sign an agreement for the conveyance of 209 Rensselaer Street, in the Village of Rensselaer Falls, Town of Canton in lieu of foreclosure pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 1170, Resolution No. 121-2024, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 1170, “Any tax district may, when authorized by resolution of its governing body and in lieu of prosecuting a proceeding to foreclose a tax lien on any parcel of real property pursuant to this article, accept a conveyance of the interest of any person having any right, title, interest, claim, lien or equity of redemption in or to such parcel,” and

WHEREAS, Palazzo Nails Spa, Inc. has provided a Quitclaim deed transferring the property in lieu of foreclosure to the County of St. Lawrence, and

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WHEREAS, Resolution No. 121-2024 transferred 209 Rensselaer Street, in the Village of Rensselaer Falls, Town of Canton, in lieu of foreclosure on May 8, 2024, so the County could move forward and clean up the property on its own, which is the goal of the Village and the County, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Board of Legislators authorized the creation of the “Blighted Property Program”, designed to tackle blighted residential structures and augment the approach to environmental clean-ups the county was already engaged in, and

WHEREAS, this property has been selected for demolition and bids have been solicited, and

WHEREAS, recommendations were made by the County Treasurer and County Attorney for the demolition and removal of the condemned structure known as 209 Rensselaer Street, Town of Canton with Tax Map No. 40220387.037-3-12.2, as well as the awarding of a contract for demolition and abatement services to JEDA Environmental Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with JEDA Environmental Services under the Blighted Property Program for the demolition and abatement of a condemned structure located at 209 Rensselaer Street, in the Village of Rensselaer Falls, NY, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 243-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with JEDA Environmental Services Under the Blighted Property Program for the Demolition and Abatement of a Condemned Structure Located at 209 Rensselaer Street, in the Village of Rensselaer Falls, NY”, adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

Finance Committee: 7-29-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 244-2024

APPROVAL OF BAD DEBT WRITE OFF FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 87-2014, adopted on April 7, 2014, authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Falcon Recovery Systems, LLC, for St. Lawrence County to consolidate collections under one contract with Falcon, and

WHEREAS, 2024 bad debt accounts totaling \$59,483 are now uncollectible, and

WHEREAS, while the debt is owed and written off, the amount due is placed in the files of each customer in an effort to receive payment should they return for service in the future,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to adjust the bad debt write offs for the Solid Waste Department, as follows:

DECREASE CONTRA ASSET ACCOUNT:

05TG0389 501W0 T EL Allowance for Receivables \$59,483

DECREASE ASSET ACCOUNT:

05TG0380 501W0 T EL Accounts Receivable \$59,483

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) ss:
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STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 244-2024 Entitled "Approval of Bad Debt Write Off for the Solid Waste Department", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 246-2024

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Ms. Haggard, District 10; Ms. Terminelli, District 14; and Mr. Perkins, District 7

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 ten (10) positions in six (6) departments, and of those reviewed one (1) position was held,

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
Public Defender	Keyboard Specialist	003100079	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000034	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Sign Fabricator	312800001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Solid Waste	Site Crewleader	332300005	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff - Detective	605500002	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff	605000010	FT	Permanent	Immediate
District Attorney	Legal Secretary	005300012	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Information Technology	Computer Technician	202700002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Information Technology	Senior Programmer/Analyst	203200001	FT	Permanent	Immediate

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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 246-2024 Entitled "Authorizing Filling of Vacancies", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 248-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
FOR ENGINEERING, FINANCIAL, AND ACCESSIBILITY STUDY OF THE
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM**

By Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2024, the Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 165-2024 authorizing the Chair to sign a contract with Clarkson University for an engineering, financial, and accessibility study of the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail, and

WHEREAS, a primary Economic Development Initiative for St Lawrence County is the development of a multi-use trail in an effort to increase tourism and promote economic growth for businesses in the County, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators supports this initiative and have worked collaboratively toward the timely completion of the project, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that authorizing the development of a County-wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System would capitalize on the open space and forestry assets of the County, and would provide quality outdoor recreation activities for visitors and residents, stimulate and support local businesses and regional economic development, and conserve the natural resources for future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators determined that the preparation of a Multi-Use Recreational Trail Plan was necessary and appropriate to set forth the management goals and objectives as well as operational guidelines for the proposed county-wide trail system, and

WHEREAS, following years of activities, in 2021, the Board of Legislators passed a new local law designed to re-establish the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System and create a permitting process for all-terrain vehicle enthusiasts who use the trail system, and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2024, Clarkson University presented a proposal to the County that would capitalize on their academic strengths in the fields of engineering and finance, and

WHEREAS, Clarkson University is uniquely suited to assist the County with pre-professional engineering services with respect to the Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, the proposal anticipates an \$83,630 investment by the County over the 2024-2025 fiscal period to cover the expenses of the performed study, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for engineering, financial, and accessibility study of the St. Lawrence County Multi-use Trail System, as follows:

August 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 249-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
FOR A QUALIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) ASSESSMENT
GRANT WRITING AND IMPLEMENTATION**

By Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, each year the County forecloses on, and sells at auction, properties that are acquired by the County for the failure of a taxpayer to make payment of their taxes, and

WHEREAS, periodically there are properties that are not turned over to a new owner through the auction process due to perceived deficiencies in the structures on the property, or the property itself, and

WHEREAS, properties that have been foreclosed upon that do not sell at the auction become a liability to the County and result in costs to maintain and continue to make local jurisdictions whole with respect to taxes assessed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, the St. Lawrence County Treasurer (as Tax Enforcement Officer) and the St. Lawrence County Attorney are entrusted with protecting the interests of the County with respect to tax delinquent parcels,

WHEREAS, as a part of the annual review of parcels performed by the St. Lawrence County Tax Foreclosure Team, it has been determined that there is a number of active and abandoned parcels that are encumbered by the presence of structural deterioration sufficient to constitute a threat to human health, safety, and community welfare, and

WHEREAS, since 2015, the Team has already tackled 100 properties identified as environmentally contaminated in initial inspections, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the success of the Environmental Program, in 2022, the Board of Legislators established the Blighted Property Program to investigate and remediate residential blight, and

WHEREAS, recently, the County held discussions regarding a potential application for United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Assessment Grants, and

WHEREAS, Assessment Grants provide funding for a grant recipient (Municipality, IDA, EDA, Land Bank, etc.) to inventory, assess, characterize, conduct a range of planning activities, develop site-specific cleanup plans, and conduct community engagement related to brownfield sites, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Grant is to assess blighted, vacant, or otherwise underutilized sites and promote redevelopment or beneficial reuse for communities, and

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WHEREAS, sites that are part of the EPA Assessment Grant Process can then be marketed to private redevelopers for NYSDEC Brownfield Cleanup Program tax credits, or be included in USEPA Cleanup Program Applications (municipally owned sites), and

WHEREAS, a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP – environmental consultant) can help with other grant requirements (quarterly reporting, site-specific reporting, community outreach, planning, coordination, etc.)

WHEREAS, in order to apply, the County would need to release a Request For Proposals (RFP) for EPA Assessment Grant writing and implementation and select a QEP who writes the grant application with a deadline for submission of October 1, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a qualified Environmental Professional for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Assessment Grant Writing and Implementation, upon review of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 249-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Qualified Environmental Professional for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Assessment Grant Writing and Implementation”, adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

August 5, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 250-2024

**A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING AND RECOMMENDING THE TOWN OF
POTSDAM CENSURE TOWN COUNCILOR CHRISTINE PAIGE AND CALLING
FOR HER RESIGNATION FOR DISGRACING PUBLIC OFFICE**

By Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, civil discourse among citizens is an important part of American Democracy that allows a healthy debate to reach important decisions that benefit the general public, and

WHEREAS, the public is best served when all points of view are encouraged to be heard, allowing public officials to make informed decisions about the issues facing their communities, states, and nation, and

WHEREAS, extremism in the form of support for political assassination and terrorism in any of its forms cannot be tolerated, and especially by elected officials at the local, state, and national levels, and

WHEREAS, those who suggest, or excuse those who suggest, that the assassination and murder of candidates for political office or elected officials should be tolerated as part of public discussions need to be condemned in the strongest terms by all political parties, all office holders, and all Americans of any political persuasion, and

WHEREAS, elected officials at every level have a responsibility to their constituents and their community to set an example for others, and those who would dehumanize or applaud the murder or attempted murder of elected officials should not be excused, applauded, or tolerated, and

WHEREAS, Potsdam Town Councilor Christine Paige has made public comments meant to dehumanize a candidate for the presidency of the United States of America in remarks that could be interpreted to incite political violence and terrorism, and even compared an assassination attempt on a former President of the United States as nothing more than “putting down a rabid dog,” and

WHEREAS, when confronted with her remarks, she did not apologize or even acknowledge that there is no place for such extremism and public support for political terrorism in our nation’s discourse, especially at a time when elected officials at all levels should be urging citizens to reject calls for violence against those with whom they may disagree,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators condemns and recommends the Town of Potsdam censure Town Councilor Christine Paige, and calls for her resignation for disgracing public office.

August 5, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 250-2024 Entitled "A Resolution Condemning and Recommending the Town of Potsdam Censure Town Councilor Christine Paige and Calling for Her Resignation for Disgracing Public Office", adopted August 5, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe _____
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
August 6, 2024

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 251-2024

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2024,
AS CONSTITUTION WEEK**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1 and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, September 17, 2024, marks the two hundred and thirty-seventh (237th) anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention, and

WHEREAS, recognizing the enduring strength of our Constitution and reaffirming our commitment to the rights and obligation of citizenship of this great Nation, it is fitting to honor this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17th through 23rd as Constitution Week, and

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the Constitution, the summation of what the document contains and basis of the guiding principles of our Nation, was written by Gouverneur Morris, landowner, statesman, and for whom the villages of Gouverneur and Morristown in St. Lawrence County are named, and

WHEREAS, the first 10 amendments are known as the “Bill of Rights” and is a list of basic human rights guaranteed by law, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America gives every citizen a foundation for a free, prosperous and independent life, but each generation must work for and claim it; otherwise, through carelessness or indifference the rights and liberties we enjoy may vanish, and

WHEREAS, throughout this week let us honor the values the Framers stood by rededicating ourselves to carry forward the spirit first embodied in their achievements, and to pay tribute to those who shaped the land we love while working to secure everlasting peace, prosperity, and opportunity for all who call America home,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims the week of September 17 – 23, 2024, as Constitution Week and encourages St. Lawrence County citizens to reaffirm commitments to the rights and obligations of citizenship of the United States of America.

September 9, 2024

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 251-2024 Entitled "Proclaiming the Week of September 17 - 23, 2024, as Constitution Week", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 252-2024

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 15-21, 2024, AS SHERIFFS' WEEK
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has been an integral part of the criminal justice system in New York State and in St. Lawrence County throughout our history, having been established in the State’s first Constitution in 1777 and having been continued in every succeeding Constitution, and having been one of our original Constitutional offices upon the founding of our County, and

WHEREAS, despite changes in its function, status and powers during its long history, the Office of Sheriff has maintained a continuous existence, preserved its distinguishing heritage, and continued to be an essential component of our criminal justice community, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has evolved into a modern, professional, full-service law enforcement and corrections agency, manned by well-trained police officers and correctional officers, using state-of-the-art technology and applying the latest and most advanced theories and practices in the fields of law enforcement and corrections, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff is unique in the community, and the duties of the Office go far beyond the traditional role of “Keeper of the Peace,” and extend into many facets of public service beyond law enforcement and corrections, to include providing security in our courts, dispatching emergency services, and handling the civil process for our courts, and

WHEREAS, as a constitutionally empowered Office directly responsible to the People, the ancient Office of Sheriff remains, even today, responsive and accountable to the public it serves, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to celebrate the historical contributions of the Office of Sheriff and the significant role that Sheriffs play in our modern criminal justice system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaim September 15-21, 2024, as Sheriffs' Week in St. Lawrence County.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 252-2024 Entitled “Proclaiming September 15-21, 2024, as Sheriffs' Week in St. Lawrence County”, adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Operations Committee: 8-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 253-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CDW-G FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT IN THE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS' CHAMBERS AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the audio equipment in the Board Chambers is outdated and has no support in the event of failure, and

WHEREAS, the need to integrate visual technology has developed significantly in the past several years, and

WHEREAS, the ability to participate remotely in a board or committee meeting has been introduced and requires support, and

WHEREAS, board and committee meetings are now streamed and recorded, requiring quality audio and video output, and

WHEREAS, audiovisual technology has advanced significantly over the past few years, bringing new opportunities for cost-efficient, excellent results, and

WHEREAS, CDW-G has been a trusted partner of St. Lawrence County for many years and sourced a similar system for Jefferson County with an exceptional outcome,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with CDW-G for Acquisition and Installation of Audiovisual Equipment in the Board of Legislators' Chambers, 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:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD016802 22001	C Computer Hardware	\$68,803
CD016804 43007	C IT Other Fees	<u>61,600</u>
		\$130,403

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$130,403
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September 9, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 253-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with CDW-G for Acquisition and Installation of Audiovisual Equipment in the Board of Legislators' Chambers and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Information Technology", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Operations Committee: 8-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 254-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN MASS TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYS DOT) FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) requires a Mass Transportation Capital Project Agreement (No. C006038) between St. Lawrence County and the DOT to operate a mass transportation program, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will be for a term of five (5) years and identifies St. Lawrence County as the party responsible for program administration, and establishes the method for funding applicable phases of mass transportation projects to support public transportation systems,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign Mass Transportation Capital Project Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for the St. Lawrence County Transportation Program, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Planning Office to perform all necessary activities to secure and disperse these funds, and to close out the awards as may be required, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Planning Office, as follows, and to roll over any remaining funds to future budgets until the grant is fully expended:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N2B56302 23000	N Automotive Equipment	\$1,068,084
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B45895 57002	N FA Capital Funds for Bus	\$797,126
N2B35945 56002	N SA Capital Funds for Bus	185,522
N2B26805 55000	N BUS Insurance Recoveries	71,676
N2B17895 55000	N Other Trans DPT Inc/Bus Adv	<u>13,760</u>
		\$1,068,084

September 9, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 254-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Mass Transportation Capital Project Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for the St. Lawrence County Transportation Program, and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Planning Office", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Operations Committee: 8-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 255-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FEDERAL TRANSIT OPERATING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYS DOT) FOR THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County submitted a 2021-2023 Federal Transit Administration Formula Grant for Rural Areas to continue its public transportation services, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) awarded St. Lawrence County \$1,112,299 (N2B56304 43007 and N2B35945 56003) in Federal and State funding and issued a Federal Transit Operating Assistance Agreement (C005995), and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will be for a term of five (5) years and identifies St. Lawrence County as the party responsible for program administration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign Federal Transit Operating Assistance Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for the Transportation Program for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 255-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Federal Transit Operating Assistance Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for the Transportation Program for St. Lawrence County”, adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Operations Committee: 8-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 256-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE INNOVATIVE MOBILITY INITIATIVE FUNDING APPLICATION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYS DOT) FOR THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) is seeking funding proposals from applicants to design and provide on-demand microtransit service as a part of an innovative Mobility Initiative as authorized by Chapter 53 of the Law of 2023, and

WHEREAS, up to \$3 million for operating expenses, and up to \$5 million for capital expenses are available with no local match required, and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Program is to expand access to public transit in areas that are not serviced by a bus route, or in areas where bus service is not cost-effective, and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the County would have up to five (5) years to contract with third-party vendors to design and complete the project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the Innovative Mobility Initiative funding application with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for the Public Transportation Program in St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 256-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign the Innovative Mobility Initiative Funding Application with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) for the Public Transportation Program in St. Lawrence County”, adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Operations Committee: 8-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 257-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE
FOR TRANSPORTATION**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Public Transit system transported more passengers and drove more miles than originally projected for 2024 and is eligible to receive an additional \$357,000 of State Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA) funding, and

WHEREAS, the County is eligible to receive an additional \$171,000 of 5311 Supportive Employment Services (SES) funding for providing increased ridership to places of employment, education and training, and

WHEREAS, the County is also eligible to receive an additional \$9,000 of Mobility Management funding to offset expenses related to the delivery of public transportation services, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Public Transit is projected to generate an additional \$27,000 of bus advertising revenue which is more than originally budgeted for 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Planning for transportation, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N2B56304 43007	N Bus Other Fees and Services	\$537,000
N2B56304 430AR	N NYSARC Advertising Share	<u>27,000</u>
		\$564,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B35945 56003	N SA Operating Aid	\$357,000
N2B45895 57003	N FA Bus Operations Ogds/Potsd	180,000
N2B17895 55000	N Other Trans Dpt Inc/Bus Adv	<u>27,000</u>
		\$564,000

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 257-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Planning Office for Transportation", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Operations Committee: 8-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 258-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE
FY22 DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION GRANT AND MODIFYING
THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 401-2022 approved the acceptance of FY22 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant in the amount of \$172,413 from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES), and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is being requested as NYS DHSES contract budget requirements have changed regarding what can be claimed, so the original budget accounts need to be updated to match the new expenses, and

WHEREAS, NYS DHSES has also approved a one-year contract extension for this grant, and the terms of this contract is September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension for the FY22 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office, as follows, and roll over any remaining funds to future budgets until the grant is fully expended:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 18000 DT	S CRIM Overtime	\$29,944
S1Z31104 42000 DT	S CRIM Office Supplies	20,000
S1Z31104 43007 DT	S CRIM Other Fees and Services	<u>71,359</u>
		\$121,303

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 12000 DT	S CRIM Supervisory	\$53,118
S1Z31101 14000 DT	S CRIM Clerical	49,826
S1Z31101 19000 DT	S CRIM Temporary	2,100
S1Z31108 81000 DT	S CRIM Retirement	8,619
S1Z31108 83000 DT	S CRIM Social Security	5,745
S1Z31108 84000 DT	S CRIM Workers Compensation	<u>1,895</u>
		\$121,303

September 9, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 258-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension for the FY22 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Operations Committee: 8-12-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 259-2024

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON 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 Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2 and Mr. Sheridan, District 4

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

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2021, by Resolution No. 168-2021, St. Lawrence County opted into 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 extended 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,

September 9, 2024

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law G (No. __) for the Year 2024 will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

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”

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:

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.

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 259-2024 Entitled “Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on 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””, adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Services Committee: 8-19-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 260-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH LOCUM TENENS STAFFING AGENCIES FOR CONTINUITY OF CARE AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2019, Resolution No. 94-2019 was adopted authorizing a contract agreement with Locum Tenens Staffing Agencies for continuity of care, and

WHEREAS, Community Services is responsible for providing continuity of care for those individuals admitted to the Mental Health and Addiction Services Clinics for the delivery of services in accordance with the rules and regulations made by and established by the Commissioners of OMH, OASAS, and DOH, and

WHEREAS, the Department will soon experience difficulty providing continuity of care for individuals admitted to the Mental Health and Addiction Services Clinics due to unanticipated leaves by more than one prescriber, and

WHEREAS, when necessary, Community Services will be looking for medical provider assistance by entering into contingent agreements with Locum Tenens Staffing Agencies in order to secure a temporary provider for up to thirty-two (32) hours a week for six (6) months to provide essential services until such time permanent staffing can be pursued and secured,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amended contract with Locum Tenens Staffing Agencies, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142504 43007 DSRP	A CACD Other Fees & Services	\$35,000
A1342504 43007 DSRP	A OGCD Other Fees & Services	35,000
A3643204 43007	A FSS Other Fees & Services	<u>90,000</u>
		\$160,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1134905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	\$35,000
A1334905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	35,000
A3644905 57000	A FA FED Salary Sharing-Mental	<u>90,000</u>
		\$160,000

September 9, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 260-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Amended Contract with Locum Tenens Staffing Agencies for Continuity of Care and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Community Services", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Services Committee: 8-19-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 261-2024

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2024 AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Recovery Month was started in September 1989 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to celebrate the recovery community and highlight the importance of evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, and

WHEREAS, the term “substance-use disorder”, commonly known as addiction, is a disease of the brain and many misconceptions surrounding it have contributed to harmful stigmas that can prevent individuals from seeking the treatment they need, and

WHEREAS, by treating substance-use disorders as seriously as other medical conditions with an emphasis on prevention and treatment, people can recover, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, there were an estimated 107,000 Americans who died due to overdoses nationally, and the impact of substance-use disorders is apparent in our local community, as well, as St. Lawrence County had 153 reported overdoses with 12 fatalities in 2023, and

WHEREAS, there are millions of Americans whose lives have been transformed through recovery, and since these successes often go unnoticed by the broader population, Recovery Month provides a vehicle for everyone to celebrate these accomplishments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaim September 2024 as National Recovery Month in St. Lawrence County.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 261-2024 Entitled “Proclaiming September 2024 as National Recovery Month in St. Lawrence County”, adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Services Committee: 8-19-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 263-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH AREA ESTABLISHMENT FOR HOUSING FOR ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE OF INDIVIDUALS INFECTED OR EXPOSED TO A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is in need of resources to assist with housing for the isolation or quarantine of individuals who have been found to have a communicable disease or have been exposed to a communicable disease of public health significance, and do not have the ability to separate themselves from others effectively to prevent transmission, and

WHEREAS, area establishments have agreed to provide housing in the event accommodations are needed, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for the daily cost of these accommodations (PP040104 43007), and

WHEREAS, the need to have agreements with area establishments in place is important due to the public health threat communicable diseases pose for which isolation or quarantine is required,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign agreements with area establishments for isolation or quarantine, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 263-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts with Area Establishment for Housing for Isolation or Quarantine of Individuals Infected or Exposed to a Communicable Disease”, adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Services Committee: 8-19-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 264-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS FOR THE PETROLEUM PRODUCT QUALITY PROGRAM FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has the responsibility of conducting inspections, performing screening tests, and sampling of petroleum products, and

WHEREAS, the contract between St. Lawrence County and the State of New York will be for five (5) years with the terms being April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2029, and

WHEREAS, an amount of \$48,580 is allowed to reimburse expenses to St. Lawrence County (M1037895 56000) for this five (5) year program, as submitted by state aid voucher on a quarterly basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for the Petroleum Product Quality Program for Weights and Measures, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 264-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for the Petroleum Product Quality Program for Weights and Measures”, adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Finance Committee: 8-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 265-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO
CONVEY POST-JUDGMENT TAX FORECLOSURE ACQUIRED PROPERTY BACK
TO THE REDEEMING TAX DELINQUENT**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2024, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law the New York State 2024-2025 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the enacted budget reforms the property tax enforcement laws of New York State to bring them into compliance with a decision of the United States Supreme Court, Tyler v. Hennepin County, Minnesota, 598 U.S. 631 (2023), by providing that when tax-delinquent property is sold, any excess proceeds be returned to the former owner or owners, and where appropriate, to lienors, and

WHEREAS, the bill requires any surplus resulting from tax foreclosure sales to be distributed to the former owners and lienors, subject to claims incurred by the taxing authority for administrative costs and remediation, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Tyler Decision and the passage of the State Budget with modifications to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Board of Legislators adopted Local Law D (No. 4) for the Year 2024, which amended the policy regarding disposition of acquired tax delinquent parcels and the date of last redemption, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators may permit redemption of tax delinquent parcels, after judgment has been obtained by the tax enforcing officer in the judicial tax foreclosure proceeding but prior to the auction, by passage of a resolution authorizing the Chair and tax enforcing entity to execute any and all documents necessary to convey the foreclosed property back into possession of the redeeming tax delinquent, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, the St. Lawrence County Treasurer (as Tax Enforcement Officer) and the County Attorney protect the interests of the County with respect to tax delinquent parcels,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all documents necessary to convey post-judgment tax foreclosure acquired property back to the redeeming tax delinquent, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior owners who have made payment of delinquent taxes to redeem property acquired by St. Lawrence County in foreclosure for the Year 2024 will be paid the amount of back taxes, plus any assessed penalties, interests, and fees, upon approval of the County Treasurer.

