

***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 Sheridan called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES: Mr. Acres moved to suspend the Rule of Procedure to allow the attendance of Legislators telephonically, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Haggard).

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present with the exception of Ms. Haggard. Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, and Ms. Terminelli attended telephonically.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Smithers moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Perkins moved to approve the April 5th Full Board and April 26th Special Board minute meetings, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

COVID-19 UPDATE – Jolene Munger, Interim Public Health Director and Dr. Williams

COMMUNICATIONS: The Deputy Clerk read the following correspondence:

1. A thank you card was received from the St. Lawrence County Dispatch for the kindness and generosity of the Board of Legislators during National Telecommunication Week.
2. A thank you card was received from Public Health for the lunch and support during National Public Health Week.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. An email was received from Janet Rich of Canton regarding Operations Gravy Train, Operation Central NY, Operations Heat Wave and Foster Families.

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PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Services Committee: 4-19-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 108-2021

**ACCEPTING A DONATION AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES TO PURCHASE BICYCLE HELMETS
FOR THE TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Traffic Safety Program has received a donation from the St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union, Canton/Ogdensburg/Potsdam, NY in the amount of \$100, and

WHEREAS, the donation will be used to purchase bike helmets for the Traffic Safety Program to promote safety while riding bikes and wheeled sports, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators authorizes acceptance of the monetary donation, designated to purchase bicycle helmets, from St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting a donation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer's Office is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for Community Services to purchase bicycle helmets for the Traffic Safety Program, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

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| A7227055 55000 | A RTSP Gifts & Donations | \$100 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| A7233154 42800 | A RTSP Other supplies | \$100 |
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 108-2021, seconded by Mr. Acres, Mr. Fay and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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Services Committee: 4-19-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM NYS OASAS TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AS PASS-THROUGH FUNDING TO ST. JOE'S REHAB CENTER

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received an updated NYS OASAS State Aid Funding Authorization for funding for community agencies that includes salary and fringe support adjustments, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for Community Services for funding received from NYS OASAS to St. Lawrence County as pass-through funding to St. Joe's Rehab Center, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| A2142304 46500 | A St. Joe's Rehab Center | \$219 |
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INCREASE REVENUE:

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| A2134865 56000 | A FA St. Joe's Rehab Center | \$219 |
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 109-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Services Committee: 4-19-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 110-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING FROM RFMH/OASAS NEW YORK STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received funding modifications from the New York State Opioid Response (SOR), and

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

WHEREAS, this one-time adjustment is to reallocate salary and fringe benefits to match expenditure allocations for the position,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for Community Services for funding from RFMH/OASAS New York State Opioid Response Grant, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| A1Z42501 11000 | A SOR Direct Service Worker | \$3,582 |
| A1Z42508 81000 | Retirement | 499 |
| A1Z42508 84500 | Group Life Insurance | 32 |
| A1Z42508 86000 | Hospital & Medical Insurance | 3,229 |
| A1Z42508 86500 | FB Dental Insurance | 212 |
| A1Z42508 89000 | Vision Insurance | <u>77</u> |
| | | \$7,631 |

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| A1Z42501 19000 | A SOR Temporary and Part Time | \$6,703 |
| A1Z42508 83000 | Social Security | 801 |
| A1Z42508 84000 | Workers Compensation | <u>127</u> |
| | | \$7,631 |

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

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 110-2021, seconded by Mr. Acres and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Services Committee: 4-19-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 111-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE COLLOCATION PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 66-2021, authorized filling a Chemical Dependency Case Aide, Position No. 510300004, in Community Services with the position being located at Social Services in Child Protective Services consistent with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

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between the Department of Social Services and Community Services, and

WHEREAS, this position will enhance the chemical dependency continuum of care through Social Services and provide response in collaboration with Child Protective Services to homes with concerns of addiction that may impact the risk and safety of children within the home, and

WHEREAS, it is an important to improve the alignment of assessment services and case management practices to improve outcomes for children and families who cross both systems, and

WHEREAS, this Community Services Position is reimbursed by the Department of Social Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for Community Services for the Collocation Program in the Department of Social Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| A1642501 11000 | A CD Direct Service Workers | \$30,435 |
| A1642508 81000 | A CD Retirement | 4,063 |
| A1642508 83000 | A CD Social Security | 2,109 |
| A1642508 84000 | A CD Workers Compensation | 819 |
| A1642508 84500 | A CD Group Life Insurance | 46 |
| A1642508 86000 | A CD Hospital & Medical | 7,183 |
| A1642508 86500 | A CD Dental Insurance | 314 |
| A1642508 89000 | A CD Vision Insurance | 125 |
| A1642504 43007 | A CD Other Fees | 7,805 |
| A1642504 41401 | A CD Liability & Other Insurance | <u>1,650</u> |
| | | \$54,549 |

INCREASE REVENUE:

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| A1627705 55000 CCDS | A CD Collocation DSS Reimbursement | \$54,549 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| DAG60104 43007 CCDS | D CCDS Collocation Chemical De | \$47,651 |
| DAS60104 43007 CCDS | D SG Other Fees CCDS | <u>6,898</u> |
| | | \$54,549 |

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| DMM61004 46500 | D Medicaid to State | \$3,893 |
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INCREASE REVENUE:

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| DA036105 56000 | D SA General Administration | \$65 |
| DA046105 57000 | D FA General Administration | 625 |
| DAS36105 560CW | D SA Child Welfare Funding | 2,069 |
| DAG36105 56000 CCDS | D FA CCDS Collocation Chemical | 47,651 |
| DSD36555 56000 CCBG | D SA NYS Child Care Block Grant | <u>246</u> |
| | | \$50,656 |

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 111-2021, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 112-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department engages the services of several individuals and agencies to provide services for the Preschool Special Education Program, and

WHEREAS, the Preschool Special Education Program Contracts cover the following services: Center-Based Program (PK040504 46502), Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) (PK040504 47700), Evaluation (PK040504 48600) at rates set by the New York State Education Department, and Related Services (PK040504 47700) at rates set by St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the contracts cover the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for services for the Preschool Special Education Program in the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 112-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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Services Committee: 4-19-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING FOR NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF THE AGING FUNDING FROM THE CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging has provided the Consolidated Appropriations Act Funding for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the funding is to provide nutrition services to the elderly population within the County, and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Appropriations Act funding provides one-hundred percent (100%) reimbursement for services provided during the pandemic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Office for the Aging to increase revenue and appropriations as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| ON067724 42800 CVD | O COVID Other Supplies | \$17,136 |
| ON067724 45200 CVD | O CVD Food Supplies & Exp. | <u>35,000</u> |
| | | \$52,136 |

