

***Pursuant to the State of Emergency Executive Order 202.1 Article 7, Suspension of Law
Allowing the Attendance of Meetings Telephonically or Other Similar Service***

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

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES: Mr. Perkins moved to suspend the Rule of Procedure to allow the attendance of Legislators telephonically, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present. Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fay, Ms. Fiacco, Ms. Haggard, and Ms. Terminelli attended telephonically.

Mr. Denesha said a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMORIAL CEREMONY:

RESOLUTION NO. 315-2020

**IN MEMORIAM OF A DECEASED MEMBER OF THE
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

By Ms. Terminelli, District 14

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. Acres, District 8; Mr. Fay, District 9; Ms. Haggard, District 10;
Ms. Fiacco, District 11; Mr. Burke, District 12; Mr. Arquiett, District 13;
and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, during the past year, we have lost from our ranks:

DARREL P. PAQUIN
Legislator

WHEREAS, this man was recognized as a leader in his community and was chosen to serve on the Board of Legislators representing District 14 from 1982 through 1986, 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.

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Ms. Terminelli moved to adopt Resolution No. 315-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Acres, Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fay, Ms. Haggard, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Reagen, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Arquiatt moved to amend the agenda to substitute a resolution under Presentation of Resolutions, to Number 17, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Perkins moved to approve the November 2nd meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Acres and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Dr. McGuire and Dr. Williams

COMMUNICATIONS: The Deputy Clerk read the following correspondence:

1. A resolution was received from the City of Ogdensburg authorizing the City Manager to sign a St. Lawrence County Hazmat Team Inter-Municipal Agreement.
2. A resolution was received from the Town of Norfolk to support the City of Ogdensburg proposed change in the County sales tax apportionment to local municipalities.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Kathleen Stein, President of the League of Women Voters of St. Lawrence County said she encourages the Board of Legislators to vote yes on the resolution proposing funding to DANC for the survey of broadband access in St. Lawrence County.
2. Eileen Raymond, Canton, said she encourages the Board of Legislators to vote yes on the resolution proposing funding to DANC for the survey of broadband access in St. Lawrence County.

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PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Operations Committee: 11-9-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 316-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN EXTENSION WITH NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICE OF INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE FY17 OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT (OPSG)

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 171-2018 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a FY17 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG) having an award of \$176,786 with \$128,027 for the Sheriff's Office and reporting agencies (Grant #SG17-1010-D02), with contract dates of 10/1/2017 to 8/31/2020, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Operation Stonegarden Grant is to utilize State, County and local law enforcement agencies to enhance border security within the County, and

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19, the manufacturing of equipment budgeted for this grant has been delayed, and for that reason a six-month extension was requested by the Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications has granted the six-month extension with a new contract end date of 12/31/2020,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an extension with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for FY17 Operation Stonegarden Grant, and any other documents necessary as required by this grant, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 316-2020, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Operations Committee: 11-9-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 317-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR A FY20 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, funding for the FY20 Emergency Management Performance Grant COVID-19 Supplemental (EMPG-S) 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 in the amount of \$24,472 has been awarded to the Office of Emergency Services (X2043055 57000) with a contract period of January 27, 2020 through July 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, this FY20 EMPG-S Grant will be utilized to offset salaries for administrative staff in relation to COVID-19 within the Office of Emergency Services, and

WHEREAS, the cost savings in administrative staff salaries will be used to fund previous and future COVID-19 expenditures (X2036404 42800 COVID) within the contract period of this grant,

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 FY20 Emergency Management Performance Grant Supplemental, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 317-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 318-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
WITH BUSINESS ELECTRONICS FOR VOICE RECORDERS IN THE
911 DISPATCH CENTER**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Emergency Services purchased Audiology Recording Equipment for the 911 Dispatch Center with a Grant from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications, and

WHEREAS, a maintenance contract is required to extend maintenance coverage on this equipment for coverage beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$3,800 (X2Z36404 43007 PSAP),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a maintenance contract with Business Electronics for voice recorders in the 911 Dispatch Center, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 318-2020, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 319-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN EXTENSION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT
WITH ST. LAWRENCE-LEWIS BOCES FOR AN EMERGENCY SERVICES
COMMUNICATION TOWER ON THE WHITE HILL PROPERTY
IN THE TOWN OF PARISHVILLE**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Emergency Services is constructing improved emergency services communications infrastructure (XPT27705 55000), and

WHEREAS, Emergency Services presently has an antenna on St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES property located on White Hill in the Town of Parishville, and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Resolution No. 282-2015, authorized the Chair to sign a lease agreement with St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES entering into a five (5) agreement to allow for the

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construction upgrades necessary to the Emergency Services infrastructure at the White Hill tower location, and

WHEREAS, the County would like to extend the term of that agreement by an additional five (5) year period, and it is the expectation of the County that prior to the expiration of the lease, an agreement will be reached with St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES whereby the ownership of the tower will be transferred to St. Lawrence County subject to a voter referendum,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an extension of a lease agreement with St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES for an emergency services communication tower on the White Hill property in the Town of Parishville, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 319-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 320-2020

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF A VEHICLE FROM THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the duties of the Chief Confidential Investigator in the Office of the District Attorney include daily travel for trial preparation; grand jury preparation; investigations with law enforcement agencies; transporting witnesses for testimony; and assisting local agencies during narcotics investigations, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a vehicle equipped with law enforcement communication and lighting equipment to maintain the daily investigation functions of the Office of the District Attorney, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ogdensburg and Ogdensburg Police Department recognize the value of the assistance of the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office and the Chief Confidential Investigator is to their agencies and other agencies throughout St. Lawrence County and have generously offered to donate a vehicle to assist the District Attorney's Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the acceptance of a donation of a vehicle from the City of Ogdensburg for the Office of the District Attorney.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 320-2020, seconded by Mr. Reagan and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 321-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
THE ARC JEFFERSON – ST. LAWRENCE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE
PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, The Arc Jefferson – St. Lawrence has served as the operator of the public transit system for the County since May 2013 in accordance with New York State Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Authority Regulations, and

WHEREAS, the County issued a Request for Statement of Interest from vendors to serve as the bus operator for St. Lawrence County Public Transit, and

WHEREAS, The Arc Jefferson – St. Lawrence was the sole vendor to submit a proposal, and

WHEREAS, the transit system is projected to provide 80,000 trips and travel 1,216,315 miles in 2021, which is eligible for reimbursement through the Department of Transportation State Operation Assistance (STOA) Program, and