September 9, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 265-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign all Documents Necessary to Convey Post-Judgment Tax Foreclosure Acquired Property Back to the Redeeming Tax Delinquent", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Finance Committee: 8-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 266-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CLEAN HARBORS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. TO COMPLETE HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOVAL ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE REDDICK REVOCABLE TRUST

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County has commenced an In Rem real property tax foreclosure proceeding for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against properties owned by The Reddick Revocable Trust located at 45 Murdock St, Town of Gouverneur, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 173.039-1-9 and 51 Owl Rd, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York with Tax Map No. 173.001-4-8 (hereinafter referred to as the “Properties”), and

WHEREAS, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$26,126.83, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$16,305.51 for a total of \$42,432.34 on the parcel owned by The Reddick Revocable Trust with Tax Map No. 173.039-1-9 and there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$14,467.99 together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$10,452.09 for a total of \$24,290.08 on the parcel owned by The Reddick Revocable Trust with Tax Map No. 173.001-4-8, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators previously authorized the execution of a contract with Odin Environmental to perform an initial investigation on the Properties as well as Atlantic Testing Laboratories, who determined that further work was required to address and remove drum, tanks, and other storage containers located on the property which contain hazardous substances, and

WHEREAS, the County would like to retain Clean Harbors to package, transport, and dispose of waste drums and hazardous materials that are located at the Properties, and

WHEREAS, Clean Harbors has submitted proposals whereby they will perform the above-described packaging, transportation, and disposal for the total of \$55,095.25, to be paid from the Environmental Property Reserve Fund, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and Consultant, Gary Bowitch, Esq. have reviewed the proposals and recommend awarding the contract to Clean Harbors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to Sign a Contract, and any other necessary documents, with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. to Complete Hazardous Waste Removal on Property Owned by the Reddick Revocable Trust, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 9, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 266-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. to Complete Hazardous Waste Removal on Property Owned by the Reddick Revocable Trust", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Finance Committee: 8-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 267-2024

REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW CORRECTION OF TAXES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law allows for certain corrections over \$2,500 to be made with regard to the assessment and tax rolls, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Office has determined that a cancelation of voided taxes should occur pursuant to Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law and is recommending that the taxes be canceled, and

WHEREAS, a list of such corrections, which shall be known as Correction/Cancelation of Voided Taxes - Real Property Tax Law List #1 for the Year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the list is on file in the Board of Legislators' Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes Real Property Tax Correction of Taxes, as follows:

Name:	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
St. Lawrence County:	Town of Stockholm
Tax Roll Year:	2024
Tax Map No.:	65.002-4-15
Original Bill:	\$5,670.03
Corrected Bill:	\$886.54
Reason:	New York State paid school in October 2023; Error in re-levy; Remove \$4,783.49

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 267-2024 Entitled "Real Property Tax Law Correction of Taxes", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Finance Committee: 8-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 268-2024

REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW CORRECTION/CANCELLATION OF VOID TAXES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Section 558 of Real Property Tax Law allows for certain correction/cancellation of voided taxes to be made with regard to the assessment and tax rolls, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Office has determined that a cancellation of voided taxes should occur pursuant to Section 558 of the Real Property Tax Law and is recommending that the taxes be canceled, and

WHEREAS, a list of such corrections, which shall be known as Correction/Cancellation of Voided Taxes - Real Property Tax Law List #2 for the Year 2024, and

WHEREAS, the list is filed in the Board of Legislators' Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes Real Property Tax Law correction/cancellation of void taxes, as follows:

Name: St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
St. Lawrence County: Brasher
Tax Roll Year: 2024
Tax Map No.: 12.001-2-7
Original Bill: \$5,783.85
Corrected Bill: \$0
Reason: Deed 2023/16280 to the United States of America recorded 12/28/2023; Warrant Date 12/29/2023; Request taxes are voided per RPTL 558

Name: New York State Power Authority
St. Lawrence County: Massena
Tax Roll Year: 2023
Tax Map No.: 5.004-1-22.1
Original Bill: \$2,284.23
Corrected Bill: \$0
Reason: Deed 2022/11835 to New York State Power Authority recorded 08/19/2022; Warrant date 12/30/2022; Massena Central School warrant date 09/01/2022; Request taxes voided per RPTL 558.

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Name: New York State Department of Transportation
St. Lawrence County: Potsdam
Tax Roll Year: 2023
Tax Map No.: 63.004-1-47
Original Bill: 169.19
Corrected Bill: \$0
Reason: New York State Acquisition Map 2022/3716 filed 03/23/2022;
The parcel was transferred to New York State Department of
Transportation. It was then deleted and mapped to roadway.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 268-2024 Entitled "Real Property Tax Law Correction/Cancellation of Void Taxes", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Finance Committee: 8-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 269-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR
TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ROAD REPAIRS**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the remnants of Tropical Storm Debby have caused hazardous conditions, and posed an imminent threat to transportation systems across St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, New York State declared a disaster State of Emergency followed by a declaration issued by St. Lawrence County, a critical action to allow for potential reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),

WHEREAS, this storm produced heavy rains and flash flooding resulting in significant damage to many roads throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways does not have appropriations in the 2024 Budget to provide for the necessary emergency repairs for the safety of the traveling public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for emergency road repairs, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$650,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$650,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651104 454HS TSD	H TSD Highway Supplies	\$650,000
T6199509 90600 TSD	T IFT GF Transfer to CP	<u>650,000</u>
		\$1,300,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

T6650319 90100 TSD	T IFT CP Transfer from GF	\$650,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional appropriations may be necessary to complete the work that would allow the roads to be repaired and reopened safely.

September 9, 2024

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 269-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for Temporary Emergency Road Repairs", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

Finance Committee: 8-26-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 270-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH COMSOURCE FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF UNINTERRUPTABLE POWER SUPPLIES AND MONITORING SOFTWARE AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the backup power infrastructure of St. Lawrence County is of critical importance, supporting all network, server, application, and telephony functions, and

WHEREAS, much of this infrastructure is outdated and in need of replacement, demonstrated by failures in critical infrastructure that power life-saving systems operated by St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, maintaining an alert function is critical to provide the County IT Staff notice to respond when issues arise and ahead of any compromise to the System, and

WHEREAS, ComSource operates from a State contract availability perspective, and has performed an assessment of the entire County electrical and network infrastructure to come up with a proposal suite to meet the needs of the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with ComSource for the Acquisition and Installation of Uninterruptable Power Supplies and Monitoring Software, 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:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD016802 22001	C Computer Hardware	\$200,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$200,000
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September 9, 2024

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 270-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with ComSource for Acquisition and Installation of Uninterruptable Power Supplies and Monitoring Software and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Information Technology", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 271-2024

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Mr. Gennett, District 13

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 369-2019 and Resolution No. 253-2020 authorized the continuance of the current vacancy review process with a recommendation that the vacancies continue to be deliberated at each jurisdictional committee, but one resolution be created for all approved positions to be considered at the Regular Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Vacancy Review Committee reviewed twenty (20) positions in seven (7) departments, with four (4) new positions being requested, and of those twenty (20) 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
Social Services	Caseworker	815200004	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Deputy Commissioner	819500002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Principal Account Clerk	100300002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Caseworker	815000056	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Social Welfare Examiner	814000010	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services	Social Welfare Examiner	814100004	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Keyboard Specialist	003100104	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff	605000019	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff - Detective*	605500009	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff	Administrative Assistant*	005200017	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff	Crime Analyst*	607300001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Community Services	Mental Health Counselor	506500013	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Senior Chemical Dependency Counselor	507300004	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Community Services	Keyboard Specialist	003100102	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Public Health Nurse	504100002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Nurse Practitioner	501800002	PT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000028	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Attorney	Assistant County Attorney	021900001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
District Attorney	Secretary	005100028	FT	Permanent	Immediate

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.

September 9, 2024

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 271-2024 Entitled "Authorizing Filling of Vacancies", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 272-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NYS OFFICE OF ADDICTIONS AND SUPPORTS (OASAS) TO ACCEPT TARGETED GRANT FUNDING TO UPDATE THE EXISTING ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, Community Services has been awarded up to \$120,000 in funding from the New York State (NYS) Office of Addictions and Supports to address the need of the Department to update the existing Electronic Health Record (EHR) System for the clinics, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Addiction and Supports has obtained funds for this grant through the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Program, in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and

WHEREAS, the funding is to be used to update and enhance the existing EHR platform that includes the software, data migration, workflow analysis, training, interface setup, reporting assistance, billing functionality, and ongoing education for staff, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has collaborated with the County Purchasing Office and Information Technology to prepare the required Request for Proposal (RFP), which would be released upon the adoption of this resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Office of Addictions and Supports to accept targeted grant funding to update the Behavioral Health Clinics' Electronic Health Record System for Community Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 272-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract With NYS Office of Addictions and Supports (OASAS) to Accept Targeted Grant Funding to Update the Existing Electronic Health Record for Community Services", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 273-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
THE TOWNS OF HOPKINTON, CLARE, AND HERMON**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6 and Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, the remnants of Tropical Storm Debby brought widespread impacts to New York on August 9-10, 2024, setting record rainfall and triggering warnings around the State, and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Debby is believed to have caused as much as \$28 billion in total damage and economic loss, based on a preliminary estimate from AccuWeather, and

WHEREAS, a number of rainfall records fell at locations around the state, including in the North Country, with some locations reporting as much as 2.07 inches per hour, and

WHEREAS, among the various communities hardest hit, the Towns of Hopkinton, Clare, and Hermon experienced significant flooding and storm damage, and

WHEREAS, Hopkinton and Clare have requested assistance from St. Lawrence County for repairs to large culverts on Converse Road and Tooley Pond Road, respectively, and

WHEREAS, Hermon has requested assistance from St. Lawrence County for repairs to a large culvert and small bridge on the Evans Road, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways is willing to provide post-flooding assistance to the three towns via shared services, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that such assistance does not transfer ownership of the repaired infrastructure to the County and the County shall be held harmless by the Towns for the materials and work, and

WHEREAS, this agreement will expire December 31, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a shared services agreement with the Towns of Hopkinton, Clare, and Hermon, upon approval of the County Attorney.

September 9, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 273-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Shared Services Agreement with the Towns of Hopkinton and Clare", adopted September 9, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
September 10, 2024

October 7, 2024

Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 274-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH APCO INTERNATIONAL FOR THE INTELICOMM 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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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 274-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with APCO International for the IntelliComm and Guidecard System for Emergency Services”, adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

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
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	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	<u>245,000</u>
		\$423,500

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 275-2024 Entitled "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", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 276-2024 Entitled "Proclaiming October 2024 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

Operations Committee: 9-16-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 278-2024

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

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.

October 7, 2024

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 278-2024 Entitled "Declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 279-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Defenders' Association for the Public Defender Case Management System", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
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St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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.

October 7, 2024

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 280-2024 Entitled "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 ", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

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St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 281-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Indigent Legal Services for Second Statewide Expansion of Hurrell Harring Reforms”, adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

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October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 282-2024 Entitled "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", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
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St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 283-2024 Entitled "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", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 284-2024 Entitled "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", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 285-2024 Entitled "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", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$84,000
S1031101 11000	S CRIM Direct Service Workers	110,750
S4031501 11000	S JAIL Direct Service Workers	<u>97,250</u>
		\$292,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031101 18000	S CRIM Overtime	\$147,000
S4031501 18000	S JAIL Overtime	<u>145,000</u>
		\$292,000

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 286-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for Overtime Expenses in the Criminal and Correctional Divisions", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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	<u>83,200</u>
		\$363,200

INCREASE REVENUE:

ON047725 570C2	OFA Title III-C2	\$200,000
ON047725 570C1	OFA Title III-C1	80,000
OA047725 570BD	OFA Programs for Aging IIIB	<u>83,200</u>
		\$363,200

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 287-2024 Entitled "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)", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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	<u>500,000</u>
		\$602,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAB60104 430FI FRAU	D FRAU Investigator Fees	\$55,000
DSS61294 46500	D STS Other Payments	<u>47,000</u>
		\$102,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

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	<u>9,494</u>
		\$526,895

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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	<u>16,568</u>
		\$26,895

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 288-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for Social Services for Temporary Assistance/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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 465SS OSF	Step By Step OSF Payments	\$100,000
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
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

October 7, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 289-2024 Entitled "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 ", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 290-2024 Entitled “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 ”, adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 291-2024 Entitled "Authorizing Collection of Omitted Taxes", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 292-2024

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:

<u>MUNICIPALITY:</u>	<u>EQUALIZATION RATE:</u>
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

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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

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 292-2024 Entitled "Adoption of the Equalization Rates for 2025 County Taxes", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 293-2024

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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 293-2024 Entitled “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”, adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

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	<u>15,000</u>
		\$314,500

INCREASE REVENUE:

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	<u>13,000</u>
		\$314,500

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HG051484 40600	H HSOG Machinery Rental	\$75,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

HG027705 55000	H HSOG Services Other Government	\$75,000
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 294-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for Fuel, Equipment Repair, and Machinery Rental", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 296-2024

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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 296-2024 Entitled “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”, adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

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Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 297-2024

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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 297-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Renewal with J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc. for the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Trainer Certification Program”, adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6399509 90600 TSD	CR Transfers to Capital Fund	\$125,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM651104 454HS TSD	H TSD Highway Supplies	\$125,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6650319 90300 TSD	CP Transfers from CR	\$125,000
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 298-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department Of Highways For Tropical Storm Debby", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

October 7, 2024

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

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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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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 299-2024 Entitled “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”, adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 300-2024

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

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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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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 300-2024 Entitled "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", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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October 7, 2024

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,

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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.

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 301-2024 Entitled "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", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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October 7, 2024

Finance Committee: 9-30-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 302-2024

**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 Hamel of Wanakena, took office on January 1, 1945, and

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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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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 302-2024 Entitled “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”, adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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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:

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.

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

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 303-2024 Entitled "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", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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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

*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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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 304-2024 Entitled "Authorizing Filling of Vacancies", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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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:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$100,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

T6650319 90100	T IFT CP Transfers from GF	\$100,000
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 305-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Courthouse Family Court Improvement Project to Complete Final Design and Prepare Bid Documents for the Project", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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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

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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
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG016202 28000	BLDG Buildings	\$905,000
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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.

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 306-2024 Entitled "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", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

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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:

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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$75,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199509 90600	T IFT GR Transfer to CP	\$75,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG619974 43007 WR	Window Replacement Improvements	\$75,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6650319 90100	T IFT CP Transfer from GF	\$75,000
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 307-2024 Entitled "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", adopted October 7, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 8, 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. 308-2024

AUTHORIZING A PROPOSAL FOR TWO COURT-BASED MENTAL HEALTH NAVIGATORS AWARDED BY NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health has awarded two Mental Health Court Navigators for St. Lawrence County; these Navigators will support justice-involved individuals with mental health needs who are currently in the community, and the Navigators will coordinate voluntary care for justice-involved individuals to support their health, wellness, and recovery, and

WHEREAS, the idea is for these Navigators to work within the courts and interface closely with community partners to foster the connection to services and encourage engagement and participation, and

WHEREAS, the proposal, if approved, would initially target County Court, and subsequently expand to support other courts as appropriate based on the census of referred individuals and staff capacity, and

WHEREAS, if approved, the funding will be reoccurring, very similar to the Child and Family Support Team also embedded in the Local Government Unit,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes a proposal for two court-based Mental Health Navigators awarded by NYS Office of Mental Health for St. Lawrence County.

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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 308-2024 Entitled “Authorizing a Proposal for Two Court-Based Mental Health Navigators Awarded by NYS Office of Mental Health for St. Lawrence County”, adopted October 28, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 29, 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. 309-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CHILLER IN THE
1993 COURTHOUSE AS A PART OF THE COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; and Mr. Webster, District 11

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, the County began the design process in January 2024 and during the spring the Chiller in the 1993 Court House failed and is in need of replacement, and

WHEREAS, since failure the county has rented chiller to provide environmental control of the 1993 courthouse until a replacement can be acquired, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee reviewed the Project and recommends that the Chiller be replaced as a part of the Capital Project to renovate the first floor of the 1993 Court House and as a result of displaced county departments, make renovations to the second floor as well, and

WHEREAS, the recommendation to replace the Chiller including the installation of a Building Maintenance System that would provide the ability to monitor the system remotely and make modest adjustments to the environment which is not possible at this time, and

WHEREAS, this request is being submitted at this time due to the elongated build out timeline of over six (6) months to be ready when the Project is underway and avoid unnecessary delays associated with delivery and installation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the replacement of the Chiller in the 1993 Court House and modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$1,050,476
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01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$1,050,476
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199509 90600	T IFT GF Transfer to CP	\$1,050,476
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6650319 90100	T IFT CP Transfer from GF	\$1,050,476
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG619974 43007 FMCT	Family Court Improvements	\$1,050,476
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I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 309-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Replacement of the Chiller in the 1993 Courthouse as a Part of the Courthouse Improvement Project and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office", adopted October 28, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe

Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
October 29, 2024

November 4, 2024

Services Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 310-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ONGOING ASSESSMENT OF CLINIC SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services operates three (3) clinic environments that include, but are not limited to, a mental health and substance-use clinic with satellite locations, an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP), and a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program, and

WHEREAS, it is critical to carefully monitor and assess operations and evaluate fiscal viability on an ongoing basis, and

WHEREAS, the professional services of Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI) included an overview of staffing, revenue cycle management, and the electronic health record,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services for the ongoing assessment of clinic services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A3143204 43007 DSRP	A DSRP Other Fees and Services	\$32,500
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A3134905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	\$32,500
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 310-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for Community Services for the Ongoing Assessment of Clinic Services", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Services Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 311-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM OASAS FOR APPROVED AGENCIES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

WHEREAS, Seaway Valley Prevention Council (SEACAP) is getting an additional one-time funding in the amount of \$87,500 for their Recovery Community Center, and the funding is a shift from a State Opioid Response Award to NYS OASAS State Aid passed through Community Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services for funding received from NYS OASAS to St. Lawrence County as pass-through funding to approved agencies, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A2142304 46500	A St. Joseph Rehab Center	\$5,570
A2342504 46500	A NCFH Canton Other Advances	20,027
A2442504 46500	A SEACAP Other Advances	<u>308,964</u>
		\$334,561

INCREASE REVENUE:

A2134865 56000	A SA St. Joseph Rehab Center	\$5,570
A2334865 56000	A SA NCFH Canton Alcohol Addiction	20,027
A2434865 56000	A SA SEACAP Alcohol Addiction	<u>308,964</u>
		\$334,561

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 311-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for Community Services for Funding Received from OASAS for Approved Agencies”, adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Services Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 312-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE
FAMILY CENTERED SERVICES PROGRAM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget appropriated additional TANF Funds for Social Services districts to hire appropriately credentialed and experienced staff to provide case management services for families who are having difficulty stabilizing their households and transitioning toward greater financial security, and

WHEREAS, the additional staff and resources will support the needs of families whose circumstances require a more intensive level of case management and specialized services, and

WHEREAS, the target population includes households with complex needs such as mental health conditions, developmental disabilities, substance-use disorders, and/or those experiencing domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, the priority of service will be for families experiencing, or in danger of experiencing, homelessness, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance requested that all districts submit a plan that provided an overview of how the funds would be administered, and

WHEREAS, \$208,046 was approved for the St. Lawrence County Family Centered Services Program Plan, and the funds are available for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Social Services to receive funds for the Family Centered Services Program, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60101 11000 FCCM	D FCCM Direct Service Workers	\$106,088
DAG60101 14000 FCCM	D FCCM Clerical	14,255
DAG60101 19501 FCCM	D FCCM Longevity Payments	466
DAG60104 40700 FCCM	D FCCM Building and Property Rent	1500
DAG60104 42001 FCCM	D FCCM Computer Supplies	6590
DAG60104 42004 FCCM	D FCCM Computer Software	500
DAG60104 42101 FCCM	D FCCM I/D Copying Equipment	250
DAG60104 42302 FCCM	D FCCM Other Phone Services	1,360
DAG60104 42303 FCCM	D FCCM I/D Telephone	80

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DAG60104 42402 FCCM	D FCCM I/D Postage	500
DAG60104 43007 FCCM	D FCCM Other Fees	920
DAG60104 44000 FCCM	D FCCM I/D Automotive Expenses	1,822
DAG60104 44100 FCCM	D FCCM I/D Fuel Charges	3,644
DAG60104 420GE FCCM	D FCCM Office Supplies	2,720
DAG60108 81000 FCCM	Retirement	16,503
DAG60108 83000 FCCM	Social Security	9,105
DAG60108 84000 FCCM	Workers' Compensation	3,177
DAG60108 84500 FCCM	Group Life Insurance	130
DAG60108 86000 FCCM	Hospital & Medical Insurance	37,177
DAG60108 86500 FCCM	Dental Insurance	965
DAG60108 89000 FCCM	Vision Insurance	<u>294</u>
		\$208,046
<u>INCREASE REVENUE:</u>		
DAG46105 57000 FCCM	D FCCM FA Revenue	\$208,046

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

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 312-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for Social Services for the Family Centered Services Program", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Operations Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 313-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CYBER INFORMATION SHARING AND COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY SERVICES FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, New York State established a Joint Security Operations Center (JSOC) to serve as an around-the-clock operational center for the purpose of sharing cyber threat information that is uniquely positioned as a sharing hub to integrate information and facilitate operational collaboration from multiple sources, and

WHEREAS, the New York Security Operations Center Initiative (NY SOC) is a one-of-a-kind cooperative approach between state and local governments to enhance collective cybersecurity and risk management capabilities and provide Participating Entities with actionable information to prevent, detect, respond to, and recover from cyberattacks, and

