

January 4, 2021

St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
Board Room

Organizational Board Meeting
Monday, January 4, 2021
6:00 p.m.

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

The Clerk asked for nominations for Temporary Chair.

Mr. Forsythe nominated Mr. Acres for Temporary Chair, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot.

There were no further nominations for Temporary Chair.

Mr. Denesha moved to close the nominations for Temporary Chair, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Acres was elected as Temporary Chair by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Temporary Chair Acres came to the dais to conduct the next portion of the meeting.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to suspend the rules of procedure to allow attendance to the meeting to be held telephonically, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present.

DISTRICT	LEGISLATOR
District 1	James E. Reagen
District 2	David Forsythe
District 3	Joseph Lightfoot
District 4	William J. Sheridan
District 5	Harry A. Smithers
District 6	Larry Denesha
District 7	Rick Perkins
District 8	Kevin Acres
District 9	Daniel Fay
District 10	Margaret I. Haggard
District 11	Suzanne Fiacco
District 12	John Burke
District 13	Tony Arquiatt
District 14	Nicole A. Terminelli
District 15	Rita E. Curran

Mr. Denesha led everyone in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Temporary Chair Acres asked for nominations for Chair.

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NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR: Mr. Forsythe nominated Mr. Sheridan as Chair of the Board of Legislators, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Denesha.

Ms. Haggard nominated Mr. Burke as Chair of the Board of Legislators, seconded by Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Arquiett, and Ms. Terminelli.

Mr. Smithers moved to close the polls, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Sheridan was elected as Chair of the Board of Legislators by a roll call vote with nine (9) votes for Mr. Sheridan (Reagan, Forsythe, Lightfoot, Sheridan, Smithers, Denesha, Perkins, Acres, and Curran) and six (6) votes for Mr. Burke (Fay, Haggard, Fiacco, Burke, Arquiett, and Terminelli).

COMMENTS BY CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS:

Mr. Sheridan thanked the Legislative body for electing him as Chairman, and said he considers it a great honor to serve as Chair. He is looking forward to working with the dedicated administrative staff, Ruth, Kelly, Dylan, and Rebecca, and working with all of the Department Heads. He said this Board should be proud of its accomplishments made over the last four to five years and that the County no longer has to borrow money just to make payroll. The County is off the fiscally stressed list, and has received a great credit report. He said there is still a need to continue to build the fund balance for the bad times that could lie ahead, especially with New York State being billions of dollars in the hole. He said there are sometimes differences of opinions in the Chambers, but when it comes right down to it, all Legislators have something in common and that is they all vote with the best interest of the people who put them there in the first place. Mr. Sheridan said he realizes being Chairman is a big job and it will be a big job to fill Mr. Lightfoot's shoes as he has done an incredible job as chairman. Mr. Sheridan said being Chairman will be a little different from what he is accustomed to as a Legislator for the past ten years on the Board, but said he will be fair and open-minded to both sides of the aisle. He listed some of the accomplishments over the past year which include St. Lawrence County immediately engaging and continuing to manage the COVID-19 pandemic while maintaining its staffing levels and continuing to meet increasing demands in Public Health and Office for the Aging. He gave thanks goes to the staff for their tireless efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. The County also transitioned to provide tele-health services for mental health and addiction treatment for the citizens of the County, it constructed three towers in Gouverneur, Hammond, and Waddington to provide interoperable communications; made upgrades to the security software at the jail including integrating technology with Ogdensburg and Massena, and an upgrade for Potsdam. The County negotiated a one year solution to sales tax distribution with the City of Ogdensburg; negotiated and settled four (4) selective bargaining agreements with CSEA, CSEA Solid Waste, Council 82, and Indigent Defenders; and adopted a 2021 Budget with a reduction in the true value tax rate of \$0.09 per thousand. New Department Heads were hired for the Department of Social Services and the Youth Bureau. It has been an extraordinary year for the construction efforts of Highway projects which will continue into 2021, and recycling efforts have transitioned to the DANC Site in Harrisville with solutions continuing to be sought for reducing costs to the public for managing the change in the market for recyclables. The goals Chair Sheridan would like to entertain this year include refocusing the feasibility efforts for the future plans of the former County Jail located at the County Courthouse Complex. The Space

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Committee will be tasked to bring a report to the Full Board this year. Years ago Mr. Sheridan brought forward a resolution to reduce the sales tax on home heating fuel, which failed at that time, but he would like to once again look at the options of reducing taxes on home heating fuels. Mr. Sheridan said he hopes to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Lightfoot, and continue down that path of financial success for St. Lawrence County.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR: Mr. Lightfoot nominated Mr. Denesha for Vice Chair of the Board of Legislators, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Acres.