INCREASE REVENUE:

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| ON047725 570C2 CVD | O CVD HDC2 Title III C-2 | \$52,136 |
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 113-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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Services Committee: 4-19-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2021

**PROCLAIMING MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH WITH THE
2021 THEME BEING “COMMUNITIES OF STRENGTH”**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County includes a thriving community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices that ensure a better life for future generations, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is committed to helping all older adults age in place, and live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible, and

WHEREAS, since 1965, the Older Americans Act has provided services that help older adults remain healthy and independent by complementing existing medical and health care systems, helping prevent hospital readmissions, and supporting some of life’s most basic functions, such as bathing or preparing meals, and

WHEREAS, the theme of the 2021 Older Americans Month is “Communities of Strength” honoring the fact that older adults have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes, failures, joys, and difficulties, and

WHEREAS, their stories and contributions help to support and inspire others, and we celebrate the strength of older adults and the aging network, with special emphasis on the power of connection and engagement in building strong communities, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that communities that encourage contributions of older adults are stronger and recognize the value of community engagement and service in helping older adults remain healthy and active while giving back to others, and

WHEREAS, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social inclusion; emphasizing home and community-based services that support independent living; and ensuring community members of all ages benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Legislators proclaims May as Older Americans Month with the 2021 theme being “Communities of Strength,” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every County resident take time this month to celebrate older adults as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 114-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Operations Committee: 4-19-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING
TO ESTABLISH EMERGENCY SHELTERS FOR THE COUNTY ANIMAL
RESPONSE TEAM (CART)**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operation Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 242-2019, adopted on July 1, 2019, established the St. Lawrence County Animal Response Team (CART) and directed that a Plan be developed for animal emergencies by the Department of Emergency Services, and

WHEREAS, under regulations promulgated by the State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, each County must establish a Plan for the prevention, preparedness, response and recovery from emergencies and disasters affecting animals which is overseen and coordinated by the Director of Emergency Services, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the direction provided to establish such a plan, the Department of Emergency Services is establishing an emergency shelter sites list in St. Lawrence County for the CART to support the prevention of, preparedness for, response to, and recovery from emergencies and disasters affecting animals in St Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, as a part of developing the plan and establishing the site list, agreements will need to be established with the various sites to allow for the emergency sheltering of animals in need, and

WHEREAS, the County will negotiate Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with various facilities for the placement of potentially displaced animals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign Memorandums of Understanding to establish emergency shelters for the County Animal Response Team (CART), upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 115-2021, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 116-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NYS DIVISION OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICE OF
INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FOR A FY18
STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS TARGETED GRANT AND
MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications has awarded a grant of \$6,000,000 to the Office of Emergency Services which concentrates on improving interoperability and operability of communication systems in New York State with a contract period of March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2025, and

WHEREAS, this grant allows State support through grant funding to enhance county public safety operations by focusing on the strengthening of critical communications infrastructure, closing gaps in national interoperability, and ensuring that county communication systems is updated to ensure it is capable of support multijurisdictional response,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a FY18 Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| X2Z36402 25000 SCIG | X SCIG Technical Equipment | \$5,570,000 |
| X2Z36404 43007 SCIG | X SCIG Other Fees and Services | <u>430,000</u> |
| | | \$6,000,000 |

INCREASE REVENUE:

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| X2Z33895 56000 SCIG | X SCIG State Aid | \$6,000,000 |
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 116-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 117-2021

**ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO BE USED TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF AN ADDITIONAL K9 TEAM, EQUIPMENT, AND TRAINING
FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, there have been ten (10) K9 units in the Sheriff's Office since the program began in 1982, with one K9 on duty at this time, and

WHEREAS, there are many benefits of a K9 Program for law enforcement with highly trained dogs becoming valuable team members to the officers they assist, and

WHEREAS, K9s have a rich history of working with law enforcement and military units dating back to the 1800s, and police K9s receive specific training to assist law enforcement in ways other tools cannot, and

WHEREAS, dogs use their unprecedented sense of smell to find missing persons and locate drugs, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office would like to enhance its ability to conduct search and rescue operations and locate items that may constitute evidence in a crime, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has determined that the cost to purchase a K9 and the necessary equipment and training to develop a team will not exceed \$25,000, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has received donations to be used to establish an additional Sheriff Deputy K9 Team, and an account will be created for this purpose, not to exceed \$25,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize accepting donations to be used towards the implementation of an additional K9 Team, equipment, and training for St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to create a reserve account (01TG0899 50300 K92) until appropriations are expended for an additional K9 team, equipment, and training.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 117-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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Operations Committee: 4-19-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 118-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

WHEREAS, the Agreement is entered into by the United States Department of Justice, the County of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report for the Sheriff's Office for the Year 2021, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 118-2021, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 119-2021

PROCLAIMING MAY 15, 2021 AS "POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY" DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week, and

WHEREAS, National Police Week recognizes that law enforcement plays an essential role in safe guarding the rights and freedoms of citizens while understanding their duties, responsibilities, hazards, sacrifices, and duty to serve and safeguard life and property against violence and disorder, and

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WHEREAS, during Police Officer Week, St. Lawrence County will honor the Sheriff's Office, town and village police departments, New York State Police, and Federal Law Enforcement, and recognizes the responsibilities and the professional duties of police officers who serve to protect the people of this County and State, and

WHEREAS, in the year 2021 law enforcement continues to serve a vital community role, but in an even more stressful environment due to the current pandemic sweeping our nation and world, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County law enforcement agencies provide a commendable public service to the wellbeing of the residents through dedicated service to communities and for preserving the rights and security of all citizens, and in doing so have established an honored and enduring reputation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims May 15, 2021, as Police Officer Memorial Day during National Police Week in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls upon all citizens to join in honoring our police officers, past and present, for their performance of duty and service to St. Lawrence County.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 119-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Acres, and Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Operations Committee: 4-19-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 120-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS REQUESTING GRANT EXTENSIONS FOR POLL WORKER TRAINING /VOTER EDUCATION