WHEREAS, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) is required to work with federal, state, local, and private entities to protect critical infrastructure of the State from cyber threats and vulnerabilities and to coordinate and facilitate information and intelligence sharing among these entities to assist in the early identification of and response to natural and man-made disasters, and

WHEREAS, Information Technology Services (ITS) is responsible for protecting the cybersecurity infrastructure of New York State Government and does so by employing a multi-faceted approach that includes coordinating policies, standards and programs on cybersecurity across the State, partnering with State agencies and law enforcement, monitoring the technology assets of the State and responding to abnormalities and threats to their systems, and

WHEREAS, the Participating Entity provides vital services to the residents of New York State, specifically St. Lawrence County, within its jurisdictional boundaries, and

WHEREAS, the Participating Entity will provide the State with Confidential Information or Cyber Information and logging data to contribute to an unprecedented level of visibility into potential threats across the State and increase efficiency in detecting and responding to cybersecurity events and incidents, and

WHEREAS, the State will receive, analyze, integrate and disseminate Confidential Information and Cyber Information from the Participating Entity and improve the collective cybersecurity and risk management capabilities of the State, and

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WHEREAS, the State is equipped to facilitate the exchange of Confidential Information and Cyber Information and offer a variety of services to Participating Entities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to Sign a Cyber Information Sharing Agreement with the New York State Office of Information Technology and the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the Information Technology Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 313-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Cyber Information Sharing and Collaboration Agreement with the New York State Office of Information Technology Services and the New York State Division of Homeland Security Services for Information Technology", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Operations Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 314-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR PROBATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE
NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Probation has received unique funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for pretrial services in the amount of \$206,976, and

WHEREAS, the State has approved funds to be used for an alarm system, defensive tactics, deescalation training, and two-way radios,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Probation for funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Q1031404 43007	Q Other Fees & Services	\$92,678
Q1G31404 423SS	Q Gouv Security System	1,589
Q1031404 41102	Q Educational Workshops	<u>8,600</u>
		\$102,867

INCREASE REVENUE:

Q1033105 56000 ATI	Q SA ATI Pre Trial	\$102,867
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 314-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for Probation for Funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Operations Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 319-2024

ACCEPTING A 2023 DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION GRANT FROM NEW YORK DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (DHSES) AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been awarded a Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant in the amount of \$172,413 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, with a contract period of September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, this grant is directed to be utilized to support the capability of the County to prevent targeted violence and domestic terrorism through the utilization of Threat Assessment and Management (TAM) Teams and the development of comprehensive Domestic Terrorism Plans,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the acceptance of a 2023 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant from New York Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), as follows:

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 12000 DT3	S CRIM Supervisory/Admin	\$51,822
S1Z31101 14000 DT3	S CRIM Clerical	47,835
S1Z31104 43007 DT3	S CRIM Other Fees and Services	20,000
S1Z31108 81000 DT3	S CRIM Retirement	11,312
S1Z31108 83000 DT3	S CRIM Social Security	7,233
S1Z31108 84000 DT3	S CRIM Workers Compensation	2,499
S1Z31108 84500 DT3	S CRIM Group Life Insurance	182
S1Z31108 86000 DT3	S Hospital & Medical Insurance	29,851
S1Z31108 86500 DT3	S CRIM Dental Insurance	1,281
S1Z31108 89000 DT3	S CRIM Vision Insurance	<u>398</u>
		\$172,413

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z43895 57000 DT	S FA DT Federal Aid	\$172,413
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 319-2024 Entitled "Accepting a 2023 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant from New York Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Operations Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 320-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office has received revenue from workers compensation reimbursement and housing inmates from nearby counties that was not budgeted in the 2024 Budget, and

WHEREAS, these funds will be utilized to purchase technical equipment to provide transparency, liability, and safety enhancements in the Sheriff’s Office Correctional Facility, as well as, building and food supplies for the Correctional Facility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the purchase of equipment and supplies, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

S4026835 550WC	S LR W/C Reimbursement Salary	\$66,476
S5022645 550CO	S IH County Inmate Housing	<u>22,606</u>
		\$89,082

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4031502 25000	S JAIL Technical Equipment	\$31,082
S4031504 40900	S JAIL Building Supplies & Exp	18,000
S4031504 45200	S JAIL Food Supplies & Expense	<u>40,000</u>
		\$89,082

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 320-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for the Purchase of Equipment and Supplies”, adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Operations Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 321-2024

**URGING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ENACT THE RESCUE EMS PACKAGE
TO STRENGTHEN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3, Mr. Smithers, District 5,
and Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) is a vital resource, necessary to the health and well-being of communities across New York, and

WHEREAS, as a system that provides a wide range of pre-hospital medical care to sick or injured people in emergency situations, the difference between a municipality that provides for EMS and one that does not can often make the difference between life and death, and

WHEREAS, despite its vast importance, there is an ongoing EMS crisis in New York, particularly in how it is funded, staffed, and operated, and

WHEREAS, much of this stems from a fundamental misconception about EMS and other critical services like police and fire, and this is reflected in New York State law, which fails to recognize the essential nature of EMS, and

WHEREAS, as a result, EMS providers are often undervalued and under-respected for the critical role they play in our communities, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature passed through both houses several components of the Rescue EMS Package, but despite these bills being successfully passed during the 2024 legislative session, more work needs to be done to address the crisis, and

WHEREAS, the EMS framework in New York includes an array of private, public, or not-for-profit providers that have expanded across the State in a scattered, patchwork approach, and

WHEREAS, this leaves many New York residents uncertain whether an EMS provider will be available in their community at the time of need, which necessitates greater flexibility for municipalities to ensure EMS can meet unique local challenges and build the foundation for a stronger and more efficient EMS system,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the New York State to enact the Rescue EMS Package to strengthen Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in St. Lawrence County, and

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

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 321-2024 Entitled "Urging the State of New York to Enact the Rescue EMS Package to Strengthen Emergency Medical Services in St. Lawrence County", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Operations Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 322-2024

**URGING NEW YORK STATE TO ENACT SENATE BILL S.4583-A AND
ASSEMBLY BILL A.5942-A, AMENDING THE COUNTY LAW IN RELATION
TO THE NEXT GENERATION 911 SYSTEM**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Next Generation 911 (NG911) is a digital, internet protocol (IP)-based system that will replace the analog 911 infrastructure that has been in place for decades, and it is expected that the FCC will soon mandate 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to support NG911, and

WHEREAS, NG911 involves the latest 911 technology, including upgrades for pinpointing the exact location of cell phone callers, translating text messages at a 911 PSAP, and ensuring counties have back up resources with other similar counties, and

WHEREAS, while the technology to implement these new IP-based 911 systems is available, the transition to NG911 involves much more than just new computer hardware and software, and

WHEREAS, implementing NG911 in states and counties nationwide will require the coordination of resources and support of a variety of emergency communication, public safety, legislative and governing entities, and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Government back in 2018- the cost to deploy NG911 across the nation is estimated to be \$9.5 billion to \$12.7 billion, and the full 10-year complete life cycle cost estimate to deploy and operate NG911 nationwide is between \$13.5 billion and \$16.1 billion, and

WHEREAS, the estimated price tag in New York State for NG911 is expected to be upwards of \$2 billion over the next ten (10) years, and County 911 departments do not have the adequate funding to take on the task of building their own ESInet and risk having a patchwork system that does not properly follow the intent of NextGen 911 or provide the necessary safety upgrades to the 911 system and the people of New York, and

WHEREAS, today, 911 centers face a wide range of challenges, ranging from funding, staffing issues, and high call volumes to helping people with special needs and the proliferation of the use of new communications technologies and an adequate amount of funding is necessary, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S.4583-A and Assembly Bill A.5942-A would codify into law the requirements for NG911 and require the State to build the Next Generation Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network (ESINet) which is a network capable of connecting calls, texts, and other forms of media from the public to 911 PSAPs,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges New York State to enact Senate Bill S.4583-A and Assembly Bill A.5942-A, amending the County Law in relation to the Next Generation 911 System (NG911), and

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

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 322-2024 Entitled "Urging New York State to Enact Senate Bill S.4583-A and Assembly Bill A.5942-A, Amending the County Law in Relation to the Next Generation 911 System", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Operations Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 323-2024

**OPPOSING ADOPTION OF PROPOSITION 1, KNOWN AS THE
"EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT"**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Hull, District 8

WHEREAS, in November of 2024, citizens of New York State will have the opportunity to vote on a ballot measure titled "Proposition 1", also known as the "Equal Rights Amendment", and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 seeks to amend Section 11 of Article 1 of the New York State Constitution to read as follows (bold represents amended language):

§ 11. a. No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this state or any subdivision thereof. No person shall, because of race, color, **ethnicity, national origin, age, disability**, creed [or], religion, **or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy**, be subjected to any discrimination in **[his or her] their** civil rights by any other person or by any firm, corporation, or institution, or by the state or any agency or subdivision of the state, **pursuant to law**,

b. Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption of any law, regulation, program, or practice that is designed to prevent or dismantle discrimination on the basis of a characteristic listed in this section, nor shall any characteristic listed in this section be interpreted to interfere with, limit, or deny the civil rights of any person based upon any other characteristic identified in this section,

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 consists of two distinct provisions that will revise Section 11, Article 1 of the New York State Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the ballot measure, with the stated aim of 'protecting abortion' constitutes a 'trojan horse of epic proportions', and

WHEREAS, Part A adds such terms as "gender identity" and "gender expression" to existing protected statuses to the previously, easily understandable, and long-recognized categories of race, color, creed, and religion, and

WHEREAS, the addition of such language has raised concerns from women's rights advocates, parents' groups and others over the potential usurpation of parental rights, the destruction of spaces for girls and women in public settings, and the decimation of girls' sports, and

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WHEREAS, some critics even see the ballot measure as a potential backdoor to allow non-citizen and migrant voting, given the addition of “national origin” as a protected class, and

WHEREAS, Part b of Proposition 1 could be even more catastrophic due to the fact that such language permits the government, as long as the goal is to “prevent or dismantle discrimination,” all the status protections in Part a and elsewhere in state law — the familiar protections based on race and religion, and the new ones, too — to discriminate against others under the guise of “dismantling discrimination” against another, utilizing such policies as affirmative action in both schools and the workplace, discrimination provisions against parents objecting to shared restrooms, etc., and

WHEREAS, while New Yorkers would retain some federal constitutional protections, under this amendment the broad and sweeping protections of the human rights laws of New York would be forced to give way to this new constitutional right to discriminate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators opposes Proposition 1, known as the "Equal Rights Amendment".

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 323-2024 Entitled “Opposing Adoption of Proposition 1, Known as the "Equal Rights Amendment"”, adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Operations Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 324-2024

ENCOURAGING GOVERNOR KATHY C. HOCHUL AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR COUNTY JAILS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, local correctional facilities are obligated by Mental Hygiene Law Section 19.18-c to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services to incarcerated individuals who have been diagnosed with a substance-use disorder, and

WHEREAS, the provision of the MAT Program must also be accompanied by tangential therapeutic services including counseling, peer support, and discharge planning, and

WHEREAS, in many circumstances, obtaining the specific medications necessary to be compliant with the law, is a costly and time-intensive endeavor, and

WHEREAS, the annual appropriation provided in the State Aid to Localities Budget has remained static at the insufficient amount of \$8.865 million, to support the efforts of fifty-six (56) county jails,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages Governor Kathy C. Hochul and the New York State Legislature to increase the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) budget allocation for County jails, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 324-2024 Entitled "Encouraging Governor Kathy C. Hochul and the New York State Legislature to Increase the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Budget Allocation for County Jails", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Operations Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 325-2024

ENCOURAGING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO RECOGNIZE NEW YORK'S FRESHWATER WETLANDS ACT RULEMAKING AND ITS IMPACT ON CRITICAL LOCAL HIGHWAY, BRIDGE, AND CULVERT PROJECTS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, in 2022, New York's Freshwater Wetlands Act (Environmental Conservation Law Article 24) was amended to increase application fees and make several significant changes to program administration, and

WHEREAS, beginning January 1, 2023, water quality permit application fees were increased for public works projects in certain wetlands to support wetland resource protection activities by the State Environmental Conservation Department, and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2025, the current official New York State Freshwater Wetlands Maps will no longer limit NYSDEC regulatory jurisdiction to wetlands depicted on those maps and instead, maps will become informational and any wetlands that meet new applicable definitions and criteria will be regulated by NYSDEC and subject to permitting, regardless of whether they appear on the informational maps, and

WHEREAS, by January 1, 2028, the default size threshold for regulated wetlands will decrease from 12.4 acres to 7.4 acres, and small wetlands of "unusual importance" will continue to be regulated if they meet only one (1) of eleven (11) newly established criteria, and

WHEREAS, consequently, NYSDEC recently submitted and published in the State Register a proposed rulemaking to implement, administer and enforce these changes, and

WHEREAS, this regulatory action comes on the heels of the recent issuance of draft guidance for the review of bridge and culvert projects in non-tidal waters requiring a protection of waters permit, and a water quality certificate used by NYSDEC, division of fish and wildlife (DFW) during the review of stream crossing (bridge and culvert) projects requiring a permit from NYSDEC, and

WHEREAS, for many counties and towns, these changes are likely to double the number of locally owned culvert and bridge replacement, reconstruction and/or maintenance projects that would require State approval, additional oversight and a design of a structure for 150 percent span of the full bank—causing, for example, a \$90,000 culvert replacement project to become a \$1 million-plus bridge project, and

WHEREAS, if the volume of permit applications as a result of the new wetlands regulations and stream crossing guidance doubles, it could overwhelm an already time-consuming and burdensome process and could make many of these vital public works projects cost prohibitive, and

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WHEREAS, the expanded number of increased applications for permits can be expected to render the water protection programs unworkable or, at best, prevent timely processing of applications for critical projects that may have wider impacts such as those impacting important wetlands and those in AA and AA (T), A and A (T), B and B (T), and C (T) streams, and

WHEREAS, local highway maintenance resources are already stretched to the limit, and the added burden and delay in permitting could be untenable for many local governments and could result in inordinate road closures, possible flooding and disruptions of travel within communities that would have to find ways around a failed culvert or bridge crossing for an extended amount of time before state permission may be granted, and the additional funds become available, which could be never depending on competing priorities, and

WHEREAS, a bill passed by the legislature to add mostly inconsequential C Streams to the list of streams where transportation projects would be required to be permitted was vetoed in 2020, and again by Governor Kathy Hochul in 2022 and 2023, who wrote as justification for rejecting the legislation, that the bill “would have significant regulatory impacts on state and local transportation projects and would carry substantial costs for the State, as well as for local governments and the communities that would bear the impact of these new requirements”, and

WHEREAS, in addition to using state licensed engineers and consultants, counties already receive significant oversight and guidance from the state’s County Soil and Water Conservation Districts to address environmental activities, implement flood prevention and recovery programs and provide technical expertise to municipalities on infrastructure needs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages Governor Kathy Hochul to recognize New York’s Freshwater Wetlands Act rulemaking and its impact on critical local highway, bridge and culvert projects, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these new regulations, if not designed appropriately, could have a detrimental impact on the very wetlands and streams they are intended to protect by overwhelming the permitting process, increasing project costs and delays significantly, and creating unnecessary operational burdens on county efforts to maintain transportation infrastructure, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as part of the regulatory process, consideration needs to be given to developing an MOU or general permit program that can address the intent of the wetlands and stream protection statutes, regulations and guidance and at the same time, allow for a uniform and expedited permit and review process for local public works projects, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that permit fees be waived for local government-sponsored transportation and public works projects as these are necessary activities intended to address a public purpose and as such applying these fees should not be subject to state assessments, and

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

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 325-2024 Entitled "Encouraging Governor Kathy Hochul to Recognize New York's Freshwater Wetlands Act Rulemaking and Its Impact on Critical Local Highway, Bridge, and Culvert Projects", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

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Operations Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 326-2024

**URGING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL AND STATE LEGISLATORS TO ADJUST
THE 5-YEAR TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PLAN FOR NEW YORK STATE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the 5-Year Transportation Capital Plan for New York State provides significant support for local governments to maintain and improve roads and bridges highlighted by the Consolidated Local Streets and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), BRIDGE-NY, PAVE-NY, Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR), State Touring Routes, and Operation Pave Our Potholes (POP) Programs, and

WHEREAS, each year the Governor presents to the Legislature in January an Executive Budget that routinely appropriates funding for these programs at levels commensurate with the levels established by the plan, which was the case again for the third year in the SFY 2025 budget, and

WHEREAS, unprecedented inflationary impacts continue to place enormous pressure on local governments to maintain existing levels of transportation construction, maintenance, and service on what constitutes 87 percent of the State's 110,000 miles of roadways, 50 percent of 18,000 bridges, and 46 percent of the vehicle miles traveled in New York, and

WHEREAS, the cost of highway and bridge projects has continued to skyrocket, as costs have increased by well over 60 percent since the end of 2020, according to the Federal Highway Administration's National Highway Construction Cost Index which shows that inflation in this sector is more extreme than in the general economy, eroding more than \$1 billion in the value of local construction budgets, resulting in fewer critical road, bridge, and culvert projects that are able to be undertaken, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Infrastructure and Jobs Act provides New York State with an additional \$4.6 billion from 2022-2027; however, the vast majority (nearly 90 percent) of local roads are not eligible to receive these federal highway funds, and

WHEREAS, this vast system of local roads, bridges and culverts now requires incremental increases in levels of funding each year over the next 2 years just to hold local governments harmless from the loss of buying power to reverse the deterioration of our aged and ailing transportation infrastructure, account for inflation and build up the systems' resiliency and resistance to severe storms and other natural disasters, and

WHEREAS, local highway departments are under pressure to do more to address environmental concerns, transition construction vehicles and equipment to zero emissions, follow stricter guidelines for doing bridge and culvert work in streams, adopting more aggressive smart growth and complete street principles, and utilizing green construction materials in projects, requiring significant additional funding, and

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WHEREAS, a safe and efficient transportation infrastructure is necessary for trade, economic development and revitalization, job creation and retention, schools, agriculture, businesses, health and hospital facilities and emergency responders, as well as for the general traveling public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators is urging Governor Kathy Hochul to recognize the critical situation facing our transportation infrastructure resulting from unprecedented construction inflation and increasing infrastructure needs by adjusting the 5-Year Capital Plan levels for local transportation programs over the next two fiscal years starting with the SFY 2026 Executive Budget proposal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Lawrence County supports a \$500 million increase in CHIPS and other state aid to local transportation programs in the next state budget as a necessary first step in restoring the purchasing power originally contemplated in the 5-Year Transportation Capital Plan for local projects, and

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

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 326-2024 Entitled "Urging Governor Kathy Hochul and State Legislators to Adjust the 5-Year Transportation Capital Plan for New York State", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

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Operations Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 327-2024

CALLING ON GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL WITH CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF EFFORTS TO ELECTRIFY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT VEHICLES BY ADOPTION OF THE ADVANCED CLEAN TRUCK RULE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) was signed into law to require New York to reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions forty percent (40%) by 2030 and no less than eighty-five percent (85%) by 2050 from 1990 levels, and

WHEREAS, the CLCPA directs the development of performance-based standards for sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, including for the transportation sector by reducing GHG emissions from motor vehicles, and

WHEREAS, New York State adopted California's Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Rule in December 2021 that requires applicable medium and heavy-duty (M/HD) vehicle manufacturers to sell a percentage of their total sales in New York as zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) starting in model year (MY) 2025 with increasing ZEV sales through MY 2035, and

WHEREAS, the cost of transitioning utility and construction vehicles, snowplows, and equipment to run on battery power for state and local highway departments, as mandated by ACT and other state strategies, is at this juncture incalculable, but expected to exceed the ability to be financed without substantial sources of new revenues directed strictly for the retrofit or procurement of such ZEVs and equipment, and

WHEREAS, as commercial production of M/HD large-scale, electric construction vehicles is today a nascent industry, the ability of local highway departments to plan for this transition, with its concomitant mandates that fuel and electricity charging sources be carbon-free, is of tremendous concern considering that the transportation system at all levels of New York government is significantly underfunded, and

WHEREAS, while ACT regulations do not require M/HD fleets, owners, operators, or dealerships to purchase ZEVs, the sales mandates on vehicle manufacturers are expected to lead to shortages in supply of not only complying electric vehicles but of traditional gasoline and diesel vehicles as well, and

WHEREAS, alarmingly, some M/HD vehicle dealerships have notified highway departments that, due to manufacturers' need to plan for the sales mandates adopted by New York and some other states, many orders for trucks are being delayed or canceled, and

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WHEREAS, notably, Maine, North Carolina and Connecticut among other states recently stepped back from adopting ACT regulations citing concerns over the availability of heavy-duty vehicle charging stations and the high cost of zero-emission trucks, and

WHEREAS, in July 2024, the New York State Comptroller released an audit on the State's progress in meeting Climate Act goals and noted several deficiencies including the need to increase communication with stakeholders and provide more accurate cost estimates. The audit goes on to add that the lack of cost estimates jeopardizes the chances of success in meeting climate goals. The comptroller urges the state to clarify for key stakeholders, especially energy ratepayers, the extent to which ratepayers will be responsible for Climate Act implementation costs, and

WHEREAS, climate goals of New York must be implemented in a way that is affordable while assuring adequate supplies of these specialized vehicles and functional highway construction equipment that meet state specifications, estimated to increase the cost of a new truck by about one-third, and

WHEREAS, the rush to introduce electric vehicles in New York can be counter-productive to the environment as the bulk of the power generation used to charge new vehicle batteries is produced by fossil fuels, and is a reason to move more slowly to sync with the pace of the transition to a zero-emission electric grid by 2040, and

WHEREAS, recognizing these potential impacts on the ability of local governments to continue to deliver necessary transportation services and facilities to the traveling public it is vital that state elected representatives and agencies assist county highway departments in developing strategies, funding sources and realistic timelines for achieving these aggressive GHG emissions reduction goals in the face of market and fiscal barriers to the transition, and

WHEREAS, all levels of government need to work together throughout the regulatory process to assure strategies and mandates put in place to meet the CLCPA goals for the transportation sector are realistic and achievable and will benefit the environment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls on the Governor Kathy Hochul with concerns about the impacts of efforts to electrify highway department vehicles by adoption of the Advanced Clean Truck Rule, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor consider a pause or suspension of the implementation of ACT until there is strong evidence that the state has in place the necessary direct financial assistance and incentives and charging infrastructure necessary, and can definitively determine that vehicle manufacturers are prepared to effectively supply the New York market without disruption to the critical work needed to maintain the state's vast and aging infrastructure, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state recognizes that highway construction, maintenance vehicles, and equipment are critical to governments' mission to maintain a safe and functional transportation system by designating these municipally owned vehicle and equipment