Ms. Terminelli nominated Mr. Arquiatt for Vice Chair of the Board of Legislators, seconded by Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Fay, and Mr. Burke.

Mr. Acres moved to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Denesha was elected as Vice Chair of the Board of Legislators by a roll call vote with nine (9) votes for Mr. Sheridan (Reagan, Forsythe, Lightfoot, Sheridan, Smithers, Denesha, Perkins, Acres, and Curran) and six (6) votes for Mr. Burke (Fay, Haggard, Fiacco, Burke, Arquiatt, and Terminelli).

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Lightfoot moved to approve the December 7, 2020 and December 21, 2020, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Deputy Clerk read the following correspondence:

1. An email was received from David Duff of Hammond encouraging Legislators to appropriate the funding necessary for DANC to provide a study of broadband needs in the County.

A COVID-19 Update was given by Dr. McGuire and Dr. Williams

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Eileen Raymond, Canton, said it appeared to her that Executive Order No. 203 had not been complied with as the two meetings in October only allowed time for the Sheriff to talk about policies that they have in place and the major functions of the Department. She said there was little notice of these meetings and the opportunity for questions and comments from the stakeholders and general public. She said the Public Hearing was set on December 21st and was not a good time to hold the hearing as it was right before Christmas. She requests the Legislators find a way to continue this important topic and take the time to do this right.

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PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Finance Committee: 12-21-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2021

ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, each Board must establish its RULES OF PROCEDURE at the Organizational Meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the enclosed St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators RULES OF PROCEDURE as provided in the Organizational Meeting packet and dated January 4, 2021, are hereby adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board meeting dates in the attached calendar be set with a start time of 6:00 p.m., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Committee meeting dates be tentatively set as in the attached calendar and be set with a start time of 5:30 p.m., and a copy of the schedule will be available in the Board Office.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 1-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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St. Lawrence County

BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

Adopted January 4, 2021

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.

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. Roll Call
- 2. Prayer
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Approval of Agenda
- 5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- 6. Reading of Communications
- 7. Citizen Participation
- 8. Presentation of Resolutions
- 9. County Administrator's Report
- 10. Committee Reports
- 11. Old/New Business
- 12. Executive Session
- 13. Appointments
- 14. Chair's Appointments
- 15. 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.

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- 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 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.
- 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.

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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 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 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 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.
- 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, Governmental 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: 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, Forestry, IDA, Trails, and 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 2021 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.
2. County Departments must submit any resolution for Committee consideration with the Clerk of the Board by the submission deadline as indicated on the 2021 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

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- 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 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 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.
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.

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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 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 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.

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ATTACHMENT A
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators 2021 Meetings Schedule
January – December

DATE	MEETING/HOLIDAY	SUBMISSION DATE	PRE-COMM DATE	DATE	MEETING	SUBMISSION DATE	PRE-COMM DATE
January 4	Organizational Meeting			July 5	Independence Day		
11	Operations / Services	12/31	1/6	12	Board Meeting		
18	Martin Luther King, Jr.			19	Operations / Services	7/8	7/14
25	Finance	1/14	1/20	26	Finance	7/15	7/21
February 1	Board Meeting			August 2	Board Meeting		
8	Services / Operations	1/28	2/3	9	Services / Operations	7/29	8/4
15	Presidents' Day			16	Open		
22	Finance	2/11	2/17	23	Finance	8/12	8/18
March 1	Board Meeting			30	Open		
8	Operations	2/25	3/3	September 6	Labor Day		
15	Services	3/4	3/10	13	Board Meeting		
22	Finance	3/11	3/17	20	Operations / Services	9/9	9/15
29	Open			27	Finance (NYSAC)	9/16	9/22
April 5	Board Meeting			October 4	Board Meeting – Tentative Budget		
12	Open			11	Columbus Day		
19	Services / Operations	4/8	4/14	18	Services / Operations	10/7	10/13
26	Finance	4/15	4/21	25	Finance	10/14	10/20
May 3	Board Meeting			November 1	Board Meeting – Longevity Ceremony		
10	Operations	4/29	5/5	8	Operations	10/28	11/3
17	Services	5/6	5/12	15	Services	11/4	11/10
24	Finance	5/13	5/19	22	Finance	11/11	11/17
31	Memorial Day			29	Open		
June 7	Board Meeting			December 6	Board Meeting – Memorial Ceremony		
14	Services / Operations	6/3	6/9	13	Services / Operations	12/2	12/8
21	Open			20	Finance	12/9	12/15
28	Finance	6/17	6/23	27	Open		

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

Pre-Committee Review will tentatively begin at 9:15 a.m. for Operations, Services and Finance Committees and confirmed after Chairs are appointed.