WHEREAS, public transit bus operations in 2021 is projected to cost up to \$2,470,325, and is fully funded using Federal Transit, NYS DOT, and private resources and does not rely on a County contribution, and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 (N2B56304 43007, N2B35945 56003, N2B45895 57003, N2B17895 55001, and N2B17895 55000),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with The Arc Jefferson – St. Lawrence for the operation of the public transit system for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 321-2020, seconded by Mr. Acres and Mr. Reagan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 322-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
VENESKY & COMPANY FOR ARTICLE 6 STATE AID PROCESSING FOR
THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is required to process applications and claims for State Aid reimbursement, and

WHEREAS, State regulations (10 NYCRR 39.3) stipulate claims received later than two (2) months after the relevant calendar quarter may be returned unpaid by the Commissioner and not resubmitted, and

WHEREAS, contracting with Venesky & Company to work with the Public Health Department to collect and interpret the required data to accurately complete the State Aid forms would ensure timely submission and calculation of State Aid reimbursements, while decreasing the possibility of loss of State Aid due to error and audit, and

WHEREAS, the professional fees of \$29,750 annually are one-hundred percent (100%) eligible for Article 6 State Aid Reimbursement, and

WHEREAS, this contract will cover the period of Fiscal Year January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, (PA040104 43003),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Venesky & Company for Article 6 State Aid processing for the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 322-2020, seconded by Mr. Acres and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 323-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
DR. BENJAMIN GRUDA FOR PHARMACIST SERVICES
FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is in need of a pharmacist to formulate and review medication practices for the clinics in the departments, and

WHEREAS, a contract is needed in order to obtain this service, and the pharmacist would be reimbursed a fee of \$175 quarterly for clinic audit to comply with Article 28 of Public Health Law, and the rate shall not exceed \$50 per hour (PP040104 43007 STD) for review of policies and procedures, and

WHEREAS, this contract will cover the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Dr. Benjamin Gruda for pharmacist services for the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 323-2020, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 324-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JAMES MCGUINNESS
& ASSOCIATES, INC., TO PROVIDE BILLING PROCESSING SOFTWARE FOR THE
PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department would like to enter into a contract with James McGuinness & Associates, Inc., to provide billing processing software for the Pre-School Program for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, this software is used to process the billing for the Pre-School Program, with an annual revenue average of \$1.7 million, and

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WHEREAS, the maintenance and support charges are \$9,500/annually and include all maintenance and three (3) hours of support per month (PK040504 47801), and has been provided by James McGuinness & Associates since 2017, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Education is discontinuing the Central New York Regional Information Center (CNYRIC) which is currently used by the Public Health Department to process the Medicaid billing and reimbursement of the Pre-School Program, with an annual revenue average \$500,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with James McGuinness & Associates, Inc. to provide billing processing software for the Pre-School Program for the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 324-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 325-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR
EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AND SETTING 2021 RATES FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES**

By Mr. Sheridan, 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, 2021 through December 31, 2021, 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, 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, for the following rates, upon approval of the County Attorney:

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<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	\$100
Interpreter Services	\$60	\$60
Direct Service Visit	\$60	\$45
Direct Service Visit (Speech)	\$62	\$45
Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)/CPSE Meeting	\$42	\$30
IFSP Meeting w/Direct Service Visit (provided prior to or after the meeting)	\$60	\$50
Screening	\$175	\$130
Required Quality Assurance & Mandated Trainings	\$60	\$45
Parent/Child Play Group (minimum 2 children, \$12 each additional)	\$0	\$70
Travel Reimbursement for 2 hours travel per day	\$42	\$0
Mileage for Visits (Home or Community)	\$0	\$0.45/per mile

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 325-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 326-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2021 ANNUAL UPDATE PLAN (AU)
FOR FUNDING WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging requires each Office for the Aging to submit an Annual Update Plan (AU) for funding, and

WHEREAS, these funds enable the Office for the Aging to provide a variety of programs and services to county residents age 60 and older to help them age in place, and

WHEREAS, the completed Annual Update 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 2021 Annual Update Plan (AU) for Funding with the New York State Office for the Aging, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 326-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 327-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the following organizations have appropriations in the 2021 Community Services Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for Community Services, upon approval of the County Attorney, as follows:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Catholic Charities (CSS)	A4143224 465CC	\$225,059
Catholic Charities (CRV)	A4243224 465CC	\$118,608
North Country Freedom Homes	A2342504 46500	\$583,525
North Country Transitional Living Services (CRV)	A4243224 465TL	\$99,507
North Country Transitional Living Services (OFS)	A4443224 465TL	\$139,914
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (CSS)	A4143224 465AR	\$210,327
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (CRV)	A4243224 465AR	\$54,659
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (OFS)	A4443224 465AR	\$242,961
Reachout, Inc. (CSS)	A4143224 465RO	\$50,467
Reachout, Inc. (CRV)	A4243224 465RO	\$261,760
Reachout, Inc. (CRV)	A4243224 465RO HLINE	\$27,000
Reachout, Inc. (CPP)	A4343224 465RO	\$32,418
Seaway Valley Prevention Council	A2442504 46500	\$1,063,935
St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center	A2142304 46500	\$157,350
STEP-BY-STEP (CSS)	A4143224 465SS	\$82,097
STEP-BY-STEP (CRV)	A4243224 465SS	\$93,286
STEP-BY-STEP (CPP)	A4343224 465SS	\$173,924
United Helpers (CRV)	A4243224 465UH	\$25,131
United Helpers (OFS)	A4443224 465UH	\$584,738
Northern Regional Center (OFS)	A4443224 465NR	\$154,817

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New York State agencies of oversight (Office of Mental Health, Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services, and Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities) may amend the amounts available to these providers, and if the amounts increase, a resolution will be presented for Board of Legislators consideration in 2021.