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution Nos. 45-2007, 46-2007, and 47-2007 authorized the Chair to sign grant applications for New York State Voting Access for Individual with Disabilities Polling Place Improvement, and HHS Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities Polling Place Improvement, and Voter Education/Poll Worker Training, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 73-2009 allowed for the rollover of these funds annually, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 135-2020 authorized the Chair to sign contracts requesting grant extensions for poll worker training/voter education and modifying the 2020 budget for the

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Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, New York State has notified the Board of Elections that they are extending the grant deadlines to March 31, 2022, for those grants that have an unexpended balance, and

WHEREAS, the unexpended balance for Voter Education/Poll Worker Training is \$42,694, and

WHEREAS, grant extension applications must be signed by the Chair and returned to New York State Board of Elections,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts requesting grant extensions for poll worker training/voter education, upon approval of the County Attorney, and ,

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

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 120-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Operations Committee: 4-19-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 121-2021

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2 and Mr. Denesha, District 6

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

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

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WHEREAS, deer hunting is a valued tradition for many families, and this new opportunity allows experienced, adult hunters to introduce the value of hunting to the next generation, and

WHEREAS, teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth, while potentially providing quality food to families and contributing to deer management, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a local law pursuant to ECL § 11-0935 is a temporary measure that will pilot lowering the age through 2023, with the following provisions:

- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters will be permitted to hunt deer with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas these firearms may be used during hunting season, and
- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters will be permitted to hunt deer with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows, and
- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters will be required to be supervised by experienced and licensed adult hunters at all times, and
- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters and adult mentors will be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing and to remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law B (No. __) for the Year 2021 will be held on Monday, June 7, 2020, at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

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

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

Section 1. Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL 11-0935, St. Lawrence County elects to participate in the temporary program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through 2023.

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- Section 2. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer, under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas where and during the hunting season in which such firearms may be used.
- Section 3. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows.
- Section 4. Supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with at least three (3) years of experience who exercises dominion and control over the youth hunter at all times is required.
- Section 5. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters as well as their adult supervisors shall be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York.
- Section 6. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters shall remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader.
- Section 7. Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year olds with a firearm or crossbow.
- Section 8. A copy of this local law shall be sent to the New York State Department of Conservation.
- Section 9. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 121-2021, seconded by Mr. Acres, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Reagen and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 122-2021

**PROCLAIMING MAY 6, 2021, AS “NATIONAL RECOGNITION DAY FOR NURSES”
DURING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, National Nurses Day is observed annually on May 6th, which is the beginning of National Nurses Week, and

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week ends on May 12th, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing who became well-known for taking care of wounded soldiers during the Crimean War, and

WHEREAS, in 1974, then President Richard Nixon proclaimed a National Nurse Week, and in 1982 the United States Congress declared May 6th to be National Recognition Day for Nurses, signed into law by then President Ronald Reagan, and

WHEREAS, the day is meant to reflect on the important contributions that nurses make to provide safe, high-quality health care, and to shine a light on their incredible commitment and courage, and

WHEREAS, nurses have always been instrumental in patient care, but even more so during the COVID-19 pandemic where nurses have worked tirelessly on the front lines to ensure that people who need help are cared for, and

WHEREAS, nurses have worked countless hours, evenings, weekends, and holidays to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in St. Lawrence County, at significant risk to their own health, in order to provide lifesaving medical care and necessary service to the citizens of the County, and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic many families could not be with their loved ones in the hospital and nursing homes due to the risk of spreading the highly contagious virus, and nurses became steadfast advocates for patients, going above and beyond the call of duty to care for those patients who otherwise would be alone,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims May 6, 2021, as “National Recognition Day for Nurses” during National Nurses Week in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls upon all citizens to recognize the importance of nurses in our community and to celebrate their dedication and commitment to their patients and their profession.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 122-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Acres, Mr. Fay, and Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Finance Committee: 4-26-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 123-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR AN INCREASE IN CAPITAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIPS) FUNDING

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2021 Department of Highways' Budget includes Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) road and bridge projects at a flat funding level from previous years, and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 New York State Budget includes a total increase in CHIPS funding of \$1,575,502 for St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways for an increase in Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) Funding, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| HM151124 454PM H1 | H H1 Paving Materials | \$1,125,502 |
| HM551124 454BS B1 | H B1 Miscellaneous Bridge Supplies | <u>450,000</u> |
| | | \$1,575,502 |

INCREASE REVENUE:

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| HM035015 56000 | H SA CHIPS Maintenance | \$1,575,502 |
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 123-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a roll vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 124-2021

**APPROVING NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #2 FOR CONSTRUCTION/CONSTRUCTION
INSPECTION FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BRIDGE PRESERVATION
PROJECT (2 BRIDGES), BIN 3340980, BIN 3341780, PIN 775396**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore

WHEREAS, a project for Construction/Construction Inspection for the St. Lawrence County Bridge Preservation (2 Bridges), Island Branch Road over Island Branch of the Oswegatchie River, BIN 3340980, and County Route 27 over the South Branch of the Grasse River, BIN 3341780, PIN 775396 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of eighty percent (80%) federal funds and twenty percent (20%) non-federal funds, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wants to advance the above project by making a commitment of one hundred percent (100%) of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of Construction/Construction Inspection,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves New York State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement #2 for Construction/Construction Inspection for the St. Lawrence County Bridge Preservation Project (2 bridges), BIN 3340980, BIN 3341780, PIN 775396, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Treasurer to pay in the first instance one hundred percent (100%) of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Construction/Construction Inspection for the Project or portions thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all necessary funds have been appropriated pursuant to the 2021 St. Lawrence County Adopted Budget (HM299509 90600) and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for available Federal Aid and/or State “Marchiselli” Aid on behalf of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality’s first instance funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid eligible projects costs and all project costs with appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 124-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 125-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO AWARD AND SIGN CONTRACTS FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECTS, ISLAND BRANCH ROAD BRIDGE OVER ISLAND BRANCH OF THE OSWEGATCHIE RIVER, BIN 3340980, AND COUNTY ROUTE 27 BRIDGE OVER THE SOUTH BRANCH OF THE GRASSE RIVER, BIN 3341780, PIN 775396 AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2021 Budget provides for the approval and funding of 2021 Capital Bridge Projects, Highway Reconstruction Projects, and Highway Paving Projects, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for preservation of Island Branch Road Bridge over Island Branch of the Oswegatchie River, BIN 3340980, and County Route 27 Bridge over the South Branch of the Grasse River, BIN 3341780, PIN 775396, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for this project has been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to award and sign contracts for the St. Lawrence County Bridge Preservation Projects, Island Branch Road Bridge over Island Branch of the Oswegatchie River, BIN 3340980, and