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Services Committee: 12-14-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL ACT AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has an Intergovernmental Personnel Act mobility program, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director is an epidemiologist with expertise in child health and developmental disabilities, and has played an integral role as Clinician Reviewer with the Developmental Disabilities Branch of the CDC since 2016, and

WHEREAS, the knowledge and expertise of the Public Health Director in the area of the epidemiology of developmental disabilities will be an asset to this project, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director will spend approximately two percent (2%) of her time monthly to assist in the evaluation of medical data collected for epidemiological studies of children with cerebral palsy (CP) at CDC; conduct self-initiated or participate in collaboration studies; and enter record review (scoring) of data into ARCHE system, and

WHEREAS, this experience will provide the Public Health Director with the most current knowledge of the epidemiology of developmental disabilities and assist her in providing for people with disabilities and consulting in this arena for services offered in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) agrees to reimburse two percent (2%) of the salary for the Public Health Director per month (PA044015 57000),

WHEREAS, the term of this agreement will be January 28, 2021 through January 27, 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an Intergovernmental Personnel Act Agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Forsythe moved to adopt Resolution No. 2-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 12-14-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2021

ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL STOP-DWI CRACKDOWN FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Community Services STOP-DWI Program has been awarded an increased amount of \$2,000 through the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee with a contract period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the DWI Crackdown Funds provides funding that will cover costs related to increased impaired driving saturation patrols during State-specified holidays, and

WHEREAS, the original budgeted amount was \$15,000 to cover these high visibility/saturation patrols,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the acceptance of additional STOP-DWI Crackdown Funds from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A7133154 43007 GTSC	GTSC Other Fees and Services	\$2,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A7133895 56000 GTSC	A State Aid GTSC	\$2,000
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Mr. Forsythe moved to adopt Resolution No. 3-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 12-14-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
FOR FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SERVICES**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, due to higher than anticipated costs in Foster Care and Adoption Services, additional HEAP expenditures, and

WHEREAS, additional technology expenditures related to the health crisis, and lower than expected costs in Safety Net, it is necessary to modify the 2020 Social Services Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for Social Services for foster care and adoption services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60102 22002	D ADM Personal Computers	\$36,550
DAH60104 420GE HEAP	D HEAP Office Supplies	5,631
DSC61094 465BC CCEA	D EAF Board & Care	126,500
DSC61094 465IB CCEA	D EAF Institutional Board	379,661
DSG60704 46500 ADOP	D Adoption Services Indirect	<u>5,000</u>
		\$553,342

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DMM61004 46500	D Medicaid to State	\$2,080
DPS61404 46100	D HR Directs	105,000
DPS61404 46500	D HR Indirects	<u>35,000</u>
		\$142,080

INCREASE REVENUE:

DAH46105 57000 HEAP	D FA HEAP Admin	\$5,631
DPF18095 55000	D LR Family Assistance	282,289
DSC18195 55000	D LR Child Care	32,013
DSC18195 550CE	D School District CSE Payments	<u>131,929</u>
		\$451,862

DECREASE REVENUE:

DPS36405 56000	D SA Safety Net	\$40,600
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Mr. Forsythe moved to adopt Resolution No. 4-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 12-14-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF BUSES AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County submitted a 2018 Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP) application to upgrade and modernize its public transportation equipment and services, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation awarded the County \$1.5 million to purchase up to ten, 28-passenger buses with no local match required,

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 the purchase of buses, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N2B56302 23000	N Automotive Equipment	\$1,500,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B35945 56002	N SA Capital Funds for Bus	\$1,500,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes, at no cost to the County, the order of ten, 28-passenger buses off the State contract, and

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

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 5-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Operations Committee: 12-14-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
WITH BUSINESS ELECTRONICS FOR VOICE RECORDERS LOCATED
AT THE BACKUP 911 PSAP IN MASSENA**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Emergency Services purchased Audiology Recording Equipment for the backup 911 PSAP located in Massena with a grant from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications, and

WHEREAS, a new 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 \$3,530 (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 located at the Backup 911 PSAP in Massena, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 6-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 12-14-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK FOR
OVERTIME COSTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, a budgetary measure identified twenty-five percent (25%) or \$22,500 for overtime expenses and located those funds in the contingency account, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office will exceed the identified percentage of appropriations that were included for the 2020 Budget for overtime costs, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer the balance from targeted contingency,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for the Office of the County Clerk for overtime expenses for the Department of Motor Vehicles, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