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Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 327-2020, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 328-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH LOCUM TENENS STAFFING AGENCIES

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 94-2019 was adopted on March 4, 2019 authorizing a contract agreement with a Locum Tenens Staffing Agency, and

WHEREAS, Community Services is required to provide Mental Health and Chemical Dependency services to individuals with mental illness and/or substance/alcohol abuse problems, and

WHEREAS, Community Services is responsible for providing continuity of care for those individuals admitted to the Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, and Primary Care Clinics regardless on any untoward event that effects psychiatric prescriber employees from the delivery of mandated services in accordance with the rules and regulations made by and established by the Commissioners of OMH, OASAS, and DOH respectively, and

WHEREAS, Community Services currently has a contractual agreement with Locum Tenens Staffing Agency in order to continue to provide essential services until such time that permanent staffing can be pursued and secured, and

WHEREAS, the current contractual agreement is set to expire, and Community Services would like to extend the contractual agreement with Locum Tenens Staffing Agency for a period of six months beginning December 9, 2020 through May 8, 2021 (A1142504 43007 and A1342504 43007),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an extension of the contractual agreement with Locum Tenens Staffing Agencies, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 328-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Acres, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 329-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT FOR ONE-TIME GRANT FUNDING FROM NEW YORK STATE OPIOID RESPONSE (SOR) AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received funding modifications from New York State Opioid Response (SOR) with a contract date of September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, 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 purchase of a mobile treatment vehicle to provide access to treatment for Opioid Use Disorder,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amended contract for one-time grant funding from New York State Opioid Response (SOR), upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1Z42502 23000	A SOR Automotive Equipment	\$225,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A1Z44865 57000	A SOR FA Chemical Dependency	\$225,000
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Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 329-2020, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 330-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH SUB-RECIPIENTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID, STIMULANT, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SITE-BASED (COSSAP) PROGRAM FUNDS THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, On October 16, 2020, the County received notice from the Office of Justice Programs that the application submitted by St. Lawrence County was successful and will receive funding opportunities entitled Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based (COSSAP) Program, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 315-2020 authorized the acceptance of the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program Grant, 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, organizations that are sub-award recipients of the grant include St. Lawrence Health Systems providing an opioid treatment program; Seaway Valley Prevention Council providing peer support; and New Hope Transformation House Ministries, dba Grace House, providing housing for recovering female adults (A1542204 46500), and

WHEREAS, the terms of the contracts will be October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023, in the amount of \$900,000 for the implementation of a multi-agency treatment approach to individuals with Opioid Use Disorder which includes an Opioid Treatment Program, Recovery Housing, and Certified Peer Support Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with sub-recipients for Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based (COSSAP) Program funds through Community Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 330-2020, seconded by Mr. Acres, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Smithers.

Mr. Burke said he will not support this resolution.

Mr. Acres encouraged everyone to vote yes to this resolution.

Mr. Burke said he agrees that quality care is needed for people suffering with addiction, but there was not a community plan to address the problem with addictions, and the decision by the

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Community Services Board was done without the public being able to witness and weigh in on the process.

Mr. Acres said locating a clinic in Massena will help people from having to travel as far away as New York City for treatment. Proposals were presented and made public by St. Lawrence County, St. Josephs, and St. Lawrence Health Systems.

Mr. Reagen said he urges the Board to support this resolution. It is time to begin new ways to provide alternative treatments for those in which other treatments did not work. He said there is no one better equipped to help people in need and help provide treatment than our hospitals.

Ms. Curran said the Public Health Director, Ms. McGuire, has worked very hard on the Opioid Task Force. There are people who need daily interaction and a place to go, and this will be a good thing for our community.

Mr. Arquiett said no one on the Board underestimates the magnitude of the opioid problem in the County, but more public involvement is needed and there are too many unanswered questions and concerns. He said he will vote against this resolution because he did not think it was procured properly from the onset.

Ms. Haggard said she understands there is an opioid problem, but she will vote against this resolution only because of how it came about and who it is going to. There was no transparency.

Mr. Burke thanked Mr. Arquiett and Ms. Haggard for clarifying. No one is disputing the need for this, but more is needed. A comprehensive plan is needed to address the problem.

Resolution No. 330-2020 carried by a roll call vote with nine (9) yes votes, and six (6) no votes (Perkins, Fay, Haggard, Fiacco, Burke, and Arquiett)

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RESOLUTION NO. 331-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE
2020 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN SIGNATURE PAGE**

By Mr. Sheridan, 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 2020 Youth Development Program year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature Page will qualify St. Lawrence County for State reimbursement in the 2020 program year, and

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WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2020 for youth development programs is \$96,068 (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 2020 RAP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2020 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 331-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 332-2020

APPROVING THE 2020 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN (RAP) PROGRAM OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has made Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) funds available to provide youth development programs, and

WHEREAS, various agencies have submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Youth Development Program funding through the Youth Bureau (Y4073204 46000),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the 2020 Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Program of the Office of Children and Family Services, and authorizes the Chair to sign contracts, upon approval of the County Attorney, for Youth Development Grant Programs with the following organizations:

<u>ORGANIZATION:</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>
PAL of Massena	\$4,500
Brasher Stockholm Recreation	\$3,600
Canton Free Library	\$2,250
Canton Recreation	\$2,700
Fowler Recreation	\$900

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Gouverneur Youth Development Program	\$8,100
Hammond Recreation	\$900
Louisville Recreation	\$900
Massena Summer Recreation	\$1,800
Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club	\$8,100
Ogdensburg Command Performance	\$1,800
Parishville Recreation	\$1,800
Potsdam Recreation	\$4,500

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 332-2020, as substituted, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Acres, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) recused (Terminelli).

Services Committee: 11-16-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 333-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR SUPPORT CASES
BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
AND THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has seen an increase in the number of support cases, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services would like to enter into a contract with the Office of the County Attorney for up to one (1) year to assume the responsibility of support cases with a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 (DAC60104 43002 D SCU), and

WHEREAS, there will be a six month review by both parties to determine continuation of the contract,

WHEREAS, due to staffing shortage at the end of 2019, the Deputy County Attorney provided assistance beginning December 16, and the County Attorney assumed responsibility on all matters of DSS Legal from January 28, 2020 through April 5, 2020, and on support matters again from July 27, 2020 through August 7, 2020,

WHEREAS, this assistance has provided an opportunity for the staff in the Office of the County Attorney to become familiar with the process and cases which should assist with the transition, and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract between the Department of Social Services and the Office of the County Attorney for support cases.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 333-2020, seconded by Mr. Acres, Mr. Perkin, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) recused (Haggard).

Finance Committee: 11-23-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 334-2020

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO RHEONIX RAPID, FULLY AUTOMATED COVID-19 TESTING WORKSTATIONS AND MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10; Mr. Denesha, District 6; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, Rheonix, Inc. received emergency use authorization (EUA) from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for rapid, fully-automated molecular COVID-19 testing, and

WHEREAS, the test enables detection of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 from respiratory samples, and the sample-to-answer method will enable rapid testing, and can be quickly installed in critical locations of immediate need, and requires minimal training to operate, and

WHEREAS, the number of positive COVID-19 cases in St. Lawrence County are increasing at an alarming rate, and there is an urgent need for local hospital laboratories to have the capability of rapid testing with same-day results allowing for earlier decisions regarding isolation and treatment of infected patients,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the purchase of two Rheonix rapid, fully automated COVID-19 testing workstations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2020 Budget, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$100,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040102 25000 COVID	P PREV Technical Equipment	\$100,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 334-2020, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, Mr. Fay, Ms. Terminelli, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Burke, Mr. Haggard, and Mr. Arquiatt.

Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran asked to be added as co-sponsors to the resolution.

Resolution No. 334-2020 was adopted unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-23-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 335-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
AND APPROPRIATING ROAD MACHINERY FUND BALANCE TO THE 2021 ROAD
MACHINERY BUDGET FOR PURCHASING EQUIPMENT**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, with an aging fleet of vehicles that increasingly is in need of repair, the Department of Highways manages the acquisition and maintenance of machinery and equipment, and

WHEREAS, the continued investment in equipment and machinery helps to ensure a timely response to road safety issues, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Equipment Replacement Plan in place since 2015 included issuing a bond for \$3M in 2016 with another capital investment in 2021 and again in 2026 to meet and maintain highway equipment needs, and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Budget process included discussions about how the County could best meet the needs for Highway through either adding to the levy, issuing another bond or ban, or utilizing the fund balance and the recommendation is to utilize fund balance, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the need for new equipment, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators allocated funds in the 2021 Department of Highways Road Machinery Fund budget for equipment purchases, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways submitted an equipment purchase plan in conjunction with the 2021 Budget, and

WHEREAS, Section 133, Article 6 of the New York State Highway Law allows for the transfer of funds, to allow the Superintendent of Highways to manage resources that best serves the department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways and appropriate road

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machinery fund balance to the 2021 road machinery budget for purchasing equipment, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

04TG0911 50300 DM Unreserved Fund Balance Unappropriated \$2,500,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

04TG0910 50300 DM Unreserved Fund Balance Appropriated \$2,500,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HR051302 24000 H RM Highway & Street Equipment \$2,500,000

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 335-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-23-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 336-2020

APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #2 AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR BROWN'S BRIDGE ROAD OVER RAQUETTE RIVER PROJECT, BIN 3221560, PIN 775380

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 85-2019 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for consulting services for the Brown's Bridge Road over Raquette River Project (the "Project") and Resolution No. 304-2019 authorized the Construction/ Construction Inspection phase of the Project, and

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

WHEREAS, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. is currently providing consulting services for this Project and is qualified to provide construction inspection services, and

WHEREAS, with concurrence from the NYS DOT, a supplemental agreement is required to provide construction inspection services for this Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves a Supplemental Agreement #2 for construction inspection services for:

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Consultant: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Contract Title: Brown’s Bridge Road over Raquette River Project
BIN: 3221560
PIN: 775380, Town of Pierrepont

Construction \$129,852
Inspection Fee: HM651204 465CO 1901

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute all necessary contracts, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 336-2020, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, with carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) abstention (Perkins).

Finance Committee: 11-23-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 337-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
FOR HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED EXPENSES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, the expenses of the Department for recycling tipping fees and various other appropriation lines are projected to exceed the 2020 budget, and

WHEREAS, the projected overage in these expenses can be offset by projected revenue increases and appropriation decreases,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for the Solid Waste Department for higher than anticipated expenses, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WH081604 43018 RECY	W RECY Tipping Fees	\$620,000
WH081604 44102 MSW	W MSW Other Fuel Charges	130,000
WLC81604 40800	W CAN Building & Property Maintenance	5,000
WLC81604 43015	W CAN State Fees	3,000
WT081604 43010	W TRS Pest Control	<u>1,000</u>
		\$759,000

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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WA017104 49700	W ADMIN Contingency Account	\$393,000
WH081604 43018 MSW	W MSW Tipping Fees	100,000
WH081604 44100 MSW	W MSW I/D Fuel Charges	<u>206,000</u>
		\$699,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

W1021305 550RF	W LR Recycling - Tip Fees	\$60,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 337-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 338-2020

**ELECTIONS, REAL PROPERTY & COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPORTIONMENTS
FOR THE YEAR 2021**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that the following apportionments of Elections, Real Property and Community College charges for the year 2021 be applied to the following municipalities of St. Lawrence County:

MUNICIPALITY	ELECTION CHARGES	REAL PROPERTY CHARGES	COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHARGES
BRASHER	\$18,389.89	\$12,366.89	\$31,183.65
CANTON	\$67,519.34	\$20,111.05	\$25,760.02
CLARE	\$6,646.03	\$2,335.03	\$0.00
CLIFTON	\$33,404.63	\$6,223.61	\$11,184.01
COLTON	\$50,971.19	\$14,000.94	\$4,967.00
DEKALB	\$20,109.36	\$8,741.55	\$6,318.68
DEPEYSTER	\$8,111.83	\$5,219.84	\$1,403.00
EDWARDS	\$10,579.58	\$8,361.59	\$3,218.67
FINE	\$24,698.31	\$18,174.05	\$8,702.34
FOWLER	\$24,418.25	\$13,827.27	\$20,406.35
GOUVERNEUR	\$34,877.88	\$23,080.07	\$51,488.53
HAMMOND	\$30,783.61	\$10,361.76	\$29,981.01
HERMON	\$15,643.82	\$8,452.54	\$8,981.34
HOPKINTON	\$17,214.93	\$9,012.43	\$11,853.00

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LAWRENCE	\$11,890.79	\$7,085.97	\$17,266.67
LISBON	\$35,963.85	\$14,493.74	\$14,860.84
LOUISVILLE	\$31,646.26	\$12,125.67	\$72,326.49
MACOMB	\$16,517.72	\$7,326.94	\$14,326.17
MADRID	\$13,802.78	\$7,566.62	\$7,110.67
MASSENA	\$87,203.74	\$21,338.83	\$115,982.92
MORRISTOWN	\$29,260.05	\$15,970.53	\$17,199.22
NORFOLK	\$28,866.22	\$14,409.34	\$27,072.16
OSWEGATCHIE	\$40,076.55	\$19,040.21	\$24,378.30
PARISHVILLE	\$28,412.92	\$10,715.61	\$14,829.10
PIERCEFIELD	\$18,951.57	\$7,989.03	\$1,873.67
PIERREPONT	\$27,432.85	\$14,788.08	\$17,947.66
PITCAIRN	\$10,777.06	\$6,722.70	\$18,851.67
POTSDAM	\$100,851.13	\$9,218.08	\$66,829.93
ROSSIE	\$9,207.37	\$6,125.13	\$8,290.37
RUSSELL	\$13,980.88	\$12,756.49	\$7,612.99
STOCKHOLM	\$26,811.61	\$20,653.48	\$26,746.66
WADDINGTON	\$24,565.11	\$11,421.21	\$15,734.32
OGDENSBURG	\$54,933.66	\$11,652.60	\$64,526.19
TOTALS	\$974,520.78	\$391,668.84	\$769,213.60