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as a category among “transit buses, motor coaches, and emergency vehicles,” and thus exempt from ACT regulation, and

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

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 327-2024 Entitled “Calling on Governor Kathy Hochul with Concerns about the Impacts of Efforts to Electrify Highway Department Vehicles by Adoption of the Advanced Clean Truck Rule”, adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 328-2024

**ELECTIONS, REAL PROPERTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPORTIONMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2025**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following apportionments of Elections, Real Property and Community College charges for the year 2025 be applied to the following municipalities of St. Lawrence County:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Election Charges</u>	<u>Real Property Charges</u>	<u>Community College Charges</u>
BRASHER	\$27,356.53	\$15,667.77	\$46,088.24
CANTON	95,555.02	22,436.68	33,891.20
CLARE	11,730.37	2,459.32	0.00
CLIFTON	44,710.41	2,789.91	7,825.00
COLTON	62,360.53	11,136.60	8,422.67
DEKALB	25,054.60	9,545.12	12,531.66
DEPEYSTER	13,528.26	4,731.09	6,135.79
EDWARDS	15,213.63	9,601.24	36,336.67
FINE	29,463.06	10,947.08	19,286.67
FOWLER	34,274.54	15,482.59	17,747.35
GOUVERNEUR	47,154.80	20,310.09	63,776.05
HAMMOND	40,623.74	11,803.69	22,511.17
HERMON	20,644.57	10,355.61	6,417.33
HOPKINTON	26,768.12	9,805.70	11,874.87
LAWRENCE	15,947.73	7,801.05	33,509.00
LISBON	47,482.73	16,149.10	27,045.34
LOUISVILLE	40,655.88	11,455.18	41,943.01
MACOMB	20,999.23	8,310.43	12,432.01
MADRID	17,853.74	8,413.77	5,947.30

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MASSENA	107,584.40	11,195.39	122,970.64
MORRISTOWN	40,607.74	13,592.84	34,467.02
NORFOLK	38,104.37	15,532.32	55,278.69
OSWEGATCHIE	52,353.70	16,057.40	33,960.35
PARISHVILLE	36,033.09	11,987.89	20,348.34
PIERCEFIELD	24,635.75	5,026.16	0.00
PIERREPONT	39,505.40	13,181.14	16,139.33
PITCAIRN	14,332.17	7,600.49	11,255.35
POTSDAM	133,453.94	9,564.82	95,390.49
ROSSIE	12,968.19	5,198.15	12,084.33
RUSSELL	21,808.58	11,651.81	18,062.33
STOCKHOLM	38,332.09	21,889.22	46,707.02
WADDINGTON	34,428.66	13,849.65	12,475.00
OGDENSBURG	65,698.39	12,807.13	38,080.84
TOTALS	\$1,297,223.97	\$378,336.42	\$930,941.06

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 328-2024 Entitled "Elections, Real Property Community College Apportionments for the Year 2025", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

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Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 329-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE FORMER J&L SITE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is the record title owner of 54+ acres of land in the Town of Clifton, formerly owned by the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company and commonly referred to as the "J&L Site", and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County, along with the Town of Clifton and Town of Fine, would like to see this Adirondack Park industrial classified property returned to productive use, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the County agreed to issue an option to purchase the former J&L Site to Benson Mines, and

WHEREAS, one of the primary concerns of the County regarding the Site has been the re-establishment of an economically viable operation at the former J&L Site that will establish not only jobs but revitalization for the southeastern portion of the County, and

WHEREAS, as a condition of the issued option, Benson Mines was required to submit proof of job creation and development of the site satisfactory to the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, the County has received letters from two developers, Astro Aggregates and New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA), that would establish permanent employment at the former J&L Site, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the letters, Astro Aggregates would develop a facility at the former mine and begin shipment of approximately 3,000 rail cars of materials annually, utilizing the rail spur developed by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency, and

WHEREAS, separately, NYSERDA has secured a solar developer who anticipates construction of an initial 12 MWH solar facility, requiring 50-75 jobs for construction and five (5) permanent jobs for maintenance to support the area, and

WHEREAS, construction is set to commence on both projects in 2025 with continued expansion proposed through 2027, and

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WHEREAS, as a result of the successful completion of the requirements of the Option Agreement, Benson Mines has agreed, in principle, to pay the remaining sum of money in the amount of \$165,000 to the County to consummate the sale, and

WHEREAS, Benson Mines has agreed that the sale is necessary for completion of separate agreements between Benson Mines and the third parties for the redevelopment of the property, and

WHEREAS, the lot was previously subdivided and an easement was conveyed to the Town of Clifton to establish an aquatic invasive species boat washing station, and

WHEREAS, as a part of the process of environmental remediation, the County has also conveyed an environmental easement on the property to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), and

WHEREAS, as a part of any agreement for the sale of the land, Benson Mines understands and agrees that it will be required to assume the rights and obligations of the County under a Consent Order with the NYSDEC and the responsibilities of the County to permit and not interfere with the further environmental remediation efforts of NYSDEC,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all documents necessary for the sale of real property known as the J&L Site to Benson Mines for economic development and job creation, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 329-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign all Documents Necessary for the Sale of Real Property Known as the Former J&L Site for Economic Development and Job Creation", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

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Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 330-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH C&S ENGINEERING AS A QUALIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL FOR THE PREPARATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS COMMUNITY-WIDE ASSESSMENT GRANT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, each year the County forecloses on and sells at auction, properties that are acquired by the County for the failure of a taxpayer to make payment upon their taxes, and

WHEREAS, periodically there are properties that are not turned over to a new owner through the auction process due to perceived deficiencies in the structures on the property, or the assessed sites are contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or petroleum, and

WHEREAS, properties that have been foreclosed upon that do not sell at the auction become a liability to the County and result in costs to maintain and continue to make local jurisdictions whole with respect to taxes assessed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Treasurer (as Tax Enforcement Officer) and the County Attorney are entrusted with protecting the interests of the County with respect to tax delinquent parcels, and

WHEREAS, as a part of the annual review of parcels performed by the St. Lawrence County Tax Foreclosure Team, it has been determined that there is a number of active and abandoned parcels that are encumbered by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or petroleum, and

WHEREAS, since 2015, the County Foreclosure Team has tackled one-hundred (100) properties identified as environmentally contaminated in initial inspections, and

WHEREAS, recently, the County issued a request for proposals for a qualified environmental professional to develop a complete and competitive grant application for submission to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for an USEPA Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant and, further, to administer and implement the grant if so awarded by the USEPA, and

WHEREAS, Community-wide Assessment Grants provide funding for a grant recipient (Municipality, IDA, EDA, Land Bank, etc.) to inventory, investigate, assess, characterize, conduct a range of planning activities, develop site-specific cleanup plans, and conduct community engagement related to selected Brownfield Sites, and

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WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of the Grant is to promote redevelopment or beneficial reuse of such Brownfield Sites, and

WHEREAS, following the opening and review of the four (4) submitted bids, and review by the County Attorney and Gary Bowitch, Esq., C&S Engineering is recommended as the successful bidder after meeting all required criteria,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with C&S Engineering as a Qualified Environmental Professional for the Preparation of a Grant Application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if awarded by the USEPA, the Chair is authorized to sign any other documentation necessary to carry out the terms of the awarded grant funds.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 330-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with C&S Engineering as a Qualified Environmental Professional for the Preparation of a Grant Application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

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Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 332-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REPLACE COUNTY ROUTE 54 OVER ALLEN BROOK (BIN 3341170) AND MCEWEN ROAD OVER ALLEN BROOK (BIN 3221340)

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Debby has caused significant damage to two (2) County-owned bridges in the Town of Lawrence, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited qualifications for engineering services for the replacement of County Route 54 over Allen Brook and McEwen Road over Allen Brook, and

WHEREAS, the best qualified consultant for this project has been selected and is recommending the vendor below,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves a contract for engineering services for:

Consultant:	Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Contract Title:	County Route 54 over Allen Brook (BIN 3341170) McEwen Road over Allen Brook (BIN 3221340)
Engineering Fee:	Not to exceed \$157,000 HM651104 430ED TSD

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for engineering services to replace County Route 54 over Allen Brook and McEwen Road (BIN 3341170) over Allen Brook (BIN 3221340), upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 332-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace County Route 54 Over Allen Brook (BIN 3341170) and McEwen Road Over Allen Brook (BIN 3221340)", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
 Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 333-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REPLACE COUNTY ROUTE 49 LARGE CULVERT OVER HOPKINTON BROOK, 49-1-59BC

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 280-2023, authorized the Chair to sign contracts for the replacement of County Route 49 large culvert over Hopkinton Brook, and

WHEREAS, a supplemental agreement is now required for additional engineering services due to the damage from Tropical Storm Debby, and

WHEREAS, the best qualified consultant for this project has been selected and is recommending the vendor below,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves supplemental agreement for engineering services for:

Consultant:	Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Contract Title:	County Route 49 over Hopkinton Brook Town of Hopkinton
FEMA Compliance Documents:	Not to exceed \$7,600 H551124 430ED B25

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for engineering services to replace County Route 49 large culvert over Hopkinton Brook, 49-1-59BC, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 333-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Supplemental Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace County Route 49 Large Culvert Over Hopkinton Brook, 49-1-59BC", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

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Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 334-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH FRANK J. DANKO CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY ROUTE 49 OVER HOPKINTON BROOK, BIN 3372050, TOWN OF HOPKINTON

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects in 2024 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for the replacement of County Route 49 over Hopkinton Brook, BIN 3372050, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for this project has been selected and is recommending the vendor below,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the following contract to:

Contractor:	Frank J. Danko Construction Corp.
Contract Title:	County Route 49 over Hopkinton Brook, BIN 3372050, Town of Hopkinton
Contract Amount:	Not to Exceed \$668,880 HM551124 454BS B25

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to Sign a Contract with Frank J. Danko Construction Corp. for Replacement of County Route 49 over Hopkinton Brook, BIN 3372050, Town of Hopkinton, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 334-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Frank J. Danko Construction Corp. for Replacement of County Route 49 over Hopkinton Brook, BIN 3372050, Town of Hopkinton", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
 Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 335-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH C&S ENGINEERS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REPLACE COUNTY ROUTE 49 OVER EAST BRANCH OF ST. REGIS RIVER, BIN 3341940, PIN 775432

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited qualifications for engineering services for the replacement of County Road 49 over East Branch of St. Regis River, and

WHEREAS, the best qualified consultant for this project has been selected and is recommending the vendor below,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the following contract to:

Consultant:	C & S Engineers, Inc.
Contract Title:	County Road 49 over East Branch of St. Regis River Town of Stockholm
Engineering Fee:	Not to Exceed \$536,000 HM651204 430ED 2503

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with C&S Engineers, Inc. for engineering services to replace County Route 49 over East Branch of St. Regis River, BIN 3341940, PIN 775432, upon approval of the County Attorne

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 335-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with C&S Engineers, Inc. for Engineering Services to Replace County Route 49 over East Branch of St. Regis River, BIN 3341940, PIN 775432", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. 336-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDUCE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REHABILITATE COUNTY ROUTE 36 OVER GRASSE RIVER, BIN 3342040, PIN 775433

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited qualifications for engineering services for the rehabilitation of County Road 36 over Grasse River, and

WHEREAS, the best qualified consultant for this project has been selected and is recommending the vendor below,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the following contract to:

Consultant:	Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Contract Title:	County Road 36 over Grasse River Town of Louisville
Engineering Fees:	Not to Exceed \$388,000 HM651204 430ED 2504

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguiduce, D.P.C. for engineering services to rehabilitate County Route 36 over Grasse River, BIN 3342040, PIN 775433, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 336-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract With Barton & Loguiduce, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Rehabilitate County Route 36 Over Grasse River, BIN 3342040, PIN 775433", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
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St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

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Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 337-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY (DANC) FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION OF TOOLEY POND ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 132-2024 authorized the Chair to execute all Northern Regional Catalyst Investment Documents and endorsed funding for the replacement of the Tooley Pond Road Bridge, and

WHEREAS, the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Catalyst Program has awarded St. Lawrence County \$750,000 requiring a two-percent (2%) grant administration fee, and

WHEREAS, the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Catalyst Program grant requires utilization of DANC for grant administration purposes, and

WHEREAS, the payment to DANC will not exceed \$15,000 for grant administration (HM551104 43007 B2),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for grant administration of Tooley Pond Road Bridge Project, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 337-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for Grant Administration of Tooley Pond Road Bridge Project", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

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Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 338-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR SOLID WASTE FOR EXPENSES FOR LANDFILL TESTING AND POST-CLOSURE COSTS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the expenses for landfill testing and post-closure costs for the Department are projected to exceed the 2024 Budget, and

WHEREAS, post closure costs include, but are not limited to; liability, leachate hauling, and testing, and

WHEREAS, the projected overages can be offset by a decrease in recycling appropriations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Solid Waste Department for expenses for landfill testing and post-closure costs, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WLC81604 43007	W CAN Other Fees & Services	\$2,700
WLM81604 43007	W MAS Other Fees & Services	7,000
WLO81604 43007	W OGD Other Fees & Services	<u>8,300</u>
		\$18,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WH081604 43018 RECY	W RECY Tipping Fees	\$18,000
STATE OF NEW YORK)	
) ss:	
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)	

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 338-2024 Entitled “Modifying The 2024 Budget for Solid Waste for expenses for landfill testing and post-closure costs”, adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
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St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. 339-2024

SUPPORTING PROPOSALS TO MODERNIZE THE SALES TAX LAWS OF NEW YORK SALES TO INCLUDE THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL INDUSTRY

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, the Internet and numerous marketplace platforms that help facilitate retail transactions electronically have provided a boost for many sectors of the economy and have made it easier for consumers to purchase goods and services, and

WHEREAS, with this growth many states have realized their tax systems need to be updated to accommodate these new modalities of retail activity, and

WHEREAS, a sizable number of new vendors and hosts/owners that use these platforms, or sell directly over the Internet, do not always understand their responsibility to collect state and local sales tax on taxable transactions, and

WHEREAS, the growth in online platforms that facilitate short-term rentals is in need of modernization and simplification to ease the burden on small vendors, ensure taxes owed are collected and remitted to the state and local governments, and to make sure there is a level playing field among marketplace participants and operators that provide short-term lodging, such as online vacation rentals, hotels, bed and breakfasts, etc., and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Budget proposed to update sales tax laws to ensure all short-term rental hosts, and marketplace providers that facilitate these rentals, such as Airbnb and Vrbo, among others, are required to collect sales tax on such rentals, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposal was not included in the adopted SFY 2025 Budget, but the Legislature did pass similar legislation, S.885-C (Hinchey)/A.4130-C (Fahy), that counties believe will facilitate the Governor's primary objectives, and

WHEREAS, thirty-six (36) counties and one (1) city have entered voluntary local occupancy tax collection agreements with Airbnb as of July 2024, and one (1) county has a similar agreement with VRBO, and

WHEREAS, these voluntary agreements only call for the collection of local occupancy taxes with the knowledge that additional state legislation is necessary to expand these collection responsibilities to state and local sales tax for short-term rentals that do not currently meet state sales tax law definitions, and

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WHEREAS, VRBO collects state and/or local sales taxes or local occupancy taxes in all fifty (50) states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; and throughout Canada and Mexico; and has done so for years, and

WHEREAS, Airbnb also collects state and/or local sales or occupancy taxes in forty-eight (48) states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands; and throughout Canada and Mexico, and

WHEREAS, the state Division of Budget estimates that modernizing this section of sales tax law could provide \$16 million in additional sales tax for the fifty-seven (57) counties (\$6 million) and New York City (\$10 million), and

WHEREAS, a NYSAC analysis of counties outside of New York City that collect hotel occupancy taxes themselves or with the assistance of Airbnb and/or Vrbo concludes that the new sales tax that could be generated for counties if S.885-C/A.4130-C, or similar legislation, were signed into law would be at least \$44 million, and

WHEREAS, nearly all counties, New York City and a variety of other municipalities have local occupancy taxes, but also have unique non-tax related needs and concerns regarding short-term vacation rentals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports proposals to modernize the sales tax laws of New York Sales to include the short-term rental industry , and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports that such statewide actions to encourage platforms that facilitate these rentals collect sales taxes also require the collection of local occupancy taxes at local option, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 339-2024 Entitled “Supporting Proposals to Modernize the Sales Tax Laws of New York Sales to Include the Short-Term Rental Industry”, adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 340-2024

URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO VETO SENATE BILL S.967-A AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.1489-A , LEGISLATION THAT WOULD LOWER THE PENALTY INTEREST RATE IN TAX DELINQUENCY SITUATIONS AND SHIFT HIGHER COSTS TO OTHER TAXPAYERS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Tyler v. Hennepin County that certain property tax enforcement provisions carried out by states will need to change, specifically, returning any surplus to the prior owner after appropriate delinquent taxes, penalties, fees and administrative expenses are reimbursed to the enforcing entity, and

WHEREAS, the adopted SFY 2025 Budget fully addressed the issue of appropriate interest rate levels in tax delinquency foreclosures as part of reform efforts to satisfy the Tyler v Hennepin Decision, by ensuring surplus proceeds from a tax foreclosure sale are appropriately returned to the prior owner(s), while building upon the robust comprehensive services and protections counties provide to taxpayers facing, or in, delinquency, and

WHEREAS, the adopted reforms to New York's In-Rem tax foreclosure process provide a robust process for the distribution of surplus; establishes parameters for determining surplus; ensures that a court will determine the order and priority of returning surplus funds; provides protections for lienholders; provides legal protections to municipalities by establishing that a property sold via a public auction represents the full value of the property; and defines a process for nonpublic sales, and

WHEREAS, the adopted reforms also establish mechanisms for counties to be reimbursed for delinquent taxes, penalties and interest; mailing costs; costs of publication of notices; the cost of recording and filing legal documents; reasonable and necessary costs of any search of the public record and notice requirements; and defines other amounts owed to the tax district by virtue of a judgment lien, mortgage lien, or any other lien, and

WHEREAS, the adopted reforms recognize that counties, as required under state law, must act as tax enforcement officers when property taxes are unpaid and become delinquent including the reimbursement of unpaid property taxes to school districts and towns, as well as many villages that counties voluntarily hold harmless, and

WHEREAS, these hold harmless responsibilities often extend for many years as defined under state law and practice, and

WHEREAS, in calendar year 2022, nearly \$450 million in delinquent school district, town, and village taxes were turned over to counties for further collection efforts, with counties making these jurisdictions whole for their unpaid taxes as long as necessary, and

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WHEREAS, counties will experience higher costs under the new foreclosure process because of requirements under the Tyler v. Hennepin Decision under which all tax foreclosure sales will, financially, be breakeven at best with many generating losses for the tax enforcing jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the majority of locally levied county taxes are used to pay for state mandated services and programs, and the SFY 2025 State Budget provides no additional state funding to assist counties with losses that will increase because of the Tyler v. Hennepin Decision, and

WHEREAS, a key source of revenue during tax delinquency foreclosures for counties necessary to hold schools, towns and villages harmless for any unpaid property taxes has come from interest payments and surplus funds from foreclosure sales (which are no longer available under the Tyler v Hennepin Decision), and

WHEREAS, in subsequent years the increased revenue loss to counties from the U.S. Supreme Court decision and lower interest rates proposed in S.967-A and A.1489-A, along with higher administrative costs imposed by the aforementioned legislation that would require tax enforcement districts to apply different penalty interest rates to thousands of parcels based on their designation as residential, abandoned, commercial or other, and

WHEREAS, these higher costs will need to be added to the following year’s tax levy raising property taxes on all property owners that already paid their property taxes in full in the prior year, worsening the housing affordability crisis for all,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges Governor Hochul to veto Senate Bill S.967-A and Assembly Bill A.1489-A, legislation that would lower the penalty interest rate in tax delinquency situations and shift higher costs to other taxpayers, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 340-2024 Entitled “Urging Governor Hochul to Veto Senate Bill S.967-A and Assembly Bill A.1489-A , Legislation that Would Lower the Penalty Interest Rate in Tax Delinquency Situations and Shift Higher Costs to Other Taxpayers”, adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

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Finance Committee: 10-21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 341-2024

ENCOURAGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO SIGN SENATE BILL S.9348-A AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.10173-A THAT EXPANDS THE ELECTRONIC OPEN AUCTION PUBLIC BOND SALE PROGRAM

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) has long supported legislation that allows municipalities in New York to have access to more market options when selling bonds to investors, and

WHEREAS, in 2019 New York authorized the establishment of an electronic open auction bond sale pilot program and set forth specific provisions for participation, and

WHEREAS, the pilot program proved to be successful in providing more options to authorized municipalities to access the bond market, increased the number of bidders, and counties were confident the pilot program generated the best possible rates for counties, providing savings for local taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the initial pilot program limited access to the program to municipalities with a population greater than 400,000 that also met certain dollar bonding thresholds in preceding years, and

WHEREAS, S.9348-A (Martinez)/A.10173-A (Thiele) expands the opportunity for more municipalities across the state to participate in the electronic open auction public bond sale pilot program by removing the population requirements for all counties, and allows other municipalities with a population of 100,000 or more to participate, and also reduces prior bonding thresholds to having issued \$25 million in bonds within one of the preceding five years (rather than three years) to participate in the electronic open auction public bond sale pilot program, and

WHEREAS, this legislation passed both chambers unanimously,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages Governor Hochul to sign Senate Bill S.9348-A and Assembly Bill A.10173-A that expands the Electronic Open Auction Public Bond Sale Program

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

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 341-2024 Entitled "Encouraging Governor Hochul to Sign Senate Bill S.9348-A and Assembly Bill A.10173-A that Expands the Electronic Open Auction Public Bond Sale Program", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 342-2024

URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE SALES TAX SHARING ARRANGEMENT UNDER ADULT-USE RECREATIONAL CANNABIS TO A MORE BALANCED SPLIT TO RECOGNIZE THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNTIES HAVE IN ADDRESSING ILLEGAL CANNABIS STORES AND PROVIDING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, the Marihuana Regulation & Taxation Act (MRTA) was signed into law on March 31, 2021, legalizing adult-use cannabis, and

WHEREAS, that legislation provides for a system where municipalities agree to host retail dispensaries of adult-use cannabis, providing a four percent sales tax on retail sales for host communities and counties to share based on the volume of sales from dispensaries in each jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the local sales tax is split three percent for the host municipality and one percent for the host county in recognition of additional resources each will need to contribute to fully manage the repercussions of hosting such facilities including public safety, traffic control, public health, mental health, and substance abuse treatment, and

WHEREAS, in the SFY 2025 Enacted Budget the state expanded public safety authorization only to counties and New York City allowing them to close illegal cannabis retail dispensaries which have proliferated across the state due to lax enforcement from the state and a slow rollout of legal licenses to state authorized retailers created opportunities for illegal shops to flourish, often with minimal risks for illegal operators, and