K1614101 18000	DMV Overtime	\$52,500
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$52,500
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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 7-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 12-14-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
“TRUSTED EMPLOYEES” FOR BACKGROUND SCREENING**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Civil Service Law requires municipal civil service agencies to perform application reviews, which includes verification of education, experience and licensure/certification, before an appointment can be made, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Civil Service has relied upon appointing authorities to verify such credentials in the past and would like to centralize and standardize this practice within the Human Resources Department, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County would like to contract with TrustedEmployees.com, a background screening company, to provide background screening on new hires to ensure verification of applicants credentials, and

WHEREAS, background screenings may include the following checks: Multi-state criminal search, OFAC/global terrorist search, most wanted search (DEA, FBI & others), fifty (50) state sex offender registry, two (2) state federal court search, two (2) state/county court criminal search, employment verification, education verification, sanctions search (OIG {LEIE}, OMIG, GSA-SAM, EPLS), known aliases, 10-15 year address history listing, and social security number verification, and

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WHEREAS, the cost of the service is \$69.95 plus applicable fees per report which includes all the above listed checks with the ability to customize reports based on department needs, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has been averaging 130 new hires per year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with TrustedEmployees.com for background screening, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms will be January 1, 2021 through December 1, 2021 with annual renewals for up to three (3) years, ending December 31, 2024.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 8-2021, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Forsythe, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 12-21-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2021

APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #3 WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION (CI) SERVICES FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECT, BINS 3340850, 3341310, 3341710 AND 3341720, PIN 775378

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 436-2019 authorized the Chair to sign Supplemental Agreement #2 with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for construction inspection services for the St. Lawrence County Bridge Preservation Project (the "Project"), and

WHEREAS, an additional supplemental agreement is now required due to additional hours for inspection required above the original contract estimate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves Supplemental Agreement #3 for additional Construction Inspection (CI) services for St. Lawrence Bridge Preservation Project, as follows:

Consultant: Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.

Contract Title: St. Lawrence County Bridge Preservation Project
BINS: 3340850, 3341310, 3341710 and 3341720
PIN: 775378

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Additional
Construction
Inspection Fee: Not to exceed \$15,000
HM651204 465CO 1801

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

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 9-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one abstained (Perkins).

Finance Committee: 12-21-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2021

**APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 WITH BARTON AND LOGUIDICE,
D.P.C. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION (CI) SERVICES FOR
DEPOT STREET OVER DEER RIVER PROJECT,
BIN 3220850, PIN 775386**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Arquiett, District 13

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 224-2019 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for consulting services for the Depot Street Bridge over Deer River Project (the "Project"), and

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

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. 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 supplemental agreement #1 for Construction Inspection (CI) Services for:

Consultant: Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C.

Contract Title: Depot Street Bridge over Deer River Project
BIN: 3220850
PIN: 775386, Town of Brasher

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Construction
Inspection Fee: \$139,000
HM651204 465CO 1903

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

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 12-21-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2021

CORRECTING AND REFUNDING ERRONEOUS TAXES

By Mr. Acres, 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 Chief Fiscal Officer 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 adopts 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 Chief Fiscal Officer for the calendar year 2021, 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 County 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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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 12-16-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2021

**AUTHORIZATION OF PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS
AND DEPARTMENTAL CASH DRAWERS**

By Mr. Acres, 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 following petty cash accounts and departmental cash drawers are established:

Petty Cash Accounts		Departmental Cash Drawers	
Public Health	\$250	Sheriff Civil Department	\$100
Probation	\$400	Mental Health	\$100
Sheriff	\$1,500	Chemical Dependency, Ogdensburg	\$50
Social Services	\$1,700	Chemical Dependency, Canton	\$100
Highway	\$150	Treasurer	\$250
Community Services	\$250	County Clerk	\$410
		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
Total	\$4,250	Total	\$4,610

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.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Finance Committee: 12-21-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2021

**AUTHORIZING BLANKET BOND IN LIEU OF INDIVIDUAL SURETIES
FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, official undertakings are required for certain public officials, and

WHEREAS, the surety on such undertakings may be a fidelity or surety corporation, and

WHEREAS, the reasonable expense of procuring such surety shall be a charge against the State or political subdivision or municipal corporation, respectively, in and which the official or employee is elected, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence wishes to provide such a surety for its elected officials and employees as follows:

- A. \$200,000/loss coverage for the Sheriff, the District Attorney, and all other employees required to be bonded;
- B. \$200,000/loss coverage for the County Clerk;
- C. \$900,000/loss coverage for the Treasurer;
- D. \$5,000 deductible on all of the above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes a blanket bond in lieu of individual sureties for County officials and employees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the amount will not exceed \$9,000.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 12-16-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2021

BANK DEPOSITORIES AND INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS POLICY

By Mr. Acres, 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

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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.	\$35,000,000
Key Bank N.A.	\$60,000,000
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	\$30,000,000
Webster Bank	\$10,000,000
Tioga State Bank	\$10,000,000
TD Bank	\$10,000,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County 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 County's Investment Policy.