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 338-2020, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-23-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 339-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO CONVEY THE CARR SITE LOCATED
AT 97 MAIN STREET, HERMON TO THE TOWN OF HERMON**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence (“County”) has developed a strategic plan to target potentially environmentally contaminated properties throughout the County to assist in making these once economically productive properties beneficial to their communities again, and

WHEREAS, the County, with the assistance of Gary S. Bowitch, Esq., identified properties in need of remediation, and

WHEREAS, the site was identified as requiring environmental remediation before it could be conveyed, and

WHEREAS, the County commenced an action against the property located in the Town of Hermon due to tax delinquency by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 1, 2019, for

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unpaid ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the following properties located in St. Lawrence County:

“Carr Site”

- Owner: Michael Carr
- Address: 97 Main Street, Hermon, NY
- Tax ID# 132.029-1-8
- Delinquent Taxes Owed (less interest, penalties and fees) - \$9,710.88

WHEREAS, the County obtained a judgment of foreclosure on the Site on October 9, 2020, for delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and fees totaling \$17,539.57, and

WHEREAS, the County previously secured an agreement with the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund (the "Fund") to perform a cleanup of petroleum contaminants at the Site, following which the spill number associated with the site would be closed, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hermon has approached the County with an interest in obtaining the remediated Site due to its proximity to one of the oldest stone arch bridges in New York State and due to the need for a safe approach to the bridge for the value of the base taxes, less any interest, penalties, and fees assessed, and

WHEREAS, the agreement between the Fund and the County required the State of New York to perform all necessary environmental remediation at the Site after the County acquired title to the Site through tax foreclosure at a cost to be solely borne by the State of New York but any recovery made from the sale of the property is to be split with half presented to the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the release provided by the Fund to the County shall extend to the successors or assigns of the County with respect to the Site, which would include the Town of Hermon,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to convey the Carr Site located at 97 Main Street, Hermon to the Town of Hermon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the amount of the base level of taxes due and owing is \$9,710.88, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to execute all agreements necessary to effectuate the terms of the agreement, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 339-2020, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 340-2020

CHARGING TAX ITEMS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, due to tax refunds, cancellations of taxes, and other assessment errors, there are various tax items that cannot be collected,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to charge these various items to the towns as presented to the Board of Legislators:

2020 Correction of Errors
Charges to Towns & Districts

CANTON FIRE FD004	\$13.21	
CANTON TOWN	\$1,398.53	
		\$1,411.74
EDWARDS TOWN	\$540.96	
		\$540.96
GOUVERNEUR FIRE - FH001	\$5.41	
GOUVERNEUR TOWN	\$714.55	
		\$719.96
LISBON TOWN	\$564.72	
		\$564.72
MASSENA TOWN	\$2,321.35	
		\$2,321.35
MORRISTOWN FIRE-BRIER HILL	\$17.04	
MORRISTOWN TOWN	\$54.24	
		\$71.28
NORFOLK FIRE FD028	\$303.95	
NORFOLK LIGHT LT036	\$70.10	
NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$160.87	
NORFOLK TOWN	\$1,849.81	
		\$2,384.73
OSWEGATCHIE TOWN	\$326.70	
		\$326.70

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PIERCEFIELD FIRE - FD031	\$480.77	
		\$480.77
PIERREPONT HIGHWAY	\$302.77	
PIERREPONT TOWN	\$194.96	
		\$497.73
PITCAIRN FIRE FD033	\$34.18	
PITCAIRN HIGHWAY	\$218.79	
PITCAIRN TOWN	\$53.39	
		\$306.36
POTSDAM TOWN	\$2,183.77	
		\$2,183.77
STOCKHOLM TOWN	\$51.64	
		\$51.64
WADDINGTON TOWN	\$223.86	
		\$223.86
Total Chargebacks	\$12,085.57	\$12,085.57

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 340-2020, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-23-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 341-2020

ADOPTING MORTGAGE TAX REPORT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

NOW, THEREFORE, 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:

<u>Town/Village</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brasher	\$9,439.40
Canton	
Village of Canton	9,392.46
Village of Rensselaer	411.67

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Town of Canton	33,116.33
Clare	0
Clifton	10,230.75
Colton	13,533.85
Dekalb:	
Village of Richville	271.90
Town of Dekalb	7,164.54
DePeyster	981.39
Edwards	3,689.38
Fine	11,011.37
Fowler	16,140.38
Gouverneur:	
Village of Gouverneur	6,842.81
Town of Gouverneur	18,730.80
Hammond:	
Village of Hammond	312.10
Town of Hammond	14,078.41
Hermon	5,943.72
Hopkinton	4,856.08
Lawrence	2,684.33
Lisbon	21,069.54
Louisville:	
Village of West Massena	2,149.11
Town of Louisville	23,211.46
Macomb	7,543.36
Madrid	7,105.59
Massena:	
Village of Massena	13,611.08
Town of Massena	30,458.39
Morristown:	
Village of Morristown	0
Town of Morristown	12,834.46
Norfolk:	
Village of Norwood	145.85
Village of Massena	2.69
Town of Norfolk	21,581.93
Ogdensburg	31,459.90
Oswegatchie:	
Village of Heuvelton	1,318.75
Town of Oswegatchie	23,920.44
Parishville	11,129.60

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Piercefield	0
Pierrepont	28,873.19
Pitcairn	3,905.33
Potsdam:	
Village of Potsdam	14,646.28
Village of Norwood	3,312.46
Town of Potsdam	59,292.56
Rossie	5,614.28
Russell	6,301.35
Stockholm	16,961.18
Waddington:	
Village of Waddington	2,672.48
Town of Waddington	<u>10,425.45</u>
Totals	\$528,378.38

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 341-2020, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-23-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 342-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE COMPLIANCY GROUP, LLC FOR CONSULTATION SERVICES AND THE MAINTENANCE OF A REPOSITORY FOR HIPAA COMPLIANCE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 60-2017 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with The Compliancy Group for the purpose of creating a repository for all HIPAA Information and Security requirements and maintaining this information, and