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County Route 27 Bridge over the South Branch of the Grasse River, BIN 3341780, PIN 775396, and does hereby approve the award of the following contract to:

Contractor: Slate Hill Constructors, Inc.
Warners, NY

Contract Title: St. Lawrence County Bridge Preservation Project
(2 Bridges) Towns of Fowler and Russell
BIN 3340980 and BIN 3341780, PIN 775396

Contract Amount: \$1,287,261.96
HM651204 465CO 2027

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary contracts, contingent upon the contractor complying with all required contractual documentation, upon concurrence of New York State Department of Transportation, and upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

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| 03TG0911 50300 | Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated | \$2,119 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

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| 03TG0910 50300 | Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated | \$2,119 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| HM299509 90600 | H CR Transfers to Capital Fund | \$300,000 |
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INCREASE REVENUE:

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| HM035915 560MA | H SA Marchiselli Aid | \$47,034 |
| HM045975 57000 | H F/A Transportation Capital Project | <u>250,847</u> |
| | | \$297,881 |

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 125-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 126-2021

MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR INSURANCE RECOVERY FUNDS FROM A TOTALED DUMP TRUCK

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, a Department of Highways dump truck was totaled in an accident on March 12, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways will be receiving an insurance recovery check in the amount of \$28,357 for the loss, and will plan to replace the truck with the insurance recovery funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways for insurance recovery funds from a totaled dump truck, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

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| HR026805 55000 | H LR RM Insurance Recoveries | \$28,357 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| HR051304 421FL | H RM Fleet Lease | \$28,357 |
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 126-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 127-2021

APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ADDITIONAL FINAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE REDI PROJECT AT NORTHUMBERLAND STREET BRIDGE, TOWN OF MORRISTOWN, BIN 3341380

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 75-2020, adopted March 2, 2020, authorized the Chair to sign an agreement for State Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Grant fund for the Northumberland Bridge Project, BIN 3341380, SJ.03, in the Town of Morristown, and

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WHEREAS, Resolution No. 97-2021 authorized the issuance of a negative declaration related to the SJ.03 Northumberland Bridge Project, and

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

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 112-2020 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for an amount not to exceed \$182,000 for professional engineering services for the Northumberland Street Bridge over Morristown Bay Project (the "Project"), and

WHEREAS, a supplemental agreement is now required due to additional services required at the final design phase above the original contract estimate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves Supplemental Agreement #1 with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C for additional final design services for the Northumberland Street Bridge over Morristown Bay Project, BIN 3341380, as follows:

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

Contract Title: Northumberland Street Bridge over Morristown Bay Project
BIN: 3341380

Additional Final
Design Fee: Not to exceed \$47,000
HM651204 430ED REDI

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

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 127-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 128-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN APPLICATION DOCUMENTS AND A
CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR BRIDGE NY FUNDING**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, funds are available from the New York State Department of Transportation to rehabilitate and replace bridges and culverts through the Bridge NY Program, and

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WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is eligible to receive and administer State and Federal Department of Transportation Funding, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways will include three bridges in the Bridge NY Program application, the County Route 35 over Trout Brook Bridge in the Town of Potsdam (BIN 3341700), the Lazy River over Grasse River Bridge in the Town of Russell (BIN 3341820) and the County Route 27 over Oswegatchie River Bridge in the Town of Fine (BIN 3340910),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign application documents and a contract with New York State Department of Transportation, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon the grant be awarded, the Board of Legislators will consider a resolution to accept the grant, modify the budget, and authorize the Department of Highways to engage in requisite activities to provide grant administration and program delivery services, and to close out this grant as may be required, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon the grant being awarded, and the grant administration and program delivery continue into subsequent fiscal years, the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to roll-over any remaining funds to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 128-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 129-2021

**APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH DELTA ENGINEERS,
ARCHITECTS & LAND SURVEYORS, D.P.C, FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION
(CI) SERVICES FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BRIDGE PRESERVATION
(2 BRIDGES) BIN 3340980, BIN 3341780, PIN 775396**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in the 2021 St. Lawrence County Budget, the Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 170-2020 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Delta Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, D.P.C. for consulting services for the St. Lawrence County Bridge Preservation (2 Bridges) Project, PIN 775396 (the "Project"), and

WHEREAS, Delta Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, D.P.C. is currently providing consulting services for this Project and is qualified to provide construction inspection

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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 for Construction Inspection (CI) Services, as follows:

Consultant: Delta Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, D.P.C.

Contract Title: St. Lawrence County Bridge Preservation (2 Bridges)
BIN 3340980 and BIN 3341780, PIN 775396,
Towns of Fowler and Russell

Construction

Inspection Fee: Not to Exceed \$169,000
HM651204 465CO 2027

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to sign all necessary documents related to the supplemental agreement, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 129-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 130-2021

DETERMINING THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAFAVER ROAD SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE IN THE TOWN OF RUSSELL IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK WILL NOT RESULT IN ANY SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wants to reestablish Lafaver Road in the Town of Russell as a corridor snowmobile trail, and

WHEREAS, in order to reestablish this corridor snowmobile trail, the County wants to construct a snowmobile trail bridge on Lafaver Road for St. Lawrence County in the Town of Russell (“Snowmobile Bridge Project”), and

WHEREAS, the County intends to initiate this activity by authorizing the construction of the Snowmobile Bridge Project, and

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WHEREAS, such authorization is an "action" as delineated in 6 NYCRR Part 617 and requires that the County comply with the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and

WHEREAS, Short Environmental Assessment Forms (SEAF) identifying and assessing the potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the Snowmobile Bridge Project has been prepared and distributed to the members of this body for their review, and