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 County Legislature's responsibility 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.

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 County Legislature, 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.

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, 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;

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.

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

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custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such 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.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 12-21-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2021

MODIFYING THE 2020 WIOA BUDGET FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board (WDB) passed Resolution 20-E20-12 which established the 2020 TANF Budget for \$388,987, and

WHEREAS, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds of \$386,495 were made available on July 9, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the funding was available for expenses incurred for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) from May 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 with no extensions, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 impacts on communities and businesses caused a reduction in potential worksites and participants compared to prior years, and

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WHEREAS, the transition from enrolling all of the eligible youth participants on the County payroll to hiring a payroll service for the majority of youth limited the number of participants that could be served as only fifteen percent (15%) of TANF funding could be spent on administrative functions, and

WHEREAS, total expenditures for the 2020 TANF SYEP totaled \$266,818 and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 WIOA Budget for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UY062901 12000	UB8ADM Supervisory/Administrative	\$7,305
UY062901 14000	UB8ADM Clerical	9,038
UY062924 461SC	Subcontracts	29,782
UY062924 461PW	UB8DT Part Wage	107,789
UY062928 83000	UB8DT Social Security	10,490
UY062928 84000	UB8DT Worker Comp	<u>642</u>
		\$165,046

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UY062904 430FE	Fees for Service	\$16,343
UY062911 11000	Direct Service Worker	2,977
UY062911 12000	Supervisory/Administrative	10,504
UY062911 14000	Clerical	747
UY062911 19501	Longevity	224
UY062911 19550	Health Insurance Buyout	183
UY062914 430WI	WIB Expenses	4,200
UY062914 430FE	Fee for Service	1,556
UY062918 81000	Retirement	701
UY062918 83000	Social Security	942
UY062918 84000	Worker Comp	80
UY062918 84500	Life Insurance	28
UY062918 86000	Medical Insurance	4,105
UY062918 86500	Dental Insurance	218
UY062918 89000	Vision	<u>69</u>
		\$42,877

DECREASE REVENUE:

UY047905 57000	Summer TANF Revenue	\$122,169
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Finance Committee: 12-21-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2021

**COMMITTING TO HONORING THE CURRENT DISTRIBUTION FORMULA OF
SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX TO THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4;
Mr. Burke, District 12; Mr. Arquiatt, District 13; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County and the City of Ogdensburg are parties to a Sales Tax Agreement (“Agreement”) concerning the allocation and distribution of money collected from the Sales and Compensating Use Tax covering the period commencing December 1, 2010 and ending November 30, 2020, and

WHEREAS, in 2013, St. Lawrence County and the City of Ogdensburg negotiated an amendment to the original Agreement (“Amended Agreement”) specifying the distribution of revenue from an additional one percent (1%) receipt of Sales and Compensating Use Tax, and

WHEREAS, both the original Agreement, the initial Amended Agreement, and the currently operative Amended Agreement were approved through adopted Resolution Nos. 364-2009 and 63-2013 by the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, under both the Agreement and the subsequent Amended Agreements, the language of the agreements has provided not only for the distribution of collected Sales and Compensating Use Tax between the City of Ogdensburg and the County but also between the County and the Towns and Villages wholly contained within the County, and

WHEREAS, under the current formula, the respective Towns of St. Lawrence County receive 43.562611% of the collections of the primary three percent (3%) Sales and Compensating Use Tax imposed by the County, distributed to the Towns based upon a formula which takes into account both population and full value assessment pursuant to Tax Law § 1262(c), and

WHEREAS, subparagraph (iii) of the opening paragraph of Tax Law § 1210 was amended effective July 31, 2013 to include St. Lawrence County in the group of counties authorized to impose Sales and Compensating Use Tax at a rate that was one percent (1%) additional to the three percent (3%) rate for the period beginning December 1, 2013 and ending November 30, 2015, and

WHEREAS, on or about April 5, 2020 New York State Senate Bill No. S7508B and New York State Assembly Bill No. 9508A, which constituted a portion of the New York State Budget, was passed and included “Item NN”, which authorized the County to impose an additional one percent 1(%) of Sales and Compensating Use Tax until 2023, and

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WHEREAS, the County adopted a Home Rule resolution which provided that ten percent (10%) of the additional one percent (1%) authorized by “Item NN” would also be distributed to the Towns until such time as the authority is rescinded, lapses, or the County no longer imposes such tax, pursuant to Tax Law § 1262(c), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators and the City of Ogdensburg have been engaged in negotiations, as contemplated by the Agreement and the Amended Agreement, in an effort to reach a new agreement concerning the allocation and distribution of money collected from the Sales and Compensating Use Taxes covering the period commencing December 1, 2020 and ending November 30, 2030, with the City of Ogdensburg and to distribute the revenue from both the imposition of the primary three percent (3%) and the additional one percent (1%) in collections of the Sales and Compensating Use Tax, and