WHEREAS, these illegal operators are often also selling other illegal narcotics, products and adding such illegal substances to the cannabis they are selling compromising public safety and public health as well as stealing local revenues due to host communities because legal operators cannot compete, and

WHEREAS, the state also has a vested interest in shutting down illegal operators for the same reasons identified here including the hundreds of millions in annual revenues the state is counting on in their Financial Plan from the sale of legal adult-use cannabis products, and

WHEREAS, in addition to counties being provided new public safety functions counties are also solely responsible at the local level for ensuring public health, mental health, substance abuse treatments, and other social services are available for people struggling with addiction, and

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WHEREAS, the current split of local sales tax of only one percent to the host county undermines the ability of counties to ensure illegal operators are shut down and essential public health, mental health, substance abuse, and other social services remain available in the community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges Governor Hochul and the State Legislature to amend the sales tax sharing arrangement under adult-use recreational cannabis to a more balanced split to recognize the additional responsibilities counties have in addressing illegal cannabis stores and providing substance-use disorder and mental health services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED counties support additional penalties for illegal operators to discourage the incentive to reopen even after being shut down, and

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

STATE OF NEW YORK

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 342-2024 Entitled "Urging Governor Hochul and the State Legislature to Amend the Sales Tax Sharing Arrangement Under Adult-Use Recreational Cannabis to a More Balanced Split to Recognize the Additional Responsibilities Counties have in Addressing Illegal Cannabis Stores and Providing Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Services", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 343-2024

**CALLING ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO
IMPROVE REUSE AND RECOVERY OPTIONS IN COMMUNITIES HOSTING
STATE FACILITIES AND ASSETS THAT ARE CLOSED OR DECOMMISSIONED**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, the state has downsized certain facilities and assets that are underutilized due to state law changes or inefficiency, and

WHEREAS, these state facilities and assets can often be one of the largest employers and purchasers of local products helping local businesses and communities prosper, and

WHEREAS, local communities and counties greatly appreciate the economic impact from these state facilities and come to rely on their economic impact, and

WHEREAS, the state finds it necessary at times to close facilities and/or decommission assets as their circumstances require, and

WHEREAS, these closures often have dramatic impacts on local economic conditions, and

WHEREAS, state agencies sometimes do not agree to pay fees and charges to local governments for services or benefits received which becomes an additional cost absorbed by the local government or other payers in the community, and

WHEREAS, some localities have expressed interest in acquiring closed state facilities or decommissioned assets, but the state has refused to transfer the asset, and

WHEREAS, for local communities it is essential to replace or revitalize the defunct state property to help maintain the local economy but repurposing these sites often do not happen for a variety of reasons including facilities being outdated, or located inside of state protected lands like the Adirondack Park or Catskill Park, or other state protected areas, and

WHEREAS, in the past the state has provided additional direct fiscal assistance to help communities through this process, and

WHEREAS, without the ability to repurpose closed state facilities and replace the lost jobs and economic impact communities are more likely to fall into economic decline, be subject to lower real estate values, and suffer population loss,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls on Governor Hochul and the State Legislature to improve reuse and recovery options in communities hosting state facilities and assets that are closed or decommissioned that have a major impact on employment and local revenues, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in situations where the state determines a closed state property or decommissioned asset lies within a state park or state protected area and cannot be repurposed, the state should provide payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to the local communities based on the economic impact the facility/asset had while in use, and

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

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 343-2024 Entitled "Calling on Governor Hochul and the State Legislature to Improve Reuse and Recovery Options in Communities Hosting State Facilities and Assets that are Closed or Decommissioned", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 344-2024

**DESIGNATING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS
THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR 2025**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the Empire State Development Division of Tourism Matching Funds Program, it is requested that each county appoint a Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA), and

WHEREAS, participation in this program doubles the earmarked Tourism Promotion Funds by St. Lawrence County through I Love New York Funds, and

WHEREAS, according to the 2023 NYS Tourism Economics Report, visitor expenditure accounted for more than \$166 million in St. Lawrence County, and \$10.9 million in local taxes in 2023, and

WHEREAS, according to the NYS Tourism Economics Report tourism spending has increased year to year, with a 12% increase between 2022 and 2023, and a 16.5% increase between 2021 and 2022, supporting the importance of investing in the continued growth of the tourism industry post-pandemic; and

WHEREAS, according to the NYS Tourism Economics Report an estimated 1,597 jobs in the County (2023) were supported by visitors, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce represents the County as its Tourism Promotion Agent by creating a comprehensive marketing and advertising campaign, consisting of events, attractions, and recreational opportunities throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce represents the County in regional and State opportunities to leverage funds and promotions to attract visitors to the County as an economic driver,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators designates the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce as the St. Lawrence County Tourism Promotion Agency for 2025.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 344-2024 Entitled "Designating the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce as the St. Lawrence County Tourism Promotion Agency for 2025", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

November 4, 2024

Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 345-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PATROL VEHICLE**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has vehicles in need of replacement, and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to purchase a patrol vehicle and will promote efficiency and provide safety to the officer and the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Sheriff's Office to purchase a patrol vehicle, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes this will reduce the contribution from auction proceeds to the reserve for 2024, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031102 25000	S CRIM Automotive Equipment	\$40,115
S1031104 44001	S CRIM Automotive Expenses	<u>1,200</u>
		\$41,315

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1022605 55000	S LR CRIM Transportation Priso	\$328
S1026835 550WC	S LR CRIM Workers Compensation	5,196
S1027705 55000	Sheriff Misc Revenue	703
S5022645 550CO	S IH County Inmate Housing	12,788
T2026505 550SA	T LR Auction Proceeds For Sheriff	<u>22,300</u>
		\$41,315

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes this will reduce the contribution from auction proceeds to the Reserve for 2024.

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 345-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the Purchase of a Patrol Vehicle", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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RESOLUTION NO. 346-2024

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF JOSEPH BERNARD MACDONALD**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for the community that benefits from the knowledge and experiences this individual brings to all, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence recognizes with great respect and admiration the contributions that all people, including older adults, give to our communities, and

WHEREAS, Joseph Bernard MacDonald was born on October 3, 1924, to his parents, Alden J. MacDonald and Irene A. Molloy-Murphy of Ogdensburg, and

WHEREAS, Joseph attended St. Mary's Academy in Ogdensburg, after leaving St. Mary's he sailed the Great Lakes, and upon his return, he earned his GED, and

WHEREAS, in 1943, during WWII, Joseph was drafted into the United States Navy, and served aboard the USS Nevada until 1945, as a BM3 Boatswain's mate or Bosun's mate, and

WHEREAS, while aboard the USS Nevada, Joseph and his fellow sailors fired the first shots on Normandy Beach on June 6, 1944, D-Day, and Joseph earned the French Legion of Honor medal for this action, and in February 1945 they also saw action at Iwo Jima, and

WHEREAS, his two (2) brothers, Andrew and Edward, served at the same time during WWII, and

WHEREAS, after military service, Joseph returned to Ogdensburg in 1945, and worked at Brown's Dairy, until joining the New York State Police, and

WHEREAS, Joseph was stationed in Lowville, New York, where he stayed in the barracks, returning home to Ogdensburg once per month, and

WHEREAS, in 1951, Joseph joined the United States Border Patrol as an Agent, where he was required to move many times along the borders of the United States, and

WHEREAS, in Washington, DC at the headquarters there where he had achieved the rank of Assistant Deputy Commissioner, he remained in that position until his mandatory retirement in 1979, at the age of fifty-five (55), and

WHEREAS, currently, Joseph is the oldest living United States Border Patrol Agent, and, in 2024, the United States Border Patrol celebrated their Centennial, and a Border Patrol

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Headquarters Supervisor went to visit Joseph at his home in Florida, to conduct a video interview about him and his service, and

WHEREAS, retirement did not last long, Joseph became an Investigator for the United States Government, until his final retirement in 1980, and

WHEREAS, In 1947, Joseph married Beverly June Jirard at Notre Dame Church in Ogdensburg, together they raised five (5) children, Renee, Andrea, Suzanne, Joseph B. and Thomas G., and

WHEREAS, Joseph attended Paul Smith’s college, he enjoyed playing golf, and played frequently until the age of ninety (90), and he loved sports, during high school, he was on the football team for St. Mary’s Academy, and

WHEREAS, Joseph is known as a devoted Catholic, he is well liked, and has an even temper, but is tough and stands on principal, and

WHEREAS, Joseph loved the City of Ogdensburg, especially the St. Lawrence River, he inherited his love of the water from his paternal Great-Grandfather, Captain Alex MacDonald, a Great Lakes ship Captain on the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes, Andrew MacDonald was a navigator on tug boats along the same routes, and

WHEREAS, now at the blessed age of 100 years old, Joseph Bernard MacDonald is to be commended for distinguishing himself not only for the length of his incredible life but for the impact he undoubtedly had on many lives in his community and beyond, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to honor the newest centenarian in the County with the sincerest congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the 100th birthday of Mr. Joseph Bernard MacDonald.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 346-2024 Entitled “Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Birthday of Joseph Bernard Macdonald”, adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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RESOLUTION NO. 347-2024

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Mr. Burke, District 12

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 369-2019 and Resolution No. 253-2020 authorized the continuance of the current vacancy review process with a recommendation that the vacancies continue to be deliberated at each jurisdictional committee, but one resolution be created for all approved positions to be considered at the Regular Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Vacancy Review Committee reviewed eight (8) positions in four (4) departments, with one (1) new positions being requested, and of those eight (8) positions reviewed, seven (7) were approved and one (1) was held.

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
Social Services	Employment Coordinator	801390002	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services	Keyboard Specialist	003100013	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services	Keyboard Specialist	003100019	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Staff Development Coordinator	702100001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services	Secretary I	005100012	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Information Technology	Computer Technician	202700001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
County Administrator/Purchasing	Senior Account Clerk*	100200047	FT	Permanent	Immediate

*new

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Purchasing Clerk, Position No. 011500001, will be abolished in the County Administrator - Purchasing Department, 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.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 347-2024 Entitled "Authorizing Filling of Vacancies", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. 348-2024

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

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 81-2014 established the relationship with the RLC and Resolution Nos. 161-2017, 123-2019, 126-2022, and 153-2023 authorized the continuation of their work at varying amounts conscious of the change in caseloads, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the Rural Law Center of New York for the provision of indigent appellate representation for a one year term, retroactive to April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract be retroactive to April 1, 2024, upon adoption of the resolution.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 348-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a One Year Contract with the Rural Law Center of New York for Indigent Appellate Representation", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. 349-2024

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW H
(NO. _) FOR THE YEAR 2024, "TAX CAP OVERRIDE FOR FY 2025"**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, in 2011, New York State implemented the Tax Levy Limit, commonly referred to as the "Tax Cap" which provides for a maximum growth of the Levy each year and provided regulations to counties, towns, villages, and school districts for how to approve a Levy that exceeds the Tax Cap, and

WHEREAS, one of the largest expenses placed on the Levy is the cost of Medicaid (\$23.4M in 2024), and in 2012 the State recognized that the burden of Medicaid was too great for counties and placed a cap on the annual increases that were passed on to counties, and

WHEREAS, this cap for Medicaid provided an opportunity for counties to predict costs more effectively and successfully stay under the Tax Cap, and

WHEREAS, in addition, the impact of inflation has increased the cost of operations, and the State has resumed the practice of passing along costs for programs they require, that are not funded by the State, and

WHEREAS, New York State has made an unsustainable change with Medicaid costs this year when they determined that they would begin intercepting federal funds passed to counties, deciding to keep Federal Medicaid Assistance Program (eFMAP) funds intended for counties and by doing this, they have added \$3.1M to the Medicaid bill increases that previous State administrations took measures to prevent, and

WHEREAS, other fiscally significant changes by New York State with mandated programs that add additional expenses to counties include, but are not limited to; doubling the attorney hourly rates for indigent defense, reducing the State share of safety net cost, mandating Medical Assisted Therapy (MAT) Program in Correctional Facilities, cybersecurity requirements, augmentation in the PILOT Agreement process, and

WHEREAS, additionally, the implementation of two court decisions having budgetary impacts create revenue loss from Tax Foreclosure Sales (Tyler v. Hennepin County, Minnesota), and an increase in Foster Care pay increases the cost of providing services to the citizens of the County, and

WHEREAS, all of these changes and inflation continue to impact on the ability that the County has to meet the arbitrary Tax Cap set without consideration for the changes that are being implemented, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has requested one override in ten (10) years (2024), and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes setting a date for a public hearing on proposed Local Law H (No. __) for the Year 2024 “Tax Cap Override for FY 2025” to be held at 5:50 p.m. on December 4, 2024 in the Legislative Board Room.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW H (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024
“TAX CAP OVERRIDE FOR FY 2025”**

Section 1. TITLE OF THE LOCAL LAW

This Local Law shall be entitled “Tax Cap Override for FY 2025.”

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION

For fiscal year 2025, the County of St. Lawrence shall override the real property tax levy limit established by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 of the State of New York and may adopt a budget requiring a tax levy that is greater than such tax levy limit.

Section 3. VOTE REQUIREMENT

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law § 3-C, which expressly authorizes the County Board of Legislators to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Board.

Section 4. PURPOSE

The purpose of this local law is to permit the override of the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the County of St. Lawrence, and to allow the County to adopt a county budget for the fiscal year 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-C.

Section 5. DEFINITION

Tax Cap Override for FY 2025 - The County Board of Legislators, County of St. Lawrence, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for FY 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law § 3-C.

Section 6. SUPERSESSION

Pursuant to the powers granted by the Municipal Home Rule, this Local Law supersedes all provisions of any other laws in the County of St. Lawrence, in so far as such statutes are inconsistent with this Local Law and any other laws or regulations of the County of St. Lawrence are superseded to the extent necessary to give this Local Law full force and effect. All other provisions shall remain the same.

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Section 7. SEVERABILITY

Each separate provision of this Local Law shall be deemed independent of all other provisions therein, and if any provisions shall be deemed or declared invalid, all other provisions hereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State, in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law § 27.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 349-2024 Entitled "Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law H (No.) for the Year 2024, "Tax Cap Override for FY 2025"", adopted November 4, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
November 5, 2024

December 2, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 350-2024

**IN MEMORIAM OF A DECEASED MEMBER OF THE
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

By Ms. Curran, District 15

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Hull, District 8; Mr. Fay, District 9; Ms. Haggard, District 10; Mr. Webster, District 11; Mr. Burke, District 12; Mr. Gennett, District 13; and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, during the past year, we have lost from our ranks:

DONALD F. SMITH
Legislator

WHEREAS, this man was recognized as a leader in his community and was chosen to serve on the Board of Legislators representing the Town of Louisville from 1976 to 2002, as well as performing other duties for his fellow citizens, and he honorably and diligently discharged the trust so reposed in him and he has now departed, leaving a record which we remember and which today we seek to commemorate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we treasure the qualities of service and devotion to duty of this, our absent friend, that we rejoice in the work he accomplished and sorrow that he is no longer with us, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in token of our respect to this departed associate, this resolution be included in our records as a permanent memorial to his time spent with us.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 350-2024 Entitled "In Memoriam of a Deceased Member of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. 351-2024

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 101ST BIRTHDAY
OF RONALD VICTOR WINTERS**

By Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for the community that benefits from the knowledge and experiences this individual brings to all, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence recognizes with great respect and admiration the contributions that all people, including older adults, give to our communities, and

WHEREAS, Ronald Victor Winters, known by many as "Vic", was born on September 18, 1923, in Stockholm to his parents, Johnson and Flora (Cummings) Winters,

WHEREAS, Vic remembers life before electricity and carrying wood for the wood box, using lanterns in the barn to milk 30 cows by hand twice a day, and helping his mother with chores, and

WHEREAS, as a child, he spent his younger years growing up on the Paine Farm and attending Raquette River Elementary School until 8th grade, when they moved to Wilson Hill in Louisville, and

WHEREAS, he attended Massena Central High School, graduating in 1941, and began work at Alcoa's physical lab, and

WHEREAS, in February 1943, Vic was drafted into the Army, the 6th Army 24th Division 226 Military Police Company for the West Coast Ordinance, where he saw service along the coast of South America, the Philippines, New Zealand, and Guadalcanal, and after the surrender of Japan, his duty was with the Japanese Police, and

WHEREAS, during this time, Vic became an expert in rifle fire, and in February 1946 was discharged, returning to Skinnerville, NY, where he began working on a milk route with Meadow Brook Dairy, and

WHEREAS, Vic met and fell in love with Anna Grace Peterson, and they were married at the Pleasant Valley Farm on January 4, 1947, beginning their lives as husband and wife and raising five children: Mike, Bruce, Wayne, Judy, and Lisa, and

WHEREAS, known to his family, friends, and community as a very hardworking, determined, kind, and loving family man, Vic is revered as someone who is dedicated to family and known for his strong work ethics, working at Alcoa and Reynolds, running a family farm in Buckton, and even building a retirement home and two-story pole barn later in life,

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WHEREAS, he was a member of several organizations, including serving on the Board of Education for St. Lawrence Central School District, Stockholm Land Use Committee, being a faithful and active member of the Buckton Methodist Church, and a Trustee and President of the Union Cemetery Association, and

WHEREAS, Vic loved sports and played hockey, baseball, and bowling well into his 90s, and golfed every day until he was 100 years old, and

WHEREAS, as a Veteran, Vic was celebrated on November 11, 2006, for his service, sacrifice, and selflessness with an Honor Flight to Washington, DC, to share in a day of honor at our nation's memorials, and

WHEREAS, now at the blessed age of 101 years old, Mr. Ronald Victor Winters is to be commended for distinguishing himself not only for the length of his incredible life, but for the impact he undoubtedly had on many lives in his community and beyond, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to honor Vic with the sincerest congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the 101st birthday of Mr. Ronald Victor Winters.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 351-2024 Entitled "Proclamation Recognizing The 101st Birthday of Ronald Victor Winters", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. 352-2024

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 103RD BIRTHDAY
OF MARGARET MABEL ZAHLER**

By Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for the community that benefits from the knowledge and experiences this individual brings to all, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence recognizes with great respect and admiration the contributions that all people, including older adults, give to our communities, and

WHEREAS, Margaret Mabel Zahler was born on May 24, 1921, in the home of her parents, Arthur and Lila Mae (Harris) Vallance in Louisville on Croil Island on the St. Lawrence River, and

WHEREAS, with construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway beginning and the threat of Croil Island being flooded the family moved to a farm near Massena, but it was also flooded by the Seaway construction, and

WHEREAS, Margaret attended one-room schoolhouses until she was old enough to enter high school in Massena, and soon after graduation she began working at a little store in Hutchins Beach, Massena, and

WHEREAS, Erwin (Shorty) E. Zahler, who was working for Homestead Dairy, delivered milk to that little store and met Margaret Vallance; they fell in love and were engaged when WWII broke out, and

WHEREAS, Erwin and Margaret were married on September 5, 1943, in Louisville, spent their honeymoon in Niagara Falls, NY, and started a family raising five children: Linda, David, Terry, Erwin, and Jeff, and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Erwin and Margaret moved to Hopkinton to take care of her elderly parents, and during this time they lived next door to the fire station and had a dedicated fire telephone for the town, answering the emergency calls that came in, then going next door to the fire station to sound the alarm, and wait for the firefighters to show up so they could tell them where the fire was, and

WHEREAS, Margaret is a faithful member of her church and community, and was also a member of the Hopkinton Fire Department Auxiliary, was on a bowling team, and a member of the Hopkinton Congregational Church Women's Fellowship, and

WHEREAS, Margaret could often be found in the kitchen whenever events occurred, and kept busy serving as the Hopkinton Town Clerk for four (4) years, serving as an election

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inspector for over thirty (30) years, and was a founder and charter member of the Hopkinton Historical Group, and

WHEREAS, Margaret was known for her love of children, and some of her finest blessings in life were her eleven (11) grandchildren, twenty-nine (29) great-grandchildren and twelve (12) great, great-grandchildren, and

WHEREAS, family, friends and the community would describe Margaret as a quiet, very dependable, particular, organized, hardworking, detail-oriented, devoted community servant, and

WHEREAS, now at the blessed age of 103 years old, Mrs. Margaret Mabel Zahler is to be commended for distinguishing herself not only for the length of her incredible life, but for the impact she undoubtedly had on many lives in her community and beyond, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to honor Margaret with the sincerest congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the 103rd birthday of Mrs. Margaret Mabel Zahler.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 352-2024 Entitled "Proclamation Recognizing the 103rd Birthday of Margaret Mabel Zahler", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Operations Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 353-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR A FY24 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, funding for the FY2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) is provided by the US Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is administered by the NYS Division of Homeland Security, and

WHEREAS, a grant is received annually, and the amount awarded to the Office of Emergency Services for 2024 is \$43,197 (X2043055 57000) with a contract period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, this FY24 EMPG Grant will be utilized to offset salaries for administrative staff within the Office of Emergency Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with New York State Office of Homeland Security for a FY24 Emergency Management Performance Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 353-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Office of Homeland Security for a FY24 Emergency Management Performance Grant”, adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

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Operations Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 354-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES
FOR OVERTIME AND REPAIRS**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services has exceeded the budget in various accounts for 2024, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 100-2024, authorized a contract with Onondaga County for a Master Radio Communications Site Agreement, and this expense was not anticipated to occur until 2025, causing expenses to exceed the 2024 Budget, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing all accounts, most funds required for the increases can be offset within the existing budget with changes to accounts, however this request also includes \$13,250 of targeted contingency funds along with an additional \$12,952 necessary for repairs and maintenance, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services for related expenses, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$26,202
X1034102 25000	X FIRE Technical Equipment	10,000
X1034104 41102	X FIRE Educational Workshops	2,500
X1034104 41103	X FIRE Training Supplies	2,600
X1034104 42004	X Fire Computer Software	4,500
X1134102 25000	X HAZMAT Technical Equipment	8,500
X1134104 41102	X HAZMAT Educational Workshop	<u>2,000</u>
		\$56,302

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X1C34101 18000	X CD Overtime	\$12,000
X2036404 44000	X ADM I/D Automotive Expenses	2,000
XP036404 42004	X Computer Software	6,000
XP036404 42202	X PSCS Equip Repair and Maint	<u>36,302</u>
		\$56,302

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 354-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for Emergency Services for Overtime and Repairs", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

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Operations Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 355-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ACCELERATED TRANSIT CAPITAL FUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2024 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 \$119,046 under the 2024 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, capital investments with this award include: installing a bus shelter at the Human Services Center; purchasing tablets for digital records management; purchasing fleet technology; and purchasing virtual meeting equipment, 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 (3) years of an executed grant agreement,

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 2024 Budget for the Planning Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N2B56302 25000	N Technical Equipment	\$119,046
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B35945 56002	N SA Capital Funds for Bus	\$119,046
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