WHEREAS, the preparation of the SEAF incorporated data gleaned from the following sources: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation critical habitats data bases, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation information on archeological sites and concerns, FEMA FIRM maps for each town, state and federal wetlands delineation maps, a state and federal wetland delineation study, internal engineering assessments, soils maps, a site survey and assessment of local land use regulations and design considerations that may be incorporated to minimize adverse impacts, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators determines that the construction of the Lafaver Road Snowmobile Bridge in the Town of Russell in St. Lawrence County, New York will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators determines that, based upon the environmental assessment and supporting materials, the ultimate development of the Snowmobile Bridge Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators directs the County Administrator to prepare a "Negative Declaration" which indicates that the Board determines that the no adverse environmental impacts will result from the Snowmobile Bridge Project based upon the upon the summary of environmental impacts as described in the SEAF and incorporating the points noted in the staff presentation and discussion of this resolution by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators expects to fully comply with any and all permit conditions to mitigate environmental damage both during construction and use of the structure as may be required by other permitting agencies subject to the conclusions of their SEQRA reviews and/or in compliance with applicable environmental requirements or standards.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 130-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 131-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH J.E. SHEEHAN CONTRACTING CORPORATION TO RELOCATE A TEMPORARY BRIDGE FROM THE JONES ROAD OVER WEST BRANCH OF ST. REGIS RIVER PROJECT TO THE LAFAYER ROAD OVER ELM CREEK AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2021, J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation will begin construction on two bridges on the Jones Road over the West Branch of St. Regis River, BIN 3366590 and BIN 3341150, and

WHEREAS, as part of the construction phase, J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation will remove the temporary bridges that are currently installed, and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Lafaver Road Bridge over Elm Creek, BIN 3341830, was removed due to extreme deterioration and lack of use, and

WHEREAS, a temporary bridge from the Jones Road project may be reset on the Lafaver Road over Elm Creek to be used as a snowmobile bridge, and

WHEREAS, it is most cost effective to have J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation utilize the temporary bridges by resetting one on the Lafaver Road by force account at a cost not to exceed \$25,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation to relocate a temporary bridge from the Jones Road over West Branch of St. Regis River Project to the Lafaver Road over Elm Creek, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

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| 01TG0911 50300 | Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated | \$25,000 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

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| 01TG0910 50300 | Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated | \$25,000 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| HM551104 454BS B24 | H B24 Miscellaneous Bridge Supplies | \$25,000 |
| T6199019 90300 | TIFT GF Transfer to CR | <u>25,000</u> |
| | | \$50,000 |

INCREASE REVENUE:

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| T6350319 90100 | TIFT CR Transfer to GF | \$25,000 |
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to sign all necessary contracts and documents to progress the project, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 131-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Perkins), and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 132-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO ASSIGN THE TASKS OF THE
ONE-STOP NETWORK OPERATOR TO A WIOA-FINANCED STAFF MEMBER
IN THE ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board (WDB) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to fill the position of One-Stop Network Operator for the St. Lawrence County Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA), as mandated by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and

WHEREAS, the deadline for the receipt of responses to the RFP was March 1, 2021, and there were no proposals received to the RFP, and

WHEREAS, the fact that the WDB received no proposals does not relieve the WDB or the LWDA from the responsibility to have such a Network Operator in place as required by WIOA, and

WHEREAS, the WDB has considered the options that the WDB, with the approval of the County Chief Elected Officer, could pursue to select and install a Network Operator by July 1, 2021, and

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WHEREAS, the WDB recommends to the Board of Legislators, as permitted by WIOA, that the County as the WIOA contract holder should implement the functions of the One-Stop Network Operator,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the Workforce Development Board to assign the tasks of the One-Stop Network Operator to a WIOA-financed staff member currently involved in implementing Title I programs through the One-Stop Career Center, upon approval of County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators also authorizes the WDB Executive Director, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, to prepare and execute an agreement between the WDB and St. Lawrence County that would structure the position of the One-Stop Network Operator and how it coordinates with the staff assignments at the One-Stop Career Center.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 132-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 133-2021

APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY CIVIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR CLARKSON UNIVERSITY

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1411 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York (the “State”), as amended (hereinafter collectively called the “Act”), and pursuant to its certificate of incorporation, as amended, the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Civic Development Corporation (the “Issuer”) was established as a not-for-profit local development corporation of the State with the authority and power to own, lease and sell personal and real property for the purposes of, among other things, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain projects exclusively in furtherance of the charitable or public purposes of relieving and reducing unemployment, promoting and providing for additional and maximum employment, bettering and maintaining job opportunities, instructing or training individuals to improve or develop their capabilities for such jobs, by encouraging the development of, or retention of, an industry in the community or area, and lessening the burdens of government and acting in the public interest, and

WHEREAS, the Act further authorizes the Issuer to issue its bonds for the purpose of carrying out any of its corporate purposes and, as security for the payment of the principal and redemption price of and interest on any such bonds so issued and any agreements made in connection therewith, to pledge certain revenues and receipts to secure the payment of such

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bonds and interest thereon, and

WHEREAS, Clarkson University, a New York not-for-profit education corporation (the “University”), has submitted an application to the Issuer requesting that the Issuer issue its tax-exempt revenue bonds, in one or more series or issues in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$33,000,000 (collectively, the “Bonds”) for the purposes of providing funds to the University for a certain project consisting of:

(A) the refinancing of the Issuer’s \$14,640,000 original principal amount Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds (Clarkson University Project), Series 2011 (the “Series 2011 Bonds”), the proceeds of which were used for the following purposes: (1) the construction and installation of infrastructure improvements on the University’s Hill Campus located south of Maple Street between the Clarkson Entrance Road and the Raquette River in the Village of Potsdam, New York (collectively, the “Campus”) to support residential facilities such as utilities, roadways, parking areas and wastewater management (collectively, the “Infrastructure Improvements”), (2) the renovation and reconstruction of the approximately 21,908 square foot Moore House located on the Campus and the construction of an approximately 32,100 square foot addition thereto (the “Moore House Improvements”), (3) the renovation and reconstruction of 10 units located in Woodstock Village located on the Campus (the “Woodstock Village Improvements”), (4) completion of the NAB Lab adjacent to the Camp-Rawley Building located on the Campus including construction of an approximately 11,450 square foot addition thereto (the “NAB Lab Improvements”), (5) the acquisition and installation thereon and therein of various machinery and equipment (the “2011 Equipment”) (collectively, the “2011 Project Facility”); and (6) paying certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance of the Series 2011 Bonds;