WHEREAS, to date the parties have not yet reached a long-term agreement, but continue negotiations, and

WHEREAS, during the course of the negotiations, numerous statements have been made that suggest the County intends to decrease or diminish amounts shared with the Towns as a part of the negotiations with the City of Ogdensburg, and

WHEREAS, under the New York State Tax Law, the County is under no obligation to share any portion of the Sales Tax receipts with the Towns when negotiating with a City wholly contained within the boundaries of the County in question and when operating under a negotiated agreement with said City, and

WHEREAS, despite this fact, the County has, for decades, made appropriations for the Towns and Villages and distributes percentages of the Sales Tax receipts with all of the towns of the County, and

WHEREAS, the County and the Board of Legislators recognize the difficult fiscal times faced by all municipalities and further recognize that the Towns and Villages perform irreplaceable services for their constituents and their communities, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their contributions to their communities and the need for budgeting stability in times of great uncertainty, the Board of Legislators commits that regardless of what occurs with the negotiations between the City of Ogdensburg and the County, the County shall not decrease the percentages of Sales Tax distribution currently allotted to the Towns for the period of the present through November 30, 2030, which is the end of the current period of coverage for any agreement to be obtained by the negotiating parties, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators commits to honoring the current distribution formula of Sales and Compensating Use Tax to the Towns and Villages in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should St. Lawrence County and the City of Ogdensburg fail to reach an agreement concerning the allocation and distribution of money

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collected from the Sales and Compensating Use Tax covering the period commencing December 1, 2021 and ending November 30, 2030, the County will continue the current distribution formula utilized with respect to the Towns and Villages contained within St. Lawrence County through November 30, 2030, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any agreement that is able to be reached for the period ending November 30, 2030 with the City of Ogdensburg shall include provision for the Towns for distribution to the Towns in the same manner and utilizing the same percentages as are currently operative for the distribution of Sales and Compensating Use Tax, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be delivered to the respective Town and Village Boards wholly contained within the County of St. Lawrence.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 12-21-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2021

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 27-2020,
"NEWSPAPER DESIGNATION ROTATION SCHEDULE"**

By Mr. Acres, 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,

WHEREAS, a new edition of *North Country This Week* has been created and legal notices are now allowable making it possible to add this newspaper to the designation rotation schedule, and

WHEREAS, to remain competitive newspapers are implementing new technologies and changing the way people access information, and

WHEREAS, the amended schedule is requested to be five (5) years to provide an opportunity to review the newspapers still in circulation in 2025 and make a determination at that time,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes amending Resolution No. 27-2020 “Newspaper Designation Rotation Schedule” as follows:

	<u>Concurrent Resolutions</u>	<u>Election Notices</u>	<u>Official Canvass</u>
2021	North Country This Week	North Country This Week	North Country This Week
2022	Watertown Daily Times	Watertown Daily Times	Watertown Daily Times
2023	Tribune Press	Tribune Press	Tribine Press
2024	Courier Observer	Courier Observer	Courier Observer
2025	North Country This Week	North Country This Week	North Country This Week

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a rotation schedule of Republican newspapers; it should be understood that in those cases where publication in two (2) newspapers are required, the Watertown Daily Times is to be used as the official publication of the Democratic Party, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the type size for all of St. Lawrence County's legal notices will be 6.5-point type.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 17-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Reagen, and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Acres moved to amend the resolution to change Courier Observer for the Year 2025 to North Country This Week, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Resolution No. 17-2021 was adopted, as amended, unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 12-21-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2021

NEWSPAPER DESIGNATION

By Mr. Acres, 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 2021:

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LOCAL LAWS AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED

North Country This Week

Watertown Daily Times

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 12-14-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the following organizations have appropriations in the 2020 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
Canton-Potsdam Hospital (Lifeline)	Various Accounts	\$30 per month per case
Catholic Charities (Incest Offenders)	DAS60104 430CA	38,000
Childcare Coordinating Council of North Co.	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Children's Home of Jefferson County (Fostering Futures)	DSC61194 465IL	\$71,000
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 46000	237,265
Cornell Cooperative Extension (OFA)	ON067724 430SF	6,000
Cornell Cooperative Extension (PH)	PP040104 465CE	170,592
Mental Health Counseling Services of NNY	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
DeKalb Development Fund	ON067724 40700	4,140
Dr. Hamed N. Adaime	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Family Counseling Services of NNY, Inc.	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Gouverneur Community Center, Inc.	ON067724 40700	4,800
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
LabCorp	DAC60104 43004	\$41 per unit