WHEREAS, Community Services and Public Health Department continue to maintain required compliance programs that include, but are not limited to, policies and procedures, training and education, communication lines, a system for routine identification of risk areas, and a system of responding to compliance issues, all of which are currently facilitated through The Guard software provided by the Compliancy Group, LLC, and

WHEREAS, previously, the cost for the service was completely funded through DSRIP through the North Country Initiative (NCI), and

WHEREAS, NCI no longer receives funding for this service, however half of the cost will continue to be covered by previously awarded DSRIP funds to the Community Services Department, and

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WHEREAS, departments wish to continue services with the Compliancy Group, LLC for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a yearly cost of \$2,700 (PA040104 43007, PE040594 43007, PP040104 43007, and A3143204 43007 DSRP), and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Budget includes funding for services to continue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with The Compliancy Group, LLC for consultation services and the maintenance of a repository for HIPAA compliance, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 342-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-23-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 343-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SPACE
AT 21 HARROWGATE COMMONS, MASSENA, NEW YORK**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 228-2008 authorized a contract with Harrowgate Properties for the lease of the property that was built in Harrowgate Commons, Massena, New York, and

WHEREAS, the space is currently occupied by four (4) County departments: The Department of Motor Vehicles, Probation, Community Services, and Emergency Services, and

WHEREAS, the term of a new agreement will be five (5) years and run from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026 for approximately 6,500 square feet of space and include five additional one (1) year lessee options, and

WHEREAS, the 2021 rental rate per square foot will be \$15.51, with an approximate annual increase of two (2%) percent (K1314104 40700, Q1M31404 40700, A1342504 40700, and XPT36404 40700),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease for space located at 21 Harrowgate Commons, Massena, New York, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED at an initial rental rate of \$15.51, for a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026, and the annual increases in the lease agreement will be budgeted accordingly.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 343-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 344-2020

**ESTABLISHING A DATE AND TIME FOR THE
ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that the Organizational Meeting of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators shall be held on Monday, January 4, 2021, 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 transacting any other business that may come before the Board.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 344-2020, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 345-2020

**DECLARING OCTOBER 2021 AS THE FIRST
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HISTORY MONTH**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the historical community of today is dynamic and diverse, and includes scholars, curators, preservationists, librarians, archivist, genealogists, re-enactors, local and/or community historians, and

WHEREAS, October was designated as New York State history month to celebrate the history of New York State and recognize the contributions of its many State and local historians, and

WHEREAS, founded in 1947, the St. Lawrence County Historical Association (SLCHA) is an organization and museum which serves as an educational resource for the use and benefit of the citizens of St. Lawrence County and others interested in the history and traditions of our County, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County recognizes history as vitally important in our lives, and encourages all citizens to work to preserve it,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators declares October 2021 as the first St. Lawrence County History Month.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 345-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-23-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 346-2020

MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION FOR WEB DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO ARCHIVES FOR THE PUBLIC

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Historical Association is embarking on a web redevelopment to update and modernize access website, showcase its collections and digitized archival materials, and build interactive historical and educational content, and

WHEREAS, outreach to a broader, world-wide online audience is crucial to the success and long-term viability of the historical association of the largest county in New York, and

WHEREAS, increasing membership base and inviting opportunities for program participation not only compliments historical preservation, but also could attract tourism in the region, and

WHEREAS, to facilitate that outreach, it is essential that an investment is made in upgraded networking architecture, better access to internet, website development, computers, and high-quality digital cameras and software,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for the Historical Association for web development to provide access to archives for the public, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$12,500
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1M75104 46000	B Partner Agency CHS	\$12,500
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 346-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 11-23-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 347-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A RESERVE FOR 2020 APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE BASSMASTER TOURNAMENT**

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 207-2020 modified the 2020 Budget to authorize \$30,000 in appropriations in support of the BassMasters Elite Series in Waddington, New York for 2020 (B1019874 43007), and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 Response in place during the Summer of 2020, the Tournament was canceled, it is possible that these appropriations could be made available for next year if a tournament can be successfully held, and

WHEREAS, the BassMasters Elite Series Tournaments began in 2013 in Waddington, New York and St. Lawrence County has provided financial support through Resolutions Nos. 164-2018 and 144-2019 for previous events, and

WHEREAS, the success of the events provided for a contract between BassMasters Elite Series to be held in Waddington from 2018 – 2021 and an additional B.A.S.S. National Regional Tournament in 2022, which could increase the destination exposure and leveraging economic development opportunities in St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to create a reserve (01TG0899 50300 BMST) for appropriations in 2020 for a future BassMasters Tournament.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 347-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Arquiatt.

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

Resolution No. 347-2020 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 348-2020

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Perkins, District 7 and Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, Resolution Nos. 281-2008 and 198-2011 implemented a non-essential hiring freeze and created a thirty day delay of filling positions and implemented emergency measures that provided an exception for positions completely funded by an outside source to be filled, respectively in response to the fiscal challenges faced by the County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 222-2015 that affirmed the 2008 hiring freeze and extended the standard delay for filling vacancies to 60 days, and Resolution No. 226-2015 reinstated the Vacancy Review Committee to be inclusive of Legislators and staff to return recommendations for filling vacancies going forward, and

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,

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 No.:</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Sheriff / Corrections	Correction Officer	603000041	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff / Civil	Deputy Sheriff (new)	605000050	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Emergency Services	Supervisor of Dispatcher Operations	612300001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services / TA/SNAP	Senior Social Welfare Examiner	814000032	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services /Accounting	Account Clerk (new)	100100043	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services /Accounting	Senior Account Clerk	100200033	FT	Permanent	90 days
Social Services / Legal	Paralegal (new)	022000002	FT	Provisional	Immediate

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following positions be abolished: Position No. 601000001, Civil Enforcement Officer, in the Sheriff's Office and Position No. 002300024, Clerk, in Social Services, and

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

Mr. Perkins moved to adopt Resolution No. 348-2020, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Acres, and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 349-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION LOCAL 1000, UNIT 8427**

By Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; and Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, the current contract between St. Lawrence County and CSEA Local 1000 Unit 8427 (Solid Waste Unit) expired on December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Negotiating Teams for the County and CSEA Local 100, Unit 8427 have reached a tentative agreement for a new five (5) year contract, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County believes that it is in the best interest of both parties to successfully conclude negotiations with a five (5) year contract (2020-2024),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Civil Service Employees Association Local 1000, Unit 8427 for 2020 through December 31, 2024.