(B) the refinancing of the Issuer’s \$18,160,000 original principal amount Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds (Clarkson University Project), Series 2012A (the “Series 2012 Bonds” and, together with the Series 2011 Bonds, the “Prior Bonds”), the proceeds of which were used for the following purposes: (1) (a) the financing of additional costs of the Infrastructure Improvements, the Moore House Improvements, the Woodstock Village Improvements, and the NAB Lab Improvements, and (b) the acquisition and installation thereon and therein of various machinery and equipment (collectively, the “2012 Project Facility”); (2) the refinancing of a certain bank loan that financed the construction of a new student center on the Campus (the “Campus Center” and, together with the 2011 Project Facility and the 2012 Project Facility, the “Project Facility”); and (3) paying certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance of the Series 2012 Bonds; and

(C) paying certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance of the Bonds (the items (A) – (C) above being hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Project”); and

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WHEREAS, the Project Facility is and will be owned by the University, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators (the “Board of Legislators”) has been advised by the Issuer that (A) the Issuer proposes to issue, subsequent to the adoption of this resolution, the Bonds to assist the University in funding all or a portion of the costs of the Project, (B) the proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned by the Issuer to the University pursuant to a loan or other agreement (the “Agreement”) requiring that the University make payments equal to debt service on the Bonds and make certain other payments, and (C) the Bonds will be special limited obligations of the Issuer payable solely from payments made by the University under the Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the University has requested that the Bonds be issued as qualified 501(c)(3) bonds within the meaning of Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), the interest on which will be excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103(a) of the Code, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, interest on the Bonds will not be excludable from gross income unless the issuance of the Bonds shall be approved by the Board of Legislators after the Issuer has conducted a public hearing thereon following reasonable public notice, and

WHEREAS, the Issuer (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Issuer regarding the Bonds required under Section 147(f) of the Code (the “Public Hearing”) to be published on April 16 and 17, 2021 in North Country This Week and on April 18, 2021 in The Watertown Daily Times, newspapers of general circulation available to residents of St. Lawrence County, New York, and to be posted on April 12, 2021 on the website used by the Issuer to inform the public about events affecting the public, (B) conducted the Public Hearing on April 26, 2021, at which Public Hearing interested individuals had an opportunity to express their views on the proposed issuance of the Bonds and the location and nature of the Project Facility, and (C) made a record of the Public Hearing available to each member of the Board of Legislators prior to this meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has received notice from the Issuer that the Project is a “Type II Action” under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the “SEQR Act”), and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the “Regulations”, and collectively with the SEQR Act, “SEQRA”), requiring no SEQRA review, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, the Board of Legislators desires to allow the interest on the Bonds to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and

WHEREAS, neither the Bonds nor any other obligation of the Issuer shall be a debt of St. Lawrence County, New York, the municipality for whose benefit the Issuer was established,

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nor shall St. Lawrence County, New York be liable thereon,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Legislators as follows:

Section 1. For the sole purpose of qualifying the interest payable on the Bonds for exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the provisions of Sections 103 and 145 of the Code, the Board of Legislators, as the elected legislative body of St. Lawrence County, New York, hereby approves the issuance by the Issuer of the Bonds in one or more issues or series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$33,000,000, provided that the Bonds, and the premium (if any) and interest thereon, shall be special obligations of the Issuer and shall never be a debt of the State of New York, St. Lawrence County, New York or any political subdivision thereof (other than the Issuer), and neither the State of New York, St. Lawrence County, New York nor any political subdivision thereof (other than the Issuer) shall be liable thereon.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 133-2021, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Fay, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Finance Committee: 4-26-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 134-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION
WITH FIRST STUDENT, INC. FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is mandated by the New York State Education Department to provide transportation to students receiving center based services in the Preschool Special Education Program (PK040504 44401), and

WHEREAS, the contract for Preschool Special Education Transportation Services expires on June 30, 2021, and

WHEREAS, under the original contract the Department has the option of two (2) one-year extensions with First Student, Inc., with one extension utilized for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Department would like to utilize the second year of this extension option for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a one-year extension with First Student, Inc. for Preschool Special Education Transportation Services, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the base contract will be in the amount of \$447.33 per bus route/per day (driver/driver assistant) for year one – not to exceed \$985,000; July 1, 2021 through June 20, 2022 with an increase using the CPI (Consumer Price Index) as calculated by the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics as of the first day of the month in which the County exercises its option, or three and one-half (3.5%) percent, whichever is less, for transportation based on the latest 12-month period for the subsequent years.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 134-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Finance Committee: 4-26-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 135-2021

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE RURAL LAW CENTER OF NEW YORK FOR INDIGENT APPELLATE REPRESENTATION

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County currently funds appellate representation for indigent criminal and family court litigants for assignments from the Appellate Division, Third Department, and the St. Lawrence County Court Judges, for appeals from local courts to County Court, and

WHEREAS, the Rural Law Center (RLC) of New York is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3), legal services organization that provides legal services to low income New Yorkers residing in rural counties, and

WHEREAS, since 2014, the RLC has worked in collaboration with the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction, as the Committee created a unique Pro Bono Appeals Program that provides attorneys for appellate services in the Third and Fourth Judicial Department which includes work for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 81-2014 established the relationship with the RLC and Resolution No. 161-2017 authorized the continuation of their work at a reduced amount conscious of the change in caseloads at that time, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 167-2020 authorized a MOU intended to express the basic outline of the terms of a contract between St. Lawrence County and the Rural Law Center to address the methods of case assignments to the RLC, protocols for payments for services

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provided under the Contract, methods of case reporting, evidence that the RLC is in compliance with general requirements for entities contracting with SLC, including, but not limited to worker's compensation insurance, New York State Disability Benefits, Liability insurance, Unemployment insurance, and attorney malpractice insurance, and liability insurance, and

WHEREAS, the RLC has experienced appellate attorneys on staff with extensive criminal and family law appellate expertise, and employs experienced appellate support staff capable of providing high quality appellate representation for up to 80 appeals per year at an annual total cost to St. Lawrence County (IA011704 430AC) of \$200,000, and

WHEREAS, the terms of the agreement will be retroactive from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the Rural Law Center of New York for the provision of indigent appellate representation, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Lawrence County will pay the Rural Law Center \$200,000 for the provision of appellate services with payments being made in quarterly installments of \$50,000 with continued quarterly reports continuing to be provided to the County Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the number of appeals exceeds 80 in the annual period, the County agrees to pay \$2,500 for services rendered for each additional appeal.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 135-2021, seconded by Mr. Fay and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 136-2021