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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	5,400
Northern Border Counseling Services	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Northern Border Counseling Services (employee)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Northern Lights Home Health Care	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Northern Lights Home Health Care	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
NYS DOCCS Office	ON067724 45200	2,000
NYSID, Inc.	DAA60104 43006	(up to) 165,000
Peter Ladd, PhD	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Renewal House (ServicesNon-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
School Districts	Various Accounts	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 Chamber of Commerce	B1064104 465CC	202,130
SLC Dept. of Community Services	DAS60104 43007 CCDS	(up to) 160,000
SLC Dept. of Community Services (Empl. Counseling)	DAS60104 45100	Rate Schedule
SLC District Attorney (Investigations)	DAB60104 430FI	(up to) 70,202
SLC Historian	B1M75104 43007	3,000
SLC Historical Association	B1M75104 46000	15,000
SLC Information Technology	DAA60104 47802	(up to) 156,430
SLC Trails Services Agreement	B1070204 46000	72,000
SLC Soil & Water Conservation District	B1S87304 46000	30,423
SLC Forestry	BF087104 43007	72,000
SL-Lewis BOCES (Parenting Education)	DSG60704 465PE	179,545
Seniors Helping Seniors	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Transitional Emp. Advancement Program (TEAP)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Town of Fine	ON067724 40700	4,200
United Helpers (ALP)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
United Helpers (OFA)	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Volunteer Transportation Center	OA067724 443VT	50,000
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. /YAP (CORE)	DSC61194 465YA	706,690
YAP (Raise the Age)	Various Accounts	399,926
YAP (Reunification)	DSC61094 465YA PRP	859,962
YAP (YES)	DSC61094 465YA PJDC	387,117

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-2021, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 20-2021

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2 and Ms. Curran, District 15

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 / Criminal	Deputy Sheriff	605000037	FT	Permanent	30 days
Sheriff / Corrections	Correction Officer	603000034	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff / Corrections	Correction Officer	603000067	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Governmental Services	Electrical Maintenance Worker	328100002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Office for the Aging	Keyboard Specialist	003100093	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Office for the Aging	Account Clerk (new)	100100044	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services / TA/SNAP	Social Welfare Examiner	814000038	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Mechanic Helper	308000003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Carpenter	309500001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
One Stop Career Center	Keyboard Specialist	003100094	FT	Permanent	90 days
One Stop Career Center	Principal Account Clerk	100300009	FT	Contingent	90 days

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following position be abolished: Position No. 100400009, Account Clerk Typist, in the Office for the Aging, and

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

Mr. Forsythe moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 21-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE COVID-19 VACCINATION DISTRIBUTION IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

WHEREAS, New York State is actively working with counties to make Covid-19 vaccinations available in a structured roll out of distribution, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County needs to be both prepared when vaccines arrive and be flexible to meet changing requirements of the vaccine program that best protect the citizens of the County, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that various documents will need to be signed related to obtaining vaccination locations, equipment, supplies, and labor resources, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes that these resources may need to be satisfied in timeframes that will not allow for formal action for each individual item,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign documents necessary to facilitate Covid-19 vaccination distribution in St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator will report to the Board of Legislators any actions taken as a result of this resolution at the next available committee or regular meeting of the Board of Legislators.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2021

MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COURT-ORDERED SERVICES AT NEW YORK STATE OPERATED INPATIENT MENTAL HYGIENE FACILITIES

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 221-2020 modified the 2020 Budget for extraordinary costs associated with the care of individuals court-ordered services in NYS operated inpatient mental hygiene facilities, and

WHEREAS, New York Mental Hygiene Law, Section 43.03 (c) mandates a county cost for persons receiving services, pursuant to a court order, at a state-operated inpatient facility for

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indefinite/extended periods of time, and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2020, an administrative change was made by New York State to the payment structure for these costs which shifted a former shared expense between the State and the County to a one hundred percent (100%) county cost, and

WHEREAS, the first six payments in 2020 totals \$537,645 and there are an additional \$118,839 in bills due and the bills for November and December yet to be received,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office for costs associated with court ordered services at New York State operated inpatient mental hygiene facilities, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$300,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL010104 43007	B Other Fees & Services	\$300,000
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle said NYSAC hosted a call on December 30th for county leaders and public health directors regarding COVID-19. The NYS Commissioner of Public Health, Dr. Zucker, presented education to be shared with the public regarding the vaccine and emphasized hashtag vaccinate New York (#vaccinatenyork). The slides will be on google drive. Ms. Doyle said she is pushing for as many County employees to be deemed essential to have access to vaccines as soon as possible. There have been additional positive cases in the jail and buildings and grounds department. The Sheriff’s Civil Office and the DMV in Ogdensburg reopened today.