Mr. Perkins moved to adopt Resolution No. 349-2020, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 350-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO SUPPORT THE TOWN
OF CLARE IN THE LEGAL DEFENSE OF PENDING LEGAL ACTION
KNOWN AS ADIRONDACK COUNCIL V. TOWN OF CLARE**

By Mr. Sheridan, District 4 and Mr. Arquiett, District 13
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, the development of a multi-use trail that seeks to increase tourism and traffic for businesses in the County is a primary economic development project for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators supports the multi-use trail, and has worked collaboratively toward the timely completion of the Project, and

WHEREAS, the development of a County-wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System would capitalize on the open space and forestry assets of the region providing quality outdoor recreational activities for visitors and residents, stimulating and supporting local businesses and regional economic development, and conserving the natural resources for future generations, and

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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 Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

WHEREAS, July 26, 2010, the County initiated the environmental review of the proposed development of a County-wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System by Resolution No. 262-2010, 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”), 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”), and

WHEREAS, to address all the potential environmental impacts associated with those aspects of the proposed County-wide 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 Trail System, the County prepared a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“DGEIS”) pursuant to SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, On May 2, 2011, Resolution No. 149-2011 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 requirement, 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, Resolution No. 271-2012, accepted the FGEIS for the County-wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and included in the FGEIS was a review of a portion of the proposed Trail Corridor through the Town of Clare on and around a roadway known as the ‘Tooley Pond Road’, and

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WHEREAS, in 2020, following the completion of their own study, the Town of Clare passed a local law opening the segment of the Tooley Pond Road that was a part of the anticipated County-wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

WHEREAS, following the enactment of the Town Local Law, the Adirondack Council initiated legal proceedings in the St. Lawrence County Supreme Court to invalidate the Local Law, and

WHEREAS, the County has a vested interest in supporting the efforts of the Town of Clare in their defense of this legal action as the State of New York has informed that County that it is impossible for the trail to be re-routed to any other location than its current location, and

WHEREAS, the County has been advised the legal expenses for the defense of the action are likely to cost approximately \$15,000, and the County has received a request from the Town of Clare to assist with any legal costs above \$7,500, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the request for financial assistance, in order to increase the likelihood of success and given the historical knowledge of the background of this project and the legal issues involved, the Town of Clare has requested the legal assistance of the Office of the County Attorney and staff, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clare has also requested the assistance of the Senior Engineer of the St. Lawrence County Highway Department due to historical knowledge of the development of the County-wide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Attorney to support the Town of Clare in the Legal Defense of pending legal action known as Adirondack Council v. Town of Clare, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an amount of up to \$7,500 is authorized for the Town of Clare to assist in the legal defense of Adirondack Council v. Town of Clare, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to providing financial support, the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Attorney and the Senior Engineer of the Highway Department to render aid in the defense of the Town of Clare pertaining to the legal action pending and known as the Adirondack Council vs. Town of Clare.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 350-2020, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Acres, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Arquiatt.

Mr. Perkins asked to be added as a co-sponsor to the resolution.
Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Arquiatt were the Sponsors to the resolution.

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Resolution No. 350-2020 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 351-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH
ST. LAWRENCE HEALTH SYSTEMS AND CLAXTON-HEPBURN MEDICAL
CENTER FOR RHEONIX RAPID, FULLY AUTOMATED
COVID-19 TESTING WORKSTATIONS**

By Ms. Haggard, District 10

WHEREAS, the number of positive COVID-19 cases in St. Lawrence County are increasing at an alarming rate, and there is an urgent need for local hospital laboratories to have the capability of rapid testing with same-day results allowing for earlier decisions regarding patient care, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has authorized the purchase of two Rheonix machines, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence Health System desires to lease one (1) Rheonix Encompass MDx Workstation from St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center desires to lease one (1) Rheonix Encompass MDx Workstation from St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the term of the lease will commence upon delivery of the equipment and continue for a term of five (5) years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign lease agreements with St. Lawrence Health System and Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center for Rheonix Rapid, Fully Automated COVID-19 Testing Workstations, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Haggard moved to adopt Resolution No. 351-2020, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Reagan, Ms. Terminelli, Ms. Fiacco, and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 352-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO A SIGN LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HEALTH RESEARCH, INC. (HRI) FOR LABORATORY EQUIPMENT TO BE USED TO PROVIDE COVID-19 TESTING AND SUBSEQUENTLY LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH ST. LAWRENCE HEALTH SYSTEM, COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OF THE NORTH COUNTRY, AND CLAXTON-HEPBURN MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE USE OF THE LABORATORY EQUIPMENT

By Ms. Haggard, District 10

WHEREAS, the number of positive COVID-19 cases in St. Lawrence County are increasing at an alarming rate, and there is an urgent need for local hospital laboratories to have the capability of rapid testing with same-day results allowing for earlier decisions regarding isolation and treatment of infected patients, and

WHEREAS, in response to the increase of patients requiring diagnostic testing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to assist in increasing its ability to provide COVID-19 testing, St. Lawrence County would like to lease three (3) Abbott ID Now EUA approved test kits from Health Research, Inc. (HRI) and

WHEREAS, subsequently St. Lawrence Health Systems, Community Health Center of the North Country, and Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center would like to lease the Abbott ID Now laboratory equipment from St. Lawrence County for rapid testing, and

WHEREAS, the terms of the leases will be for one (1) year, with an option to renew for an additional two (2) years, at no cost to the County or the hospital systems,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of legislators authorizing the Chair to a sign lease agreement with Health Research, Inc. (HRI) for laboratory equipment to be used to provide COVID-19 testing and subsequently lease agreements with St. Lawrence Health

System, Community Health Center of the North Country, and Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center for the use of the laboratory equipment, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Haggard moved to adopt Resolution No. 352-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Arquiett.

Ms. Curran moved to amend the resolution to include Community Health Center of the North Country to the title, third whereas, and the now, therefore be it resolved, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Resolution No. 352-2020 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 353-2020

AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR THE OPTION TO ACCESS VACATION BUYBACK ACCRUALS AND EXTEND PERSONAL TIME ACCRUALS DURING THE COVID-19 RESPONSE

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020 Governor Cuomo declared a State Disaster Emergency for New York State in response to the rapid spreading of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and

WHEREAS, in response to the Coronavirus, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Orders, including Executive Order 202.4 which required local governments to achieve an office density reduction of no less than fifty percent (50%), and

WHEREAS, during this time many employees working in departments with critical functions may not have been able to utilize benefit time; therefore, Resolution No. 152-2020 provided County employees with flexibility for vacation buyback and personal time accruals, and

WHEREAS, effective November 12, 2020, the County workforce has once again been reduced to fifty percent (50%) staffing level, but with one-hundred percent (100%) of duties being performed and all County services continuing, due to the dramatic increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the County would like to extend options for those employees through increased flexibility in the criteria required to access the buyback associated with vacation accruals as well as providing employees who may lose personal time due to their work anniversary during the COVID-19 response with the flexibility to access that time through the COVID-19 Response State of Emergency,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes County employees with flexibility for the option to access vacation buyback accruals and extend personal time accruals during the COVID-19 response, upon approval of the County Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County staff with a critical function to operate (including those required to provide onsite duties) with a minimum of \$300 will be permitted to submit a request to decrease their accruals by being paid for a week of vacation time (either 35 or 40 hours dependent on their work schedule) without meeting the criteria of having to take a week off using vacation time, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that employees who reach their anniversary date and have existing balances during the time associated with the COVID-19 Response State of

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Emergency will not lose remaining hours, if they are denied use of time that is requested.