**APPOINTING THE RISK MANAGER AS CORPORATE COMPLIANCE OFFICER
FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Code, Rules and Regulations, Title 18, Part 521.3 requires that required providers designate an employee vested with the responsibility for this day-to-day operation of the compliance program, and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Compliance Officer shall be vested with the day-to-day operation of the County Compliance Program, and

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WHEREAS, the day-to-day operation of the compliance program includes, but is not limited to, overseeing the compliance plan; management of communications, logs, and reports; drafting and reviewing appropriate policies and reports; overseeing compliance training; and conducting compliance related investigations/audits, and

WHEREAS, under NYSCRR Title 18 Part 521.3, the employee vested with the day-to-day operations of the compliance program shall report directly to the entity's chief executive or other senior administrator designated by the chief executive and shall periodically report directly to the governing body on the activities of the compliance program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators designates the Risk Manager as the Corporate Compliance Officer for St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair designates that the Compliance Officer to report directly to the County Administrator on compliance related matters and will annually share a report with the Board of Legislators on the activities of the Compliance Program.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 136-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Finance Committee: 4-26-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 137-2021

**AUTHORIZING GRADE CHANGES TO THE TITLES OF
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEYS FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 102-2021 abolished attorney and paralegal positions in the Legal Unit of the Department of Social Services and created Assistant County Attorney Positions and one (1) Paralegal to serve the Department, and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that grade changes be made to the Assistant County Attorney titles to provide for appropriate responsibilities, work expectations, and to ensure there is no reduction in salary to the attorneys who accept the new positions, and

WHEREAS, it has now been recommended that the Deputy County Attorney could be abolished and an Assistant County Attorney Position created in its place, and

WHEREAS, currently the Assistant County Attorney titles are graded in Management Band IV, and recommendation will be for three (3) Assistant County Attorneys be recommended for placement in Management Band V and two (2) will be recommended for Band VI, and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes grade changes to the titles of the Assistant County Attorneys for St. Lawrence County, as follows:

| Position No. | Title | Current Band | New Band/Step |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 021900001 | Assistant County Attorney | IV | V/9 |
| 021900002 | Assistant County Attorney | IV | V/2 |
| 021900003 | Assistant County Attorney | IV | V/2 |
| 021900004 | Assistant County Attorney | IV | VI/10 |
| 021900005 | Assistant County Attorney | IV | VI/TBD |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the placement on step for salary will most closely match the step that the employee is on or will be held harmless.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 137-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 138-2021

ADOPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2021, “A LOCAL LAW RE-ESTABLISHING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING A TRAIL PERMITTING PROCESS”

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Denesha, District 6;
Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Arquiett, District 13; and Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

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

SECTION 1. TITLE

This local law shall be known as “Re-Establishing the St. Lawrence County Trail System and establishing the St. Lawrence County Trail Permitting Process”

SECTION 2. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

This local law is enacted pursuant to the following authority:

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A. Municipal Home Rule Law (“MHL”) §10(1)(i) provides that a county may adopt local laws relating to its property, affairs or government provided it is not inconsistent with the provisions of the constitution or any general law.

B. County Law § 219(1) provides that a county may utilize its reforestation properties “for recreation and kindred purposes.” This has been interpreted as authorizing a county to designate reforestation lands for use by all-terrain vehicles (“ATVs”), provided that such use is consistent with forest and wildlife conservation and watershed protection. Opinion Atty. Gen. Op. No. 2002-1.

C. Vehicle and Traffic Law § 2405(2) states that: “a municipality, by ordinance or local law, may designate any appropriate public lands, waters and properties other than highways under its jurisdiction as a place open for travel by ATVs upon written request for such designation by any person, and may impose restrictions and conditions for the regulation and safe operation of ATVs on such public property. . .”

SECTION 3. PURPOSE

A. The purpose is to establish Local Law No. ____, “A Local Law Re-Establishing the St. Lawrence County Trail System and Establishing the St. Lawrence County Trail Permitting Process”, by incorporation of reference to the Local Laws adopted thereto since 2006, and to update by amendment various provisions of the Local Law and thereby Re-Establish the St. Lawrence County Trail System.

B. This Local Law is to:

1. Establish a network of trails and interconnecting roads (“Trail System”) that is available for ATV operation throughout St. Lawrence County.
2. Establish a set of guidelines for the potential expansion of such ATV trail system.
3. Establish a methodology for managing the trail system and implementing appropriate procedures to mitigate environmental impacts and provide for the long-term preservation of natural resources.

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

The Board of Legislators hereby restates and makes the following findings in support of this Local Law:

A. That the Board of Legislators received and reviewed and adopted Resolution No. 149-2011, on May 2, 2011 that determined that the St. Lawrence County Multi-use Trail Plan DGEIS (“Trail Plan”) was complete and as a result, the DGEIS was deemed adequate for the purpose of commencing public review of the document, which set forth a resource management plan for the development of a network of interconnecting trails throughout St. Lawrence County for outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy the use and operation of all-terrain vehicles (“ATVs”). The Trail Plan

contemplates the creation of a St. Lawrence County Trail System (“Trail System”), which is an identified and designated system of trails and interconnecting roads. The Trail System may include:

1. Trails located on County Reforestation Lands and/or other lands the County may own.
2. Trails located on private lands that are designated as open to the public.
3. Railroad Corridors.
4. Utility Corridors.
5. Recreation Easements.
6. Interconnecting Town Roads (as authorized by local law by the respective townships).
7. Interconnecting County Roads (as authorized by local law).

B. The goal of the Trail Plan was to set out the management objectives and guidelines for the development of the Trail System so that the interests of ATV operators could be balanced with the long-term preservation of the environment and the County’s natural resources for future generations.

C. Before taking action with respect to the proposed Trail Plan, the Board of Legislators, acting as lead agency, conducted an extensive review of the potential impacts to the environment pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Title 6, Part 617 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”) implementing Article 8 (collectively referred to hereinafter as “SEQRA”).

D. The Board of Legislators further 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.

E. The Board of Legislators has heretofore accepted the Final GEIS and has adopted a Findings Statement in accordance therewith.

F. That the Trail Plan has been reviewed and revised, where necessary, in order to assure that it conforms to the GEIS and its related Findings. Contemporaneously, the Board of Legislators formally approved and adopted by resolution the Trail Plan in its final form.

G. The Board of Legislators further finds that one of the key elements of the Trail System is the development of trails on County-owned reforestation lands. The Board is equally aware that the reforestation lands are valuable assets to the County and its residents both now and for generations to come. Therefore, the Board finds that it is incumbent upon them to set forth clearly defined rules and regulations as to the use of the reforestation lands, and more particularly the use of the trails thereon.