Ms. Doyle reported four transfers of funds: \$5,000 for Solid Waste for building improvements at the Massena Transfer Station; \$3,000 for County Attorney’s Office for arbitration; \$1 for Social Services for telephone services; and \$750 for Probation for an updated lease.

The Operations and Services Committees will be held together next week, and the Finance Committee meeting will be held on January 25th.

The bank reconciliation for October has been posted to Google Drive, as well as an update on sales tax.

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There will be a meeting this week with Standard and Poor's for a bond review.

The Vacancy Review Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. to consider nine (9) positions.

The Highway Committee will meet via Zoom Meeting on Thursday at 11 a.m. to discuss capital projects.

There is a request for the Fiscal Stability and Audit Committee to meet in January to discuss goals for 2021.

Ms. Doyle said the County is in mourning over two (2) County employees who each passed away over the holidays. One individual worked at Social Services and the other for the Office for the Aging. Both were long-termed tenured employees who will be greatly missed.

The Board received a thank you card from Ms. Paquin for honoring her husband, a past Legislator, at the memorial service held during the December Board Meeting.

Mr. Acres asked County Administrator to take further action on getting the DMV drive-through reopened.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Acres said the Town of Madrid Clerk retired after 30 years of service at the Town of Madrid, and a certificate of recognition was sent from the Board of Legislators.

Ms. Haggard asked the Sheriff how to address the citizens' concerns about getting input from the public regarding Police Reform. Sheriff Bigwarfe reiterated that the process has been underway for over seven (7) months. The Public Hearings were well advertised on Facebook, on the Sheriff's App, and in the newspapers. Comments have been received from the public by letters, emails, and phone calls. He said he has an open door policy and will welcome anyone who wishes to come in or call, and he will speak to whoever has question. The Stakeholders Group did have a large array of people who helped develop the plan. The Executive Order is a 120+ page document, and Sheriff Bigwarfe said he read it completely page by page, and has addressed all sections of the Order, came up with some corrections, and came up with a Plan. He said the constraints of COVID-19 may have restricted some input, but he plans on addressing this by having regional Town Hall meetings in the future where people will have the opportunity to speak on Police Reform or other issue with the Sheriff's Office. When the County gets through the pandemic, it should free up more time to have discussions. He said he has had several meetings with all the Police Chiefs in the County regarding Police Reform and what fits the blueprints for the Sheriff's Office will not necessarily work for other municipalities because they have different concerns as compared to the Sheriff's Office. He said he is very confident in what he and his administration put together. They started working on this in June and have worked tirelessly on it. He and his administration have put many, many hours into this Plan, and you will see that his presentations have gone page by page of what the Executive Order was asking for. He said the Sheriff's Office earned their accreditation in December and that checked a lot of

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boxes of what Executive Order 203 was asking for. The Sheriff said he has made changes to some policies and trainings, with the training continuing into next year and beyond. Sheriff Bigwarfe said that just because the Plan is completed, does not mean the Executive Order is done. It is a fluid situation and there will still be continued training, town hall meetings, and open door policy on anyone who wishes speak with him regarding Police Reform.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Curran said there were 106,721 calls handled by EMS Dispatch in 2020 with 4,087 fire dispatches, 18,083 EMS dispatches, 3,834 local Police Departments, 29,032 NYS Police, 13,183 informational calls, and 12,731 Sheriff's calls

Mr. Sheridan said the Jury Board met and reported there is a shortage of jurors, so the New York State Judicial Office started the process of having the ineligibility period reduced from six (6) years to four (4) years.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 9:31 p.m., seconded by Mr. Reagan and Mr. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Sheridan moved to appoint the following individuals to the St. Lawrence County Planning Board (Terms to expire: 12/31/2023), and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

George Blatchley, 705 County Route 7, Hammond 13646
Dan Huntley, 297 Post Road, Canton 13617

Mr. Sheridan moved to reappoint the following individual to the St. Lawrence County Planning Board (Term to expire: 12/31/2023), and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Kim G. Bisonette, 1005 State Highway 310, Canton 13617

Mr. Sheridan moved to reappoint the following individuals to the Environmental Management Council (Terms to expire: 12/31/2022), and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Sue Rau, 178 Fayette Road, Massena 13662
Lance Rudiger, 54 Court Street, Canton 13617
Gerard Tozzi, 12 East Main Street, Canton 13617

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CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Chair Sheridan appointed Legislator Curran to the Community Services Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Sheridan adjourned the January Organizational Board at 9:34 p.m., as there was no further information.