December 2, 2024

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 355-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Department of Transportation for Accelerated Transit Capital Funds and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Planning Office", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Operations Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 357-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO ACCEPT FY24 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PREPAREDNESS GRANT AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGETS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded funding to St. Lawrence County in the amount of \$157,910 to support regional preparedness efforts with a contract period of September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS, this funding will be split between the Office of Emergency Services (\$102,641) and Sheriff's Office (\$55,269) in order to facilitate the ability of St. Lawrence County to support the NYS Homeland Security Strategy and to assist law enforcement terrorism prevention activities, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services has budgeted \$80,000 for a new EMS Vehicle and \$22,641 for Interop Data Service Fees, such as AT&T, Verizon & Spectrum, and the Sheriff's Office has budgeted \$7,896 for PPE equipment and \$47,373 for mobile aircards and the Sheriff's Application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract, and any other contracts as required for this grant, with New York State Office of Homeland Security to accept a FY24 State Homeland Security Preparedness Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office and Office of Emergency Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31104 42300 24HS	S Other Communications Serv	\$47,373
S1Z31104 45300 24HS	S Uniforms & Clothing	7,896
X2Z36402 23000 24HS	X Automotive Equipment	80,000
X2Z36404 43007 24HS	X Other Fees and Services	<u>22,641</u>
		\$157,910

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z43895 57000 HS	S FA HS Federal Aid	\$55,269
X2Z43895 57000 HS	X FA Homeland Security	<u>102,641</u>
		\$157,910

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 358-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH E-VOLVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, LLC. FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has recognized the need for improvements with Electronic Health Record for the Mental Health, Opioid Treatment Program, and Addictions Clinics, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 272-2024, adopted September 9, 2024, authorized the Chair to sign a contract accepting targeted grant funding to update the existing Electronic Health Record for Community Services, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has been awarded up to \$119,975 in funding from the New York State (NYS) Office of Addictions and Supports to address the need of the Department to update the existing Electronic Health Record (EHR) System for clinics, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has collaborated with Purchasing and Information Technology to complete a Request for Proposal (RFP), and subsequent review, E-Volve Information Technology Services, LLC was the sole internet service provider that submitted a viable proposal for this service in response, and

WHEREAS, the RFP Review Committee selected E-Volve Information Technology Services, LLC at the rate of \$175 per hour, not to exceed \$119,975,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with E-Volve Information Technology Services, LLC, for improvements to the Electronic Health Record System, 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:

A1Z42504 42004 EMR	EMR Computer Software	\$119,975
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A1Z44865 57000 EMR	EMR FA Software OASAS	\$119,975
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a summary of the changes made and progress for improvement will be shared with the Board of Legislators.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 358-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with E-Volve Information Technology Services, LLC. for Improvements to Electronic Health Record System and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Community Services", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 359-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR APPROVED AGENCIES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received updated NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) State Aid Funding for St. Lawrence County as pass-through funding for community agencies that includes salary and fringe support adjustments, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Community Services for funding received from NYS OMH to St. Lawrence County as pass-through funding to approved agencies, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4143224 465AR	A CSS ARC	\$6,779
A4143224 465CC	A CSS Catholic Charities	8,866
A4143224 465RO	A CSS Reachout Advances	1,608
A4143224 465SS	A CSS STEP By STEP Advances	3,462
A4143224 465SV	A CSS Seaway Valley Pr CNCL	<u>1,683</u>
		\$22,398

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4143224 465CA	A CSS Citizen Advocates Adv	\$76,782
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DECREASE REVENUE:

A4134905 56000	A SA CSS Mental Health	\$54,383
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4243224 465AR	A CRV ARC Advances	\$660
A4243224 465CC	A CRV Catholic Charities	6,438
A4243224 465TL	A CRV NCTLS Advances	5,933
A4243224 465SS	A CRV STEP By STEP Advances	<u>15,864</u>
		\$28,895

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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4243224 465RO	A CRV Reachout Advances	\$7,447
A4243224 465UH	A CRV United Helpers Advances	<u>31,748</u>
		\$39,195

DECREASE REVENUE:

A4234905 56000	A SA CR Other Mental Health PR	\$10,301
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4343224 465RO	A CPP Reachout Advances	\$5,577
A4343224 465SS	A CPP STEP By STEP Advances	<u>7,693</u>
		\$13,270

INCREASE REVENUE

A4334905 56000	A SA CPP Other Mental Health	\$13,270
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4443224 465AR	A OFS ARC Advances	\$7,740
A4443224 465CH	A OFS CHJC Advances	1,026
A4443224 465NR	A OFS NRCIL Advances	5,804
A4443224 465TL	A OFS NCTLS Advacnes	21,590
A4443224 465UH	A OFS United Helpers Advances	<u>178,119</u>
		\$214,279

INCREASE REVENUE:

A4434905 56000	A SA OFS Other Mental Health	\$214,279
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 359-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for Community Services for Funding Received from Office of Mental Health for Approved Agencies", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 360-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH MAXIMIZING INDEPENDENT LIVING CHOICES (MILC) AND LIVING INDEPENDENTLY IS FOR EVERYONE AT RCIL, INC., WITH THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING AND SOCIAL SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, information on available long-term services and support, and assistance in accessing these services is essential to enabling older adults and individuals of all ages with disabilities to return to or remain in their homes and communities, and

WHEREAS, the role of caregivers and their need for objective information and assistance about long-term services and support for their loved ones, as well as support they themselves may need, is important, and

WHEREAS, increasing knowledge and coordination of local long-term services and support across service and payer systems is a collaborative effort of the Office for the Aging, Department of Social Services, Maximizing Independent Living Choices (MILC) through the NY Connects Program, and Living Independently is for Everyone at RCIL, Inc., and

WHEREAS, an agreement between the St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging, Department of Social Services, Maximizing Independent Living Choices (MILC), and Living Independently is for Everyone at RCIL, Inc., is necessary to continue and maintain a New York Connects Program in St. Lawrence County, meet long-term services and support needs, and stimulate greater access to non-institutionally based long-term care services and support, and

WHEREAS, this agreement would take effect on the date signed by all parties or the date any other required approvals have been obtained, whichever is later and does not expire, unless any of the parties wish to terminate the partnership and therefore must do so in writing with thirty (30) days' notice,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Maximizing Independent Living Choices (MILC) and Living Independently is for Everyone at RCIL, Inc., with the Office for the Aging and Department of Social Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

December 2, 2024

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 360-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Maximizing Independent Living Choices (MILC) and Living Independently is for Everyone at RCIL, Inc., with the Office for the Aging and Social Services", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 361-2024

**AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE POTSDAM NUTRITION CENTER
IN THE POTSDAM HOUSING AUTHORITY AND MODIFYING THE
2024 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO PURCHASE A
NEW FREEZER AND COOLER UNIT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Potsdam Nutrition Center serves approximately 250 older adults each week with home-delivered and congregate meals; and provides six (6) home-delivered meal routes, and is the largest volume nutrition center in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, located at the Potsdam Housing Authority, the current freezer and cooler are located outdoors and are beyond repair, having endured years of extreme weather conditions causing severe damage to the integrity and safety of the equipment including rusted out floors, doors that freeze shut in the winter, electrical malfunctions, compressor malfunctions, and warped/rusted doors that do not close properly, and

WHEREAS, the recommendation is to purchase a new freezer and cooler, and work with the Potsdam Housing Authority on installation inside the facility, following the County procurement procedures, and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$100,000 that were set aside in the 2024 targeted contingency are now requested to be authorized for the replacement of the equipment and necessary modifications to improve the Nutrition Center,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the improvements to the Potsdam Nutrition Center in the Potsdam Housing Authority, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the Office for the Aging for the purchase of a new freezer and cooler unit and installation, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

ON067722 26000	O NUTR Other Equipment	\$75,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$75,000
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December 2, 2024

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 361-2024 Entitled "Authorizing Improvements to the Potsdam Nutrition Center in the Potsdam Housing Authority and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Office for the Aging to Purchase a New Freezer and Cooler Unit", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 362-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS ASSOCIATION, INC., D/B/A ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER, FOR RESPITE SERVICES WITH THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging has a contract with the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc. d/b/a Alzheimer’s Association, Central New York Chapter, for an Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Initiative Grant, and

WHEREAS, the Caregivers Support Initiative grant in the amount of \$25,000 provides respite services for caregivers of family members diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia (OA037725 56000), and will serve approximately ten (10) caregivers per year, and

WHEREAS, the current MOU with the Alzheimer’s Association has expired and an update is needed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc., D/B/A Alzheimer’s Association, Central New York Chapter, for respite services with the Office for the Aging, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 362-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc., D/B/A Alzheimer's Association, Central New York Chapter, for Respite Services with the Office for the Aging”, adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 363-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2025 ANNUAL UPDATE (AU) PLAN FOR FUNDING WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging requires each Office for the Aging to submit an Annual Update (AU) Plan for funding, and

WHEREAS, these funds enable the Office for the Aging to provide a variety of programs and services to County residents, sixty (60) years of age and older, to help them age in place, and

WHEREAS, these funds are authorized by the Older Americans Act of 1965 and includes funding for services such as: EISEP (Home Care & Case Management), Nutrition Program (Congregate Dining, Home Delivered Meals & Take Out Meals), NY Connects (Information & Assistance), HIICAP (Medicare Counseling), Caregiver Support Services & Respite, Legal Services, Medical Transportation, PERS (LifeLine Services), & Health Promotion Classes, and

WHEREAS, the completed AU Plan for funding package must be signed by the Chief Executive Officer of St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2025 Annual Update Plan for Funding with the New York State Office for the Aging, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 363-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign the 2025 Annual Update (AU) Plan for Funding with The New York State Office for the Aging", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 364-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE RESPONSE GRANT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, between January 1, 2021, and June 30, 2024, the Public Health Department was awarded \$313,036 (PPZ44895 57000 VAC) with objectives and goals to focus primarily on COVID-19 vaccine implementation, and

WHEREAS, there have been higher than anticipated operating expenses within the COVID-19 Vaccine Response Grant, and a decrease in salary expense within the COVID-19 Vaccine Response Grant,

WHEREAS, the operating expenses have included advertising to promote vaccination via billboard, bus wrap, and online,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Public Health for the COVID-19 Vaccine Response Grant, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PPZ40104 43005 VAC	P VAC Advertising Fees & Expenses	\$78,774
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PPZ40101 11000 VAC	P VAC Direct Service Worker	\$52,164
PPZ40101 19000 VAC	P VAC Temporary and Part-Time	<u>26,610</u>
		\$78,774

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 364-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Public Health Department for the COVID-19 Vaccine Response Grant”, adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 365-2024

**MODIFY THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR
THE PUBLIC HEALTH CORPS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM GRANT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Public Health is eligible to receive \$1,532,660 (PPZ44895 57000 PHC) in funding for two (2) years (\$766,330 annually), but this program was unable to be put in place due to the COVID-19 epidemic in 2021, and

WHEREAS, Public Health was eligible to use this funding between September 1, 2021, and June 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, there have been higher than anticipated operating expenses within the Public Health Corps Fellowship Program Grant, and a decrease in salary expenses, furniture & furnishings, and personal computers within the Public Health Corps Fellowship Program Grant, and

WHEREAS, the operating expenses included statistical software licenses, software for performance improvement tracking (VMSG), Quality Improvement resources, tools, and materials, and training for staff hired under the grant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Public Health for the Public Health Corps Fellowship Grant, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PPZ40104 43007 PHC	P PHC Other Fees and Services	\$12,751
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PPZ40101 12000 PHC	P PHC Supervisory/Admin	\$4,000
PPZ40102 21000 PHC	P PHC Furniture & Furnishings	1,200
PPZ40102 22002 PHC	P PHS Personal Computers	<u>7,551</u>
		\$12,751

December 2, 2024

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 365-2024 Entitled "Modify the 2024 Budget for the Public Health Department for the Public Health Corps Fellowship Program Grant", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 366-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for the Early Intervention Program, and it is necessary to modify the 2024 Public Health Budget to cover the final expenses for 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Early Intervention Program for the Public Health Department, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PE040594 430DS	P ECP Direct Service Fees	\$71,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

PE027015 55000	P LR PE Prior Year Refunds	\$22,000
PC027015 55000	P LR Coroners Prior Year Refunds	<u>49,000</u>
		\$71,000

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 366-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Early Intervention Program for the Public Health Department", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 367-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND SETTING 2025 RATES FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department contracts for Early Intervention Program services and these contracts are necessary to provide services for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, contracted services include Occupational Therapy (OP), Physical Therapy (PT), Special Instruction Teachers (SI), Speech Language Pathology (SLP), Interpreter Services, and Audiology Therapy, and

WHEREAS, providers hired after December 31, 2019, will be paid the rates for new providers listed below, and

WHEREAS, the rates reflected for 2025 have not yet changed since 2024, and

WHEREAS, these services will be paid from the following accounts based on actual services provided: PE040594 430DS PROV; PE040594 48600 PROV; and PE040594 443CM PROV,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for Early Intervention Services for the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following 2025 rates are authorized for Early Intervention Services, as follows:

<u>Services:</u>	<u>Rate for Current Providers:</u>	<u>Rate for New Providers:</u>
Developmental Core Evaluation (General)	\$175	\$155
Core Evaluation (Specialist)	\$108	\$100
Supplemental Evaluations	\$108/\$150	\$100
Interpreter Services	\$60	\$60
Direct Service Visit	\$60	\$45
Direct Service Visit (Speech)	\$62	\$45
Individual Family Service Plan/CPSE Meeting	\$42	\$30
IFSP Meeting w/Direct Service Visit*	\$60	\$50
Screening	\$175	\$130

* provided prior to or after meeting

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 367-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for Early Intervention Services for the Public Health Department and Setting 2025 Rates for Early Intervention Services", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 368-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE RABIES PROGRAM
FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for expenses associated with the Rabies Program, it and is necessary to modify the 2024 Budget for the Public Health Department to increase appropriations for the expenses incurred this year, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Rabies Program in the Public Health Department, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040424 430AR RAB	P RAB Animal Rabies Fees	\$35,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

PP027015 55000	P LR Prior Year Refunds	\$35,000
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 368-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Rabies Program for the Public Health Department”, adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 369-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ST. LAWRENCE HEALTH SYSTEM FOR THE TUBERCULOSIS (TB) PROGRAM IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is required to have a physician consultant to review Tuberculosis (TB) Program practices, provide evaluation, and treat TB Program clients, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence Health Systems will evaluate, diagnose and prescribe treatment in the office, the Public Health Department will provide the NYSDOH guidance regarding the latest guidelines for diagnosis and treatment for TB and Latent Tuberculosis Infections (LBTI), and testing and treatment will be authorized by a designee of the Public Health Department, and

WHEREAS, the financial responsibility of the Public Health Department for TB and LBTI treatment is limited, and St. Lawrence Health System must first attempt to bill the insurer prior to submitting any invoices to the Public Health Department, as the Public Health Department should be the payer of last resort, and

WHEREAS, total payment to date for the current contract (1/2021-11/2024) has been \$2,783, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department will provide payment up to the New York State Medicaid rate (PP040104 43007 TB), and the term of this contract will be January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with St. Lawrence Health System for the Tuberculosis (TB) Program in the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 369-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with St. Lawrence Health System for the Tuberculosis (TB) Program in the Public Health Department ", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 370-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE/SAFETY NET, EMERGENCY AID FOR ADULTS, MEDICAID WEEKLY SHARES, AND ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, a budget modification is necessary due to increased costs in Temporary Assistance/Safety Net, Emergency Aid for Adults, Medicaid Weekly Shares and Adoption/Foster Care, and

WHEREAS, increases in Foster Care/Adoption are due 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 Budget for Social Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Social Services Budget in the following areas for temporary assistance/safety net, emergency aid for adults, Medicaid weekly shares, and adoption/foster care, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAP60104 43007	D TA Other Fees	\$10,000
DAP60104 499CN	D TA Client Notices	10,000
DPA61424 46100	D EAA Directs	5,200
DMM61004 46500	D Medicaid to State	693,740
DSC61194 46500 ADAD	D ADCFC Adoption Subsidies	<u>600,000</u>
		\$1,318,940

INCREASE REVENUE:

DSC36195 56000	D SA Child Care	\$186,000
DPA36425 56000	D SA Emergency Aid for Adults	2,600
DSC46195 57000	D FA Child Care	300,000
DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	2,017
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	1,937
DA046155 57000 FFAD	D FA FFFS TANF Administration	4,771
DSS27015 55000	D LR ST Prior Year Refunds	<u>821,615</u>
		\$1,318,940

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 370-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for Social Services for Temporary Assistance/Safety Net, Emergency Aid for Adults, Medicaid Weekly Shares, and Adoption/Foster Care", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 371-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH NORTH COUNTRY PRENATAL PERINATAL COUNCIL, INC. FOR REFERRALS TO HEALTHY FAMILIES ST. LAWRENCE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Healthy Families New York, funded and administered by New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), has been partnering with caregivers and families through New York State since 1994, and

WHEREAS, Healthy Families New York began implementing the Healthy Families Child Welfare Protocols as part of the New York State's Family First Prevention Services Act Prevention Plan, and

WHEREAS, part of the implementation requirements is to establish and renew annually a Memorandum of Agreement with the local Department of Social Services, and

WHEREAS, Healthy Families St. Lawrence is a voluntary evidence-based home visiting program serving expecting parents and families, as well as a prevention program dedicated to supporting families in their quest to be the best caregivers they can be,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with North Country Prenatal Perinatal Council, Inc. for Healthy Families St. Lawrence for the Department of Social Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 371-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with North Country Prenatal Perinatal Council, Inc. for Referrals to Healthy Families St. Lawrence for the Department of Social Services", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 372-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2025 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN SIGNATURE PAGE AND SIGN CONTRACTS FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires the Youth Bureau to submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2025 Youth Development Program (YDP) year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature Page will qualify the County for reimbursements from New York State in the 2025 Program Year, and OCFS has made Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Funds (Y4073204 46000) available to provide Youth Development Programs, and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2025 for Youth Development Programs (YDP) is \$104,558 (Y4073204 46000), and various agencies have submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Youth Development Program (YDP) funding through the Youth Bureau, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) plan, provide fiscal/grant management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2025 RAP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2025 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page and sign contracts for Youth Development Program Funds, upon approval of the County Attorney, to the following organizations:

<u>Organization:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Canton Free Library	\$4,200
Claxton Hepburn Medical Center	\$7,000
GardenShare	\$2,275
Holistic Life Foundation	\$5,000
North Country Children's Museum (NCCM)	\$6,000
North Country Prenatal Perinatal Council	\$6,846
Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club	\$4,900
St. Lawrence County Arts Council	\$4,600
St. Lawrence County People Project	\$3,000
Town of Fowler	\$5,000
Town of Parishville	\$2,000

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Town of Stockholm	\$1,000
Village of Canton	\$2,000
Village of Gouverneur	\$10,926
Village of Massena	\$4,000

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 372-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign the 2025 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page and Sign Contracts for Youth Development Program Funds", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 373-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2025 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN SIGNATURE PAGE AND SIGN CONTRACTS FOR YOUTH SPORTS & EDUCATIONAL FUNDING

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires the Youth Bureau to submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2025 Youth Development Program Year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature page will qualify the County for State reimbursement in the 2025 Program Year, and various agencies have submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Youth Sports & Educational Funding (YSEF) through the Youth Bureau, and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2025 for Youth Sports and Educational Funding (YSEF) is \$25,058 (Y4073204 46500), and the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has made Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) funds (Y4073204 46500) available to provide Youth Sports & Educational Funding (YSEF), and

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

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) plan, provide fiscal/grant management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2025 RAP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2025 Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) signature page and authorize the Chair to sign contracts for Youth Sports & Educational Funding, upon approval of the County Attorney, with the following organizations:

<u>Organization:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Black Lake Fish & Game Association	\$3,000
Town of Colton	\$2,500
Town of Fine	\$7,750
Town of Louisville	\$2,000
Town of Stockholm	\$4,000
Village of Heuvelton	\$5,808

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 373-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign the 2025 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page and Sign Contracts for Youth Sports & Educational Funding", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Services Committee: 11-18-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 374-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2025 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN SIGNATURE PAGE AND SIGN CONTRACTS FOR YOUTH TEAM SPORTS FUNDING

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires that the Youth Bureau submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2025 Youth Development Program (YDP) year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature Page will qualify the County for reimbursements from New York State in the 2025 Program Year, and various agencies have submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Youth Team Sports (YTS) funding through the Youth Bureau, and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2025 for Youth Team Sports (YTS) is \$52,946 (Y4073204 46100), and OCFS has made Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) funds (Y4073204 46100) available to provide Youth Team Sports (YTS), and

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

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) plan, provide fiscal/grant management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2025 RAP, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2025 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page and sign contracts for Youth Team Sports (YTS) programs, upon approval of the County Attorney, to the following organizations:

<u>Organization:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Canton Minor Hockey, Inc.	\$3,700
Canton Pee Wee Association	\$5,000
Cornell Cooperative Extension of SLC	\$7,000
Massena Minor Hockey Association, Inc.	\$5,431
Norwood-Norfolk Youth Baseball & Softball League	\$6,400
PAL of Massena	\$8,500
Potsdam Figure Skating Club	\$5,130
Town of Hammond	\$4,000
Tri-Town Minor Hockey Association	\$5,000

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Village of Massena

\$2,785

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 374-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign the 2025 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page and Sign Contracts for Youth Team Sports Funding", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 375-2024

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SELF-INSURANCE PLAN TO HIRE A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION PLAN

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan (the Plan) contract for Third Party Administration (TPA) to handle all the workers' compensation claims and to assist the Plan with certain administrative duties will expire December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Plan solicited proposals from vendors and received six (6) submissions for the purpose of selecting one to act as the Third Party Administrator for the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan, and

WHEREAS, upon a review of the submissions and scoring matrices, a recommendation has been made to contract with Triad Group, LLC, to provide TPA services to the Plan, the current County TPA, for three (3) years, with the possibility of an extension for an additional two (2) years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Administrator of the Self-Insurance Plan to Hire a Third Party Administrator for the Workers' Compensation Plan.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 375-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Administrator of the Self-Insurance Plan to Hire a Third Party Administrator for the Workers' Compensation Plan", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 376-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
FOR THE SELF-INSURANCE FUND DUE TO INCREASED COSTS IN
SCHEDULED LOSS OF USE AWARDS**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Self-Insurance Fund is responsible for the payment of Workers' Compensation related expenditures, and

WHEREAS, part of the administration of the workers' compensation claims requires an assessment of files that may be appropriate for full and final settlement, and

WHEREAS, full and final settlement under the Workers' Compensation Law, closes a file permanently, resolving both the medical and indemnity portions of a claim, and