Mr. Forsythe moved to adopt Resolution No. 353-2020, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Forsythe moved to amend the resolution to strike the language “at a maximum amount of their accruals” and add “with a minimum of \$300” in the first be it further resolved, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Resolution No. 353-2020 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Lightfoot said the deadline to change the prescription co-pays has passed, so he requests the following resolution to be removed from the agenda.

Ms. Curran moved to remove the following resolution entitled “Authorizing change to retiree pharmacy prescription co-pays and directs the Human Resources Department to adjust retiree prescription co-pays to keep pace with CSEA Union negotiated prescription co-pays for active employees,” seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) no votes (Acres and Perkins).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 354-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY (DANC) FOR A BROADBAND SURVEY ASSESSMENT AND MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE

By Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made by the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) to obtain an inventory of broadband infrastructure in St. Lawrence County, and to develop a plan to assess existing infrastructure, the needs of the County, and to create a plan for the future, and

WHEREAS, the data collected can be used to support grant applications available to the County, and

WHEREAS, the broadband inventory will provide documentation and GIS mapping of broadband facilities in St. Lawrence County, and will include existing fiber optic and coaxial cabling, central office and remote terminal locations, wire line boundaries, and wireless and water tower sites, and

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WHEREAS, the data will identify owners of existing fiber networks, map the collected data into GIS layers, and identify portions of the County that are unserved and underserved, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the availability of broadband internet access to all areas of the County, including rural areas, to provide direct access to education, connect the public to healthcare, bring local businesses to global markets, and to increase job growth and economic development, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has heightened the importance of high-speed internet connections at homes and may hinder the ability of people with slow access or no access to complete remote work and education,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Chair to sign a contract with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for a broadband survey assessment, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2020 Budget for the County Administrator's Office, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$32,250
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL010104 43007	B Other Fees and Services	\$32,250
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 354-2020, seconded by Ms. Smithers, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Reagan, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fay, Ms. Terminelli, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Haggard, and Mr. Sheridan.

Mr. Acres moved to amend the amount from \$38,250 to \$32,250, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Fay, and Mr. Reagan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Reagen said he commends the Development Authority of the North Country for bringing this forward, as this may play a critical role in helping expand broadband access to families without access and may help boost economic development. He encourages his colleagues to support the resolution.

Resolution No. 354-2020 was adopted carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle said as COVID-19 cases increase, the County continues to work with the schools on testing readiness and continues the weekly communication with the schools. There will be a meeting tomorrow to discuss vaccine readiness. Of the five pillars of prevention, this week the County will focus on encouraging people to stay home if sick. County staffing levels will remain at 50% through January 8th and the State of Emergency will be extended. The Sheriff has suspended visitation at the jail due to the increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the County. The numbers associated with the County health plan shows 16% have been tested with a 4% positivity rate. The overall cost through October 31st is \$248,000. The County has expended \$208,000 through the CARES Act with \$198,000 associated with COVID-19, and reimbursements will be submitted to FEMA. The purchase of the Rheonix machines and supplies will be included in the reimbursements. The Rheonix machines will be delivered directly to the hospitals, and leases will be prepared and signed. The Courts will also be reducing staff at this time to 40%, along with a reduction in proceedings schedule.

The North Side Energy Center is hosting a virtual meeting on a solar project proposed for Massena, Brasher and Norfolk on Wednesday, December 16th from 11 a.m. -12 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

A payment in the amount of \$245,000 was received from Massena leaving a remaining balance of \$245,000.

There has been an upgrade in the bond rating for CHSI, Inc. from an A3 to an A2. Ms. Doyle said it is a goal to be rated AAA within the next five (5) years.

On December 2nd, the second part of the Department Head annual training was held via Zoom. The Department Head meeting will continue virtually until it is safe to meet in person.

Services and Operation Committee meetings are scheduled next Monday, and the Finance Committee meeting will be held on December 21st, along with two (2) public hearings and a Special Board Meeting. The rules of procedure, annual contracts, newspaper designation, and dog quarantine resolutions will be included on the Finance Agenda.

The Vacancy Review Committee will be held tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. to review eleven (11) vacancies.

Adopted budgets are printed and available.

The County partnered with Kinney Drugs to provide a flu vaccination clinic for employees.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Haggard said she spoke with Jefferson County regarding a mass testing event they held, and would like to hold a similar event in St. Lawrence County.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 8:36 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 9:02 p.m., seconded by Mr. Reagen and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Acres moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board**, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Reagen and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Dave Evans, 40 West Main Street, Canton 13617 (Term to expire: 10/31/2023)
Ronald McDougall, 63 Gleason Street, Gouverneur 13642 (Term to expire: 2/28/2024)
Ellie Sullivan-Stripp, 1829 State Highway 68, Canton 13617 (Term to expire: 1/31/2024)

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: There were no appointments made by the Chair.

Mr. Acres has concerns about the cost of the flu vaccines, and Ms. Doyle said she will provide that information to all Legislators.

RESOLUTION NO. 355-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH
THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF CANTON, NY FOR USE OF A
PARKING LOT AT THE COUNTY COMPLEX**

By Mr. Fay, District 9

WHEREAS, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton, NY has requested permission for use of the H.B. Smith Building Parking Lot on Saturday, December 12 for a drive-up candlelight and carols service, and

WHEREAS, the Church would hold the County harmless from any and all liability arising from the use of the parking lot,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton, NY for use of the parking lot at the County Complex for a drive-up candlelight and carols service, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Reagen moved to adopt Resolution No. 355-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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ADJOURNMENT: Chair Lightfoot adjourned the December Full Board Meeting at 9:05 p.m., as there was no further business.