WHEREAS, 2024 has seen an increase from 2023 in the number of cases resolved by way of full and final settlement, and

WHEREAS, in some cases claims may not be ready for a full and final settlement but are eligible for a scheduled loss of use, and

WHEREAS, under New York Workers' Compensation Law, a Schedule Loss of Use Award may be made when a claimant has reached maximum medical improvement and the body part(s) of a claimant have a permanent loss of use as a result of their work-related injury, and

WHEREAS, under a Schedule Loss of Use Award, compensation is limited to a certain number of weeks based on the body part and severity of the disability, according to a schedule set by law, and

WHEREAS, these Settlements and Schedule Loss of Use Awards, which have increased significantly since 2021, has created a deficit in the Benefits and Awards Account which also covers the medical and indemnity payments of the claimant, and

WHEREAS, County Law, Article 7, Sections 363 and 366, allows the Board of Legislators to amend the budget to shift funds between accounts where there exists an excess in some accounts and a deficit in others, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to transfer funds from the Self-Insurance Plan Fund Balance, by increasing the appropriated fund balance to support the additional scheduled loss of use awards, as they come due,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the County Attorney's Office for the Self-Insurance Fund due to increased costs in Scheduled Loss of Use Awards, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

07TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$600,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

07TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$600,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

LI017204 40301	SI Workers Comp Benefits and Awards	\$600,000
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 376-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Attorney's Office for the Self-Insurance Fund Due to Increased Costs in Scheduled Loss of Use Awards", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 377-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
FOR INCREASED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RETENTION OF
OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law §501(2) "...whenever the interests of the board of supervisors or the county are inconsistent with the interests of any officer paid his compensation from county funds, the county attorney shall represent the interests of the board of supervisors and the county [while the conflicted officer] may employ an attorney-at-law" who shall be reimbursed pursuant to the policies established by Public Officer's Law §18, and

WHEREAS, coordinated strategies are being implemented to decrease long-term costs associated with continued retention of outside counsel; however, short-term costs have increased due to the current litigation files that have been sent to outside counsel reaching a more active status, and

WHEREAS, due to trial preparation and upcoming trials, there will not be sufficient funds to pay future billings to outside counsel (LR019304 43002) through the end of 2024, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to transfer money from the fund balance for Fund (08) Casualty and Liability, by increasing the appropriated fund balance to cover those payments as they come due,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the County Attorney's Office for increased costs associated with retention of outside legal counsel, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

08TG0911 50300	CS Unappropriated Fund Balance	\$70,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

08TG0910 50300	CS Appropriated Fund Balance	\$70,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

LR019304 43002	LR Legal Fees	\$70,000
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 377-2024 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Attorney's Office for Increased Costs Associated with Retention of Outside Legal Counsel", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 378-2024

ADOPTING AN UPDATED HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY MANUAL FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FOR 2025

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is committed to the health and safety of its workforce and wants to implement a health and safety policy regarding work-related activities, and

WHEREAS, the Public Employee Safety and Health Bureau (PESH), created in 1980, enforces safety and health standards promulgated under the United States Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and several State standards, and

WHEREAS, the PESH Act created OSHA to give occupational safety and health protection to all public sector employees, and

WHEREAS, PESH requires safety policies to be implemented and enforced for all public employers in the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety of the workforce and to remain compliant with the PESH regulations, it is important that the County adopts, maintains, and implements a St. Lawrence County Health & Safety Policy, and

WHEREAS, a true and complete copy of the updated Health and Safety Policy Manual is available upon request from the Board of Legislators' Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators adopts an updated Health & Safety Policy Manual for St. Lawrence County for the year 2025, upon approval of the Compliance Officer/Risk Manager and the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 378-2024 Entitled "Adopting an Updated Health and Safety Policy Manual for St. Lawrence County for 2025", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 379-2024

ADOPTING AN UPDATED ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CORPORATE COMPLIANCE PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2025

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2022, St. Lawrence County adopted Resolution 443-2022, “Adopting the St. Lawrence County Compliance Plan”, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Compliance Plan arose from general guidelines published by the United State Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Sentencing Guidelines (U.S.S.G. §§ 8B2.1) and New York State Social Services Law SOS§363-d. requires the establishment and implementation of a Corporate Compliance Plan as an entity that provides services to Medicaid recipients, and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Compliance Plan addresses the conduct of all Legislators, elected officials, County officers, employees, and agents, and

WHEREAS, conduct in violation of these standards may lead to disciplinary action, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has directed, through the St. Lawrence County Risk Manager, the development and maintenance of a County Compliance Plan which incorporates the St. Lawrence County Ethics and Disclosure Law and sets forth the Standards of Conduct and Policies and Procedures to be followed by all employees of the County and agents who furnish services and goods to St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Compliance Plan is continuously updated, in accordance with the statutes above, to maintain accuracy and remain current,

WHEREAS, a true and complete copy of the updated Corporate Compliance Plan is available upon request from the Board of Legislators' Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators adopts an updated St. Lawrence County Corporate Compliance Plan for the Year 2025, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 379-2024 Entitled "Adopting an Updated St. Lawrence County Corporate Compliance Plan for the Year 2025", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 380-2024

ADOPTING MORTGAGE TAX REPORT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

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

<u>TOWN/VILLAGE:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Brasher	\$15,194.34
Canton:	
Village of Canton	25,658.90
Village of Rensselaer	1,167.38
Town of Canton	90,921.57
Clare	1,122.54
Clifton	7,614.82
Colton	33,360.23
Dekalb:	
Village of Richville	253.95
Town of Dekalb	6,997.38
DePeyster	1,621.49
Edwards	5,771.63
Fine	5,999.50
Fowler	19,687.39
Gouverneur:	
Village of Gouverneur	6,136.01
Town of Gouverneur	17,703.49
Hammond:	
Village of Hammond	281.72
Town of Hammond	12,823.08
Hermon	5,392.19
Hopkinton	6,720.25
Lawrence	5,281.03
Lisbon	11,887.13
Louisville:	
Village of West Massena	1,587.74
Town of Louisville	17,529.20
Macomb	3,142.54

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Madrid	7,166.82
Massena:	
Village of Massena	38,475.92
Town of Massena	83,001.97
Morristown	18,562.27
Norfolk:	
Village of Norwood	137.84
Village of Massena	18.89
Town of Norfolk	16,266.69
Ogdensburg	30,587.02
Oswegatchie:	
Village of Heuvelton	1,962.80
Town of Oswegatchie	37,375.77
Parishville	10,321.14
Piercefield	5,235.48
Pierrepoint	18,749.02
Pitcairn	6,823.73
Potsdam:	
Village of Potsdam	15,095.54
Village of Norwood	3,356.44
Town of Potsdam	60,378.87
Rossie	5,729.83
Russell	4,833.49
Stockholm	22,720.58
Waddington:	
Village of Waddington	2,489.16
Town of Waddington	9,556.59
TOTALS:	\$702,701.36

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 380-2024 Entitled "Adopting Mortgage Tax Report", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 381-2024

CHARGING TAX ITEMS & OMITTED TAX PAID

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, due to tax refunds, cancelations of taxes, and other assessment errors, and omitted tax payments received, there are various tax items that cannot be collected or payments that result in town credits,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to charge/credit these various items to the towns as presented to the Legislature, as follows:

**2024 CORRECTION OF ERRORS
CHARGES & CREDITS TO TOWNS & DISTRICTS**

Brasher Fire - FD001	\$67.80	
Brasher Fire PROT- FD002	\$545.56	
Brasher Highway	\$788.24	
Brasher Town	\$1,107.55	
		<u>\$2,509.15</u>
Canton Fire - FD003	\$343.33	
Canton Light - LT005	\$102.03	
Canton Town	\$1,114.56	
		<u>\$1,559.92</u>
Colton Fire - FD009	\$73.74	
Colton Highway	\$137.20	
Colton Light - LT006	\$18.48	
Colton Town	\$322.96	
		<u>\$552.38</u>
Edwards Town	\$500.63	
		<u>\$500.63</u>
Fine Star Lake Water – WD002	\$3,780.00	

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		<u>\$3,780.00</u>
Fowler Fire - FD016	\$697.83	
Fowler Highway	\$9,449.87	
Fowler Town	\$2,356.25	
		<u>\$12,503.95</u>
Gouverneur Town	\$915.86	
Gouverneur Water	\$39.00	
		<u>\$954.86</u>
Hermon Sewer	\$477.00	
		<u>\$477.00</u>
Hopkinton Town	\$30.00	
		<u>\$30.00</u>
Lisbon Town	\$338.76	
		<u>\$338.76</u>
Madrid Sewer	\$743.38	
Madrid Water	\$226.70	
		<u>\$970.08</u>
Massena Fire - FH002	\$42.05	
Massena Town	\$3,614.56	
		<u>\$3,656.61</u>
Norfolk Public Library	\$14.61	
Norfolk Town	\$1,360.62	
		<u>\$1,375.23</u>
Oswegatchie Town	\$542.41	
		<u>\$542.41</u>
Parishville Highway	\$99.07	
Parishville Town	\$88.82	

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		<u>\$187.89</u>
Pierrepont Town	\$70.43	
		<u>\$70.43</u>
Pitcairn Fire - FD033	\$12.84	
Pitcairn Highway	\$74.66	
Pitcairn Town	\$13.32	
		<u>\$100.82</u>
Potsdam Fire - FD034	\$4.20	
Potsdam Town	\$42,908.65	
		<u>\$42,912.85</u>
Rossie Fire - FD035	\$31.06	
Rossie Highway	\$324.30	
Rossie Town	\$415.57	
		<u>\$770.93</u>
Russell Fire - FD036	\$535.36	
Russell Highway	\$3,832.45	
Russell Library	\$190.19	
Russell Town	\$1,491.56	
		<u>\$6,049.56</u>
Stockholm Fire - FD039	\$7.22	
Stockholm Highway	\$18.23	
Stockholm Town	\$51.83	
		<u>\$77.28</u>
Waddington Town	\$158.21	
		<u>\$158.21</u>
Total Chargebacks		<u>\$80,078.95</u>

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 381-2024 Entitled "Charging Tax Items & Omitted Tax Paid", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

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Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 382-2024

CORRECTING AND REFUNDING ERRONEOUS TAXES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Chapter 515 of the Laws of 1997 provides a local option for erroneously levied taxes in the amount of \$2,500 or less to be corrected or refunded upon application according to Section 554 and 556, respectively, of the Real Property Tax Law upon recommendation of the County Director of Real Property Tax Services and approval of the Treasurer of the County, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer and the Director of Real Property Tax Services recommend that this option be adopted in order to make these corrections and/or refunds to the taxpayer erroneously assessed in a more timely and efficient fashion,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes correcting and refunding erroneous taxes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators adopt the provisions set forth in Chapter 515 of the Laws of 1997 allowing the County Treasurer to correct tax bills or issue a check for the refund where taxes have been paid upon the recommendation of the Director of Real Property Tax Services and the approval of the Treasurer for the calendar year 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before the 15th day of each month, the Real Property Director shall submit a report to the Board of Legislators of the corrections or refunds processed by the Treasurer during the preceding month indicating the name of each recipient, the location of the property and the amount of the correction or refund.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 382-2024 Entitled “Correcting and Refunding Erroneous Taxes”, adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 383-2024

APPROVAL OF BAD DEBT WRITE OFF FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 87-2014, adopted on April 7, 2014, authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Falcon Recovery Systems, LLC, for St. Lawrence County to consolidate collections under one contract with Falcon, and

WHEREAS, bad debt accounts, through November 2024, totaling \$3,751.07 are now uncollectible, and

WHEREAS, while the amount is owed and written off, the amount due is placed in the files of each customer in an effort to receive payment should they return for service in the future,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to adjust the bad debt write offs for the Solid Waste Department, as follows:

DECREASE CONTRA ASSET ACCOUNT:

05TG0389 501W0	T EL Allowance for Receivables	\$3,752
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DECREASE ASSET ACCOUNT:

05TG0380 501W0	T EL Accounts Receivable	\$3,752
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 383-2024 Entitled "Approval of Bad Debt Write Off for the Solid Waste Department", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
 Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 December 3, 2024

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Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 385-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE
AND DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO FILL AND ABOLISH POSITIONS TO
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in August of 2015, the Vacancy Review Committee was reestablished and assigned the role of evaluating positions within St. Lawrence County Government where Department Heads are requesting positions be abolished, created, and/or filled, and

WHEREAS, since 2016, the County Administrator has been providing the Board of Legislators with an annual summary of the actions of the Vacancy Review Committee and made recommendations for changes to be considered by the Board of Legislators to improve the efficiency of the Committee and County Staff as a whole, and

WHEREAS, the work of the Committee has held its value, including better working knowledge by Legislators of the roles and responsibilities of positions in departments and the Board of Legislators has benefited from the ongoing information provided about the annual vacancies (approximately 160), the average immediate fill rate (above ninety 90% percent), the summaries by departments, ultimately the understanding of the challenges presented to the County if positions are not filled, and

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations made by the Administrator allowed her to fill positions that had been filled for less than a year, to create and fill part-time and transitional positions, and that authority has been utilized carefully, benefiting the departments by expediting the process to fill positions, and

WHEREAS, there is a request to dissolve the Vacancy Review Committee and vest the County Administrator with the necessary authority to fill budgeted positions, and continue with the preexisting authority granted to her, and

WHEREAS, for any positions requested to be created, the process would require consideration and approval by the Board of Legislators,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Dissolution of the Vacancy Review Committee and delegates the authority to fill and abolish positions the County Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authority to create full-time positions will remain with the Board of Legislators for review and approval.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 385-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Dissolution of the Vacancy Review Committee and Delegating the Authority to Fill and Abolish Positions to the County Administrator", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

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Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 386-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR LOCAL MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FUNDED WITH AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2022 Resolution No. 181-2022 adopted the recommendations made by the ARPA Committee regarding the uses of \$20.9M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds provided to St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, funds were appropriated to support water and wastewater infrastructure projects in the County, and

WHEREAS, the Chair has been authorized to sign contracts appropriating these funds by Resolution No. 68-2023 dated February 6, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the total amount under contract is \$2,969,563 and \$1,927,188.86 has been expended, additional work will be completed beyond the contract termination date of December 31, 2024, so an extension is recommended through December 31, 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes a two-year Contract Extension for Local Municipal Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Projects funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Total Contract</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Remaining Value</u>	<u>Project</u>
Village of Canton	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$393,564.64	Common Water Supply (8350)
Town of Clifton	\$74,346	\$74,346	\$69,082.86	Waste Water Treatment (8130)
Town of Madrid	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$289,499.00	Water Transfer and Distribution (8340)
City of Ogdensburg	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$20,000.02	Waste Water Treatment (8130)
Totals:	\$1,249,346	\$1,249,346	\$772,146.52	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any funds not spent in 2024 will be rolled over to 2025 and be fully expended by 2026, in accordance with the U.S. Treasury Final Rule.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 386-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Two-Year Contract Extension for Local Municipal Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Projects Funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 387-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION PROJECTS APPROPRIATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2022 Resolution No. 181-2022 adopted the recommendations made by the ARPA Committee regarding the uses of \$20.9M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds provided to St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, funds were appropriated to support broadband development and installation (hereinafter, “broadband expansion”) projects in the County, and

WHEREAS, the Chair was authorized to sign contracts appropriating these funds by Resolution 145-2023 dated April 1, 2023, and

WHEREAS, \$2,955,145 is obligated, and, to date, \$111,163 has been expended and an additional \$1.65M is pending, and all projects are either under construction or poised for construction in 2025, but not all projects will be completed by the contract termination date of December 31, 2024, so an extension is recommended through December 31, 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a two-year extension of contracts appropriating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for broadband expansion projects, as follows:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Total Contract</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Remaining Value</u>
Town of Colton	SLIC Fiber-Lot 7	\$91,408	\$91,408	\$91,408
Town of Norfolk	SLIC Fiber-Lot 13	\$123,520	\$123,520	\$123,520
Town of Colton	SLIC Fiber-Lot 8	\$109,199	\$109,199	\$109,199
Town of Waddington	SLIC Fiber-Lot 21	\$67,081	\$67,081	\$67,081
Towns of Lisbon & Madrid	SLIC Fiber-Lot 12	\$341,000	\$341,000	\$341,000
Town of Stockholm	SLIC Fiber-Lot 20	\$267,787	\$267,787	\$267,787
Town of Brasher	SLIC Fiber-Lot 1	\$59,713	\$59,713	\$59,713
Town of Potsdam	SLIC Fiber-Lot 19	\$327,048	\$327,048	\$327,048
Town of Oswegatchie	SLIC Fiber-Lot 16	\$25,724	\$25,724	\$25,724
Town of Oswegatchie	SLIC Fiber-Lot 14	\$323,926	\$323,926	\$323,926
Towns of Lawrence & Hopkinton	SLIC Fiber-Lot 11	\$212,943	\$212,943	\$212,943

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Town of Canton	SLIC Fiber-Lot 4	\$406,071	\$406,071	\$406,071
Towns of Canton & Russell	SLIC Fiber-Lot 5	\$203,345	\$203,345	\$203,345
Town of Canton	SLIC Fiber-Lot 3	\$209,143	\$209,143	\$209,143
Town of Oswegatchie	SLIC Fiber-Lot 15	\$76,074	\$76,074	\$76,074
	Totals:	\$2,843,982	\$2,843,982	\$2,843,982

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any funds not spent in 2024 will be rolled over to 2025 and be fully expended by 2026, in accordance with the U.S. Treasury Final Rule.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 387-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Two-Year Contract Extension for Broadband Expansion Projects Appropriating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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RESOLUTION NO. 388-2024

**ADOPTING LOCAL LAW H (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2024
“TAX CAP OVERRIDE FOR FY 2025”**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

Section 1. TITLE OF THE LOCAL LAW

This Local Law shall be entitled “Tax Cap Override for FY 2025.”

Section 2. AUTHORIZATION

For fiscal year 2025, the County of St. Lawrence shall override the real property tax levy limit established by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 of the State of New York and may adopt a budget requiring a tax levy that is greater than such tax levy limit.

Section 3. VOTE REQUIREMENT

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law § 3-C, which expressly authorizes the County Board of Legislators to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Board.

Section 4. PURPOSE

The purpose of this local law is to permit the override of the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the County of St. Lawrence, and to allow the County to adopt a county budget for the fiscal year 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-C.

Section 5. DEFINITION

Tax Cap Override for FY 2025 - The County Board of Legislators, County of St. Lawrence, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for FY 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law § 3-C.

Section 6. SUPERSESION

Pursuant to the powers granted by the Municipal Home Rule, this Local Law supersedes all provisions of any other laws in the County of St. Lawrence, in so far as such statutes are inconsistent with this Local Law and any other laws or regulations of the County of St. Lawrence are superseded to the extent necessary to give this Local Law full force and effect. All other provisions shall remain the same.

Section 7. SEVERABILITY

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Each separate provision of this Local Law shall be deemed independent of all other provisions therein, and if any provisions shall be deemed or declared invalid, all other provisions hereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State, in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law § 27.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 388-2024 Entitled "Adopting Local Law H (No.) for the Year 2024 "Tax Cap Override for FY 2025"", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

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Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 389-2024

ESTABLISHING A DATE AND TIME FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that the Organizational Meeting of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators shall be held on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators' Chambers, Court House, Canton, New York for the purpose of electing a Chair of the Board of Legislators and any other business that may come before the Board.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 389-2024 Entitled "Establishing a Date and Time for the Organizational Board Meeting", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

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Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 390-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of subdivision four of section 6305 of the Education Law, counties that do not have a community college are required to pay for partial tuition for its residents, which is charged back to the perspective towns and villages, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Budget appropriated \$905,500 for payments to Community Colleges, and

WHEREAS, the outstanding bills and any additional bills anticipated through the end of 2024 require a request for a transfer of funds to cover the cost of appropriations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office for costs associated with community college tuition, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$125,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1E24904 46502	B EDUC Community Colleges Tuition	\$125,000
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 390-2024 Entitled “Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for Costs Associated with Community College Tuition”, adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 391-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A RENEWAL APPLICATION WITH
EXCELLUS BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE
COVERAGE FOR 2025**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the cost of health benefits for St. Lawrence County employees, retirees, and their families continue to rise each year, and

WHEREAS, the County continues to pursue, research, and implement programs in an effort to contain these costs, and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Board of Legislators established a reserve for high cost claims, which currently has a balance of \$10,873,491, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Board of Legislators authorized the purchase of Stop Loss Insurance which allows the County to better manage the risk associated with high-cost insurance claims (medical and prescriptions) and to help stabilize the impact of those costs on the Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Benefit Consultant who works on behalf of the County secured Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for Stop Loss Insurance in December 2021, and these proposals demonstrated Excellus BC/BS to be the most competitive with the lowest premiums, and

WHEREAS, the policy for 2024 included a \$400,000 deductible for an approximate premium cost of \$451,534 and to date, the County has been reimbursed \$803,303 to date (approximately \$351,769 over the premium cost), and

WHEREAS, in consideration for the 2025 plan year, it is recommended that the specific deductible be continued at \$400,000 (on a "12/15" claims basis) for an approximate annualized premium cost of \$535,961,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a renewal application with Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield for Stop Loss Insurance coverage for 2025.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 391-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Renewal Application with Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield for Stop Loss Insurance Coverage for 2025", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 393-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH NEW YORK STATE INDUSTRIES FOR THE DISABLED, INC. FOR RECORDS MANAGEMENT SERVICES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County recognizes the need to have ongoing records management services performed, and

WHEREAS, New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. (“NYSID”), a 501c (3) not-for-profit corporation, was appointed by the New York State Commissioner of Education pursuant to Section 162 of the New York State Finance Law to facilitate orders on behalf of Preferred Source Agencies, such as St. Lawrence NYSID, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence NYSID has provided records management services for St. Lawrence County for over 30 years, and

WHEREAS, this contract allows the County to purchase services for document preparation such as micrographics, digital imaging or imaging on microfilm, CD’s, and document shredding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract renewal with New York State Industries for the Disabled Inc. (B1014604 43006) for records management services for January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 393-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Renewal with New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. for Records Management Services”, adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 394-2024

REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR ADOPT LEGISLATION TO PERMIT ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HOME RULE TO EXTEND THE SALES TAX RATE AS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED FROM THREE (3%) PERCENT TO FOUR (4%) PERCENT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County, by authority of Chapter 191 of the Laws of 2013, increased the sales tax rate for the period beginning December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2015 then was granted an extension from December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2017 and then was granted an extension from December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2020, and then granted an extension from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2023, and most recently granted an extension from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to enabling legislation, St. Lawrence County adopted implementing resolutions imposing the increase of three (3%) percent to four (4%) percent effective most recently on December 1, 2023 scheduled to expire on November 30, 2025 and is requesting an extension to allow the additional one (1%) percent be collected through November 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, traditionally a two (2) year extender was granted to counties through Home Rule Legislation, however in 2017, New York State added an additional year to the extension, making the extension effective for a three (3) year period, and

WHEREAS, the addition of a year on the extension was extremely helpful for fiscal planning in St. Lawrence County and if permanency is not considered, as a part of the review, in 2025, an additional three years would be the request of the County, and

WHEREAS, New York State continues to impose mandates that have financial consequences, which include but are not limited to Medicaid, special education and preschool programming, and retirement costs that places unnecessary strain on county resources, and

WHEREAS, due to the State-imposed financial mandates and the current state of the economy, it is necessary for the County to continue to seek permission to collect the additional one (1%) percent tax pursuant to Tax Law § 1210, and

WHEREAS, it is the request of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators that the sales tax rate be extended to provide for the four (4%) percent to be collected,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby requests the New York State Legislature and the New York State Governor adopt legislation to permit Home Rule for St. Lawrence County to extend the sales tax rate, as previously authorized, pursuant to Tax Law § 1210 and Tax Law § 1224 from three (3%)

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percent to four (4%) percent be extended for an additional period continuing at least until November 30, 2026, and

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

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) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 394-2024 Entitled "Requesting the New York State Legislature and Governor Adopt Legislation to Permit St. Lawrence County Home Rule to Extend the Sales Tax Rate as Previously Authorized from Three (3%) Percent to Four (4%) Percent", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 395-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A TEMPORARY ACCESS AND USE AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL GRID

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County received notice from National Grid that they are planning to perform work on an areas of their infrastructure and in order to access some of the areas, they would like to secure a temporary access and use agreement so they can cross parcels owned by the County in order to complete the work, and

WHEREAS, the County has a great partnership with National Grid and is supportive of work to improve the ability to transmit and distribute power across the North County that will ensure a reliable power grid for the future, and

WHEREAS, the parcels requested are adjacent to the areas important to the Project; Dennison - Colton #4 & 5 Electric Transmission Lines Project that have been identified as areas that National Grid would like to have permission to access during an upcoming project, and

WHEREAS, in order for this type of access to be granted, a resolution is requested to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement(s) pending and any future agreements that pertain to this project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a temporary access and use agreement(s) with National Grid.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 395-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Temporary Access and Use Agreement with National Grid”, adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 396-2024

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FORMER SHERIFF'S HOUSE AND JAIL ROOF AND FACADE ALTERATION PROJECT AND CLOSE THE CAPITAL PROJECT

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Old Jail and Sheriff's House has been offline since approximately 2009 when the new Correctional Facility opened at 6 Commerce Lane in Canton, and

WHEREAS, at that time, the County was in poor fiscal health without the ability to consider addressing deferred maintenance, so a minimal approach was taken to set up a capital project and to complete a hazardous materials study, and

WHEREAS, since the facility closed, there has been continued damage to the roof due to the weather, there was antiquated radio equipment abandoned on the roof which allowed water penetration from above as well as the mortar joints of stone walls of the structure had been compromised and were in need of repointing, which was also allowing water penetration through the walls, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the County solicited bids for roof replacement, equipment removal, repointing the stone facade and removal of the hazardous materials identified in the previous study and in 2023 able to move forward with the Project, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee reviewed the progress of the Project and authorized additional work that included but was not limited to; inclusion of safety ladders for roof access, addressing the discovery of additional hazardous materials along the roofline, the replacement of the rotted framing and the porch roof, the replacement of the ceiling and floor of the porch area, and

WHEREAS, the cost associated with these additions to the Project have impacted the overall project cost, which was originally authorized and approved in Resolution No. 328-2023 at \$875,000, and

WHEREAS, the approved work has been completed and Northern Tier Contracting, Inc. exceeded expectations with the quality of the work and now requires a modification of the overall budget to support that work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the St. Lawrence County Former Sheriff's House and Jail Roof and Facade Alteration Project and to close the capital project, as follows:

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 11-25-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 397-2024

**MODIFYING 2024 BUDGET FOR RENT SHORTFALL AND UTILITIES IN
GOUVERNEUR AND MASSENA SATELLITE OFFICES**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, satellite offices were vacated in Gouverneur and Massena in the third quarter of 2023, and

WHEREAS, the County leases space at 21 Harrowgate Commons, Massena at a monthly cost of \$9,002.50, of which the vacated space totaled \$2,562 per month, and

WHEREAS, the County leases space at 99 West Main Street, Gouverneur, at a monthly cost of \$3,350, of the vacated space totaled \$1,686 per month, and

WHEREAS, the vacated space also leaves utility costs that are redistributed to the departments that remain, and

WHEREAS, payments for offices without designated departments are paid from the Treasurer's Office to make certain the obligations of the County are maintained,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budgets for rent shortfall and utilities in Gouverneur and Massena Satellite Offices, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T2013254 40700	T Treas Rent Shortfalls	\$51,000
Q1G31404 41600	Q Gou Electricity	400
Q1G31404 43007	Q Gouv Other Fees & Services	4,500
Q1M31404 43007	Q Mass Other Fees & Services	600
XPT36404 43007	X Towers Other Fees and Services	600
K1314104 43007	K MDMV Other Fees and Services	<u>600</u>
		\$57,700

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$57,700
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December 2, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 397-2024 Entitled "Modifying 2024 Budget for Rent Shortfall and Utilities in Gouverneur and Massena Satellite Offices", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

Finance Committee: 10-28-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 398-2024

AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE ADDITION OF GEO-REDUNDANT PRIME EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES AT MASSENA AND WHITE HILL SITES

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 432-2022 authorized a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of public safety communications equipment, software, and applicable maintenance services, and authorized a lease purchase for equipment, and

WHEREAS, the successful vendor, Motorola Solutions, has recommended the County add a level of redundancy to the system through a geo-redundant prime, which is a strategy that involves spreading critical infrastructure, like servers, across multiple data centers in different locations, so if one location fails the system can continue to operate without interruption by switching to another location, and

WHEREAS, virtual Geo-Redundant Prime Site solutions for the North and South Cells will provide additional redundancy to the system, and the Prime Site is responsible for providing call processing, channel assignments, synchronization of transmissions, and comparison of received signals within the simulcast network, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the original contract was \$12,150,000, and including the Geo-Redundant Prime System equipment and deployment would add \$766,405 to the contract to be funded by FY24 (X2Z36402 25000 SICG), totaling \$12,916,405, and

WHEREAS, the original maintenance contract cost was \$4,109,998, and with the Geo-Redundant Prime Maintenance add-on at a cost of \$623,329, the new maintenance contract cost is \$4,733,327, and this change order shall increase the Radio Project Contract price by \$1,389,734 and will coincide with the original ten (10) year contract with maintenance years 4-10 estimated to begin in 2028 to be billed annually, in advance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes a change order for the addition of Geo-Redundant Prime Equipment and Services at the Massena and White Hill Sites, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 398-2024 Entitled "Authorizing a Change Order with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the Addition of Geo-Redundant Prime Equipment and Services at Massena and White Hill Sites", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 399-2024

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Perkins, District 7; and Mr. Burke, District 12

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 eighteen (18) positions in six (6) departments, with one (1) new positions being requested, and of those eighteen (18) positions reviewed, sixteen (16) were approved, one (1) was held, and one (1) was withdrawn.

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
Community Services	Chemical Dependency Counselor	510400004	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Office for the Aging	Keyboard Specialist	003100093	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Office for the Aging	Senior Account Clerk	100200016	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Public Health	Public Health Nurse	504100003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Caseworker	815200017	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Preventative	Caseworker	815000021	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/TA/SNAP	Caseworker	815000070	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/TA/SNAP	Caseworker	815000071	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Adult Protective	Caseworker	815000037	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Computer Programmer/Analyst	202900001	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services	Senior Clerk	002400006	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services	Social Welfare Examiner	814000005	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services	Senior Account Clerk	100200033	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Youth Bureau	Youth Development Program Coordinator*	031100001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Highway	Heavy Equipment Operator	310100016	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000021	FT	Permanent	Immediate

*new

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Purchasing Clerk, Position No. 011500001, will be abolished in the County Administrator - Purchasing Department, 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.

December 2, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 399-2024 Entitled "Authorizing Filling of Vacancies", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 400-2024

RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 334-2024 AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH J.E. SHEEHAN CONTRACTING CORPORATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY ROUTE 49 OVER HOPKINTON BROOK, BIN 3372050, TOWN OF HOPKINTON

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 334-2024 was adopted on November 4, 2024, and because the low bidder was unable to fulfill the contract requirements to progress the project, the resolution will be rescinded, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects in 2024 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for the replacement of County Route 49 over Hopkinton Brook, BIN 3372050, and

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

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

Contractor:	J. E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation
Contract Title:	County Route 49 over Hopkinton Brook, BIN 3372050, Town of Hopkinton
Contract Amount:	Not to Exceed \$930,000

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 400-2024 Entitled "Rescinding Resolution No. 334-2024 and Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract With J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation for Replacement of County Route 49 Over Hopkinton Brook, BIN 3372050, Town of Hopkinton", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 401-2024

ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, the 2025 Tentative Budget has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2024, the Finance Committee delivered the 2025 Tentative Budget, as presented by the Budget Officer on October 28, 2024, to the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the 2025 Tentative Budget was held on December 2, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby adopts the 2025 Tentative Budget with said budget requiring the raising of real property taxes in the amount of \$56,545,493, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County 2025 Tentative Budget be distributed in the funds as per Exhibit A and Exhibit B of said Adopted Budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators directs the Clerk of the Board of Legislators to establish the St. Lawrence County Budget for the year 2025 in the amount of \$304,783,678 with a levy of \$56,545,493,

2025 BUDGET SUMMARY

EXHIBIT A:

CATEGORY

APPROPRIATIONS

TOTAL BUDGET

General Government Support

\$65,939,466

Education

906,500

Public Safety

22,136,884

Health Services

21,341,573

Transportation

32,377,008

Economic Assistance & Opportunity

88,288,450

Culture Recreation

622,182

Home & Community Services

8,896,732

Employee Benefits

47,259,773

Debt Service

2,501,548

Interfund Transfers

14,513,562

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$304,783,678

December 2, 2024

EXHIBIT B:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
Departmental Income	\$50,165,356
Fines & Forfeitures	72,000
Intergovernmental Charges	13,612,576
Sale of Property & Comp Loss	2,668,803
State Aid	44,218,996
Interfund Revenue	4,420,708
Federal Aid	23,313,446
Interfund Transfers	13,842,563
Miscellaneous Local Sources	8,849,811
Amounts Raised by Taxes	56,545,493
Real Property Taxes	360,375
Real Property Tax Items	2,423,310
License & Permits	52,500
Non Property Tax Items	79,675,060
Use of Money & Property	4,262,681
Appropriated Surplus	<u>300,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$304,783,678

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 401-2024 Entitled "Adoption of the 2025 Budget", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 402-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A SEGMENT OF PROPERTY TO
BIRCHWOOD APARTMENTS, LLC, IN THE TOWN OF POTSDAM**

By Ms. Haggard, District 10

WHEREAS, in 1911, St. Lawrence County acquired in fee simple a small parcel of land consisting of a combined .06 acres known as the Lenora B. Dorothy Transfer dated April 4, 1911, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the acquisition was to assist the State of New York in the development of State Highway 56 in the Town of Potsdam; however, the small segment of the acquisition was ultimately never used due to a highway realignment, and

WHEREAS, the property has remained unused since 1911, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has received contact from an agent on behalf of the adjacent landowners, Birchwood Apartments, LLC, regarding the parcel, and

WHEREAS, following the completion of a boundary line survey of land already owned by Birchwood Apartments, LLC, the Birchwood Survey identified a small parcels of land that lie between the Birchwood parcel and Keener Road, and

WHEREAS, Birchwood Apartments, LLC, has inquired as to the willingness of the County to sell the parcel with the understanding that the County has no immediate plans for this area and the land is unneeded for highway purposes, and

WHEREAS, Birchwood Apartments, LLC, has offered five hundred dollars and no cents (\$500.00) to acquire said parcel to provide the necessary land area to accommodate a portion of the storm water detention pond for the development of a commercial retail store on the adjacent 1.5 acre parcel 76.076-1-4,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the transfer of a segment of property to Birchwood Apartments, LLC, in the Town of Potsdam, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey a segment of property to Birchwood Apartments, LLC, known as the Lenora B. Dorothy Transfer of Book 178, Liber 995, upon approval of the County Attorney.

December 2, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 402-2024 Entitled "Authorizing the Transfer of a Segment of Property to Birchwood Apartments, LLC, in the Town of Potsdam", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 403-2024 (FAILED)

**APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE AND NEW YORK STATE
POWER AUTHORITY**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is a signatory to the Relicensing Settlement Agreement (RSA) dated the 22nd day of February 2002 (the "2002 RSA") with the Power Authority of the State of New York (herein "NYPA"), and

WHEREAS, the 2002 RSA contains a provision providing for a review of the terms of the RSA every ten (10) years during the term of the 2002 RSA to address unforeseen matters that were not contemplated in the 2002 RSA, and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Task Force (herein "LGTF"), being a group of municipalities and school districts including the Town of Louisville, the Town and Village of Massena, the Town and Village of Waddington, the County of St. Lawrence, the Madrid-Waddington Central School District and the Massena Central School District have engaged with NYPA and negotiated an agreement pursuant to the 2002 RSA and the ten-year review process outlined in the 2002 RSA, and

WHEREAS, the LGTF has approved the tentative agreement with NYPA, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County desires to approve and ratify this tentative agreement subject to changes as recommended by the County Attorney,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the tentative agreement between the Local Government Task Force and New York State Power Authority, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Local Government Task Force to enter into the agreement on behalf of St. Lawrence County and be bound by the terms of the agreement, upon approval of the County Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to execute any documents necessary for the relicensing settlement agreement, upon approval of the County Attorney.

December 2, 2024

STATE OF NEW YORK

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) ss:

COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 403-2024 Entitled "Approval of the Tentative Agreement Between the Local Government Task Force and New York State Power Authority", adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 404-2023

**OPPOSING THE TEN YEAR FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RE-LICENCING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TASK
FORCE AND THE NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1
Co-Sponsored By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

WHEREAS, in 1920, Congress passed the Federal Water Power Act, which gave the Federal Power Commission (FPC), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) predecessor, its original authority to license and regulate non-federal hydropower projects, and

WHEREAS, as Congress expanded the regulatory authority of the FPC, the Federal Water Power Act ultimately became Part I of the Federal Power Act (FPA), and

WHEREAS, Part I of the FPA has been amended by subsequent statutes including the Electric Consumers Protection Act of 1986, the Energy Policy Act of 1992, the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013, and the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, and

WHEREAS, FERC relies on these authorities to carry out its hydropower responsibilities, including: the issuance of preliminary permits; determinations regarding qualifying conduit facilities; the issuance of licenses for the construction and operation of new projects; the issuance of relicenses for existing projects; the investigation and assessment of headwater benefits; and the oversight of all ongoing project operations, including dam safety and security inspections, public safety, and environmental monitoring, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is a signatory to the FERC Relicensing Settlement Agreement dated the 22nd day of February, 2002 (the "2002 RSA") with the Power Authority of the State of New York (herein "NYPA"), and

WHEREAS, the 2002 RSA contains a provision providing for a review of the terms of the RSA every ten (10) years during the term of the 2002 RSA to address unforeseen matters that were not contemplated in the 2002 RSA, and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Task Force (herein "LGTF"), being a group of municipalities and school districts including the Town of Louisville, the Town and Village of Massena, the Town and Village of Waddington, the County of St. Lawrence, the Madrid-Waddington Central School District and the Massena Central School District has engaged with NYPA and negotiated an agreement pursuant to the 2002 RSA and the ten-year review process outlined in the 2002 RSA, and

WHEREAS, while the other communities received various forms of consideration in the proposed agreement, St. Lawrence County, as a member of the LGTF, was not provided the opportunity to receive provision for security and safety on the St. Lawrence River, and

December 2, 2024

WHEREAS, the County objects to the terms of the current relicensing agreement and believes support from our various State and Federal representatives may assist in taking a closer look at the equities in the agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Board of Legislators opposes the ten-year Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Re-Licensing Agreement between the Local Government Task Force and the New York Power Authority, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators objects to the ratification of the FERC Re-Licensing Agreement with the St. Lawrence County LGTF, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators calls upon our State and Federal representatives to assist in securing an agreement that includes provision for the County, in order to safeguard the interests on those river communities not included in the LGTF, but are equally impacted by NYPA’s operations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, and Senator Dan Stec.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 404-2024 Entitled “Opposing the Ten Year Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Re-Licensing Agreement Between the Local Government Task Force and the New York Power Authority”, adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 2, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 405-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
FOR THE REMOVAL OF HAZARD TREES IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Burke, District 12 and Ms. Haggard, District 10

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators, with the assistance of the Forester for the County, has taken a strategic approach to the removal of trees that are compromised by an invasive species and/or become a hazard to the County, and

WHEREAS, the Emerald Ash Borer has destroyed a number of ash trees in the County that required removal as well as many others that have been marked for removal, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators appropriated a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) toward this effort and the work on that Project has been completed, the funds have been exhausted, and there are still trees to be removed, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the County Administrator budgeted \$200K in targeted contingency to continue the work that was started with the ARPA Funds, and

WHEREAS, the Soil & Conservation District Office has competently administered the Tree Removal Project under the ARPA Funds and would continue the work of tree removal with the appropriated funds, and

WHEREAS, the District has solicited bids for the next phase of tree removal and recommends moving forward to expedite the removal of hazard trees, and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator supports the recommendation of the District and would request the funds that were not utilized in 2023 be appropriated out of fund balance and the 2024 appropriations be provided along with an additional \$48,795 to complete the next phase of the Tree Removal Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for removal of hazard trees in St. Lawrence County, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$200,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$200,000
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December 2, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 406-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATIONS, LOCAL 100 - UNIT 8400, FOR 2025-2028

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; and Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County and the Civil Services Employees Association, Local 1000 – Unit 8400 contract will expire December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, negotiations sessions began in the summer of 2024 and a tentative agreement was reached in December 2024, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County believes that it is in the best interest of both parties to successfully conclude negotiations with a four-year contract (2025-2028),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the Civil Services Employees Association, Local 1000 – Unit 8400 for the contract period 2025-2028, upon the advice of the St. Lawrence County Negotiating Team, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will expire if the Civil Service Employees Association, Local 1000 – Unit 8400, fails to ratify the contract agreement before December 31, 2024.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 406-2024 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the Civil Service Employees Associations, Local 100 - Unit 8400, for 2025-2029”, adopted December 2, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 3, 2024

December 23, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 407-2024

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
SUMMIT SHRED LAB FOR SHREDDING SERVICES**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County requires services associated with shredding performed on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS, Summit SHRED LAB, a locally owned and operated business, is a licensed New York State Document Destruction Contractor, and

WHEREAS, Summit SHRED LAB provides professional document shredding services with a local focus for both business and residential customers throughout St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, Summit SHRED LAB is a member of i-Sigma, the leading industry trade association for secure data destruction service providers, and follows strict protocols, including PCI, FACTA, HIPAA, and GLBA, to safely destroy sensitive documents and ensure compliance with state and federal privacy laws, reducing the risk of identity theft and data breaches, and

WHEREAS, the contract recommended is for a one-year term beginning December 24, 2024 through December 24, 2025 (B1014604 43006), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Summit SHRED LAB for shredding services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 407-2024 Entitled "AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SUMMIT SHRED LAB FOR SHREDDING SERVICES", adopted December 23, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kelly S. Bigwarfe
Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
December 26, 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. 408-2024

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN EMERGENCY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY (NYPA) TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM AND THE DIVE TEAM

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is an interested party to the Licensing Agreement reached with the New York Power Authority in 2002, and

WHEREAS, the Licensing Agreement provided conditions for the license that included a ten-year review process to establish regular intervals for the parties to to the Agreement ensure their interests are being served by NYPA, the contracted entity, and

WHEREAS, the first ten year review of the relicensing agreement was completed in 2014 and included a provision for St. Lawrence County to receive ongoing financial support annually to be used for support of the County-wide Hazardous Materials Team and the Dive Team, and

WHEREAS, the annual amount appropriated for this purpose was \$2,932 beginning in 2017 and the County would like to sign an agreement that would allow for the collection of these funds,

WHEREAS, this would provide a total of \$23,456 in support for the teams identified in the Agreement and is expected to continue in sequential versions of the reviews of the relicensing agreements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an Emergency Services Agreement with the New York Power Authority (NYPA) that is retroactive to 2017 and provides appropriations for the St. Lawrence County Hazardous Materials Team and the Dive Team.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

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RESOLUTION NO. 409-2024

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
(ARPA) FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County was provided \$20.9M in American Rescue Plan Act Funds that were received beginning with the first tranche in 2022 for half of the amount or \$10.45M and the second tranche received in 2023 for the balance of the total, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators appointed an ARPA Committee to review the regulations, consult with the auditors for the County, and to make recommendations to the Board of Legislators for its use, and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Committee worked diligently to ensure the approach to spending focused on countywide benefit, this strategy was later supported by the Board in adopting all of the recommendations made by the Committee, and

WHEREAS, many of the projects that were appropriated under ARPA are complete, and

WHEREAS, some of the projects under ARPA have yet to be completed, but are successfully under contract for completion with timelines set to finish in 2025, and

WHEREAS, budget modifications are recommended to redistribute current ARPA Funds and close out projects, and

WHEREAS, these recommended modifications will provide sufficient appropriations for St. Lawrence County to complete the authorized ARPA projects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds distributed to St. Lawrence County:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1962924 43007 ARP2	B ARP 2.37 Training Program Payments	\$128,184
N1981304 43007 ARP5	N ARP 5.1 Wastewater Treatment	\$1,709
Q1931404 45300 ARP6	Q ARP 6.1 Probation Vests	\$2,092
XP930202 25000 ARP6	X ARP 6.1 Communication Equip	<u>1,010,908</u>
		\$1,142,893

DECREASE REVENUE:

B1940895 57000 ARP2	B ARP 2.37 Revenue Training Program	\$128,184
N1940895 57001 ARP5	N ARP5.5 Revenue Wtr Sys	\$1,709
Q1940895 57000 ARP6	Q ARP 6.1 Probation Vests	\$2,093

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XP940895 57000 ARP6	X ARP 6.1 Revenue Comm Eq	<u>1,010,907</u>
		\$1,142,893

INCREASE REVENUE:

XP940895 57000 ARP1	X ARP 1.7 Revenue Comm Eq	\$1,141,800
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

XP930202 25000 ARP1	X ARP 1.7 Communication Equip	\$1,141,800
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 409-2024 Entitled "MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY", adopted December 23, 2024, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

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