H. The Board of Legislators further finds that similar considerations pertain to the use of trails that are now or may hereafter become available to the County for incorporation into the Trail System, whether such trails are located on private property, along former railroad beds or utility corridors.

I. Furthermore, the Board of Legislators finds that this Local Law is necessary in order to set forth certain procedures for the development of the Trail System in order to assure that both present and future development complies with the GEIS and its related Findings.

SECTION 5. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Local Law:

A. Off Highway Vehicles (OHV): Shall have the same meaning as All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) set forth in §2281 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law. In addition, an OHV may include other off-road motorized or self-propelled vehicles which are not able to be registered in New York State; and more fully classified and described below:

1. ATV as defined under VTL §2281, including registered dirt bikes, ATVs, UTVs, under the weight and length limit set forth in the VTV, and as may be amended;
2. Other OHVs which are not able to be registered in New York State, provided same is no more than 70 inches in width and no more than 2,000 lbs. in weight. (This classification of OHV can only access the designated off-road trails.)

B. St. Lawrence County Highway Superintendent (SLCHS): Shall refer to the individual who holds the position of St. Lawrence County Highway Superintendent, as defined under Highway Law § 100

C. County: Shall mean the County of St. Lawrence.

D. County Reforestation Lands: Lands purchased, acquired, or accepted by gift by the County of St. Lawrence for purposes of reforestation. Pursuant to County Law § 219, County

reforestation lands may be used for “watershed protection.., the production of timber and forest products and for recreation and kindred purposes.”

E. Current Trail Development: Shall refer to:

1. Trails and logging roads located upon County Reforestation Lands or any other County land identified herein and designated by operation of this Local Law as open and available for OHV trail development, subject to the rules and regulations set forth herein and the management guidelines set forth in the Trail Plan, and
2. Trails located in, on or upon private property that heretofore have permitted OHV trails to be developed for use by the public pursuant to an agreement with the landowner, and

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- a) Have been reviewed by the County in connection with the DGEIS and FGEIS, and
- b) Are authorized by this local law to be incorporated into the St. Lawrence County Trail System by mutual agreement between the landowner and the County.

F. Amendments to the Trail System: Shall refer to amendments to the Trail System as the result of:

1. County Reforestation Lands that may be designated in the future as being available for OHV development, subject to the rules and regulations set forth herein and the management guidelines set forth in the Trail Plan, or
2. New OHV trails to be constructed where none existed previously on or across County Reforestation Lands that are identified by this Local Law as being available for ATV trail development, or
3. Newly identified trails to be located on or across private lands, including railroad corridors or public or private utility rights-of-way.

G. Hazards: Obstacles in the trail corridor making travel unsafe; something causing unavoidable danger, peril, risk, or difficulty.

H. Non-Trail Areas: Property located directly adjacent to the designated trails in the Trail System. Only those trails that are designated as part of the St. Lawrence County Trail system are open to the public. Adjacent property and/or private trails that are not so designated are to be respected as private property and should not be encroached by OHV users.

I. Operate: shall mean to ride in or on, other than as a passenger, or use or control the operation of an OHV in any manner, whether or not said OHV is under way.

J. Operator: means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of an OHV.

K. Railroad Corridors: existing RR lines no longer in use by the railroads. These corridors of land are vast stretches of land, which can be utilized for recreational trails, provided that permission is granted by the owner of the rail lines.

SECTION 6. DESIGNATION OF COUNTY REFORESTATION LANDS FOR CURRENT TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

A. The Board of Legislators hereby declares that all the trails and logging roads located in and upon County Reforestation Lands previously designated and approved by Local Law and by subsequent addition by Resolution, shall be open for the use and operation of OHV, subject to the rules and regulations herein set forth and the management guidelines set forth in the St. Lawrence County Trails Plan.

B. The opening of any County Reforestation Land to trail development does not imply that OHV use and operation is permitted in any non-trail area within the parcel of land. The use and operation of OHVs on County Reforestation Lands shall be strictly limited to the designated and signed trails within such parcel, as hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 7. DEVELOPMENT OF ATV TRAILS ON DESIGNATED COUNTY REFORESTATION LANDS:

A. Upon the designation of any County Reforestation Land by the Board of Legislators, upon consultation with the St. Lawrence County Multi-use Trail Committee, through this Local Law or any future local law, as available for Trail Development, the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the St. Lawrence County Highway Superintendent (SLCHS) or their designee to develop ATV trails in and upon such land in the following manner:

1. The SLCHS or their designee to personally inspect the proposed parcel of land and/or the proposed trail and map out with as much specificity as possible where any proposed ATV trails would be located on the parcel of land (including GPS coordinates for such proposed trails, where possible).
2. Designate such existing truck trails, logging roads or similar trails as open for use by OHVs by marking the same with appropriate signs, provided that:
 - a) The SLCHS, or their designee, determines, that such use is consistent with forest and wildlife conservation and watershed protection and does not otherwise interfere with the County's reforestation plans; and
 - b) Each such truck trail, logging road or similar trail is clearly marked with signs to be placed thereon by the SLCHS, or their designee.
3. All signs to be used by the SLCHS for the purposes set forth in this Local Law shall be of uniform size, shape, lettering, and marking; shall include the St. Lawrence County official logo; and shall clearly and concisely inform the public that the trail is open for the operation of OHV, or restricted by OHV classification as determined by the SLCHS, or their designee.

B. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to obligate the SLCHS, or their designee, to open any particular truck trail, logging road or similar trail or any part thereof for use by all classifications of OHV on a trail. Such determination, including classification of OHV for access on any or all trails shall be at the sole discretion of the SLCHS or their designee.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAIL SYSTEM

A. In the event that the SLCHS receives (i) a written request from an individual or organization to open additional County Reforestation Lands or any other land owned or controlled by the County to trail development, or (ii) a written request from an individual or organization to construct a new trail upon a County Reforestation Land that is herein or hereafter being opened for trail development, or (iii) a written request from an individual or organization to open trails

on private parcels of land or railroad or utility right-of-ways or corridors, the SLCHS, or their designee, shall take the following steps:

1. Perform an initial evaluation of the application, assessing the feasibility of admitting the property based upon several factors, including: the property's overall potential for enhancing the existing trail system; proof of property ownership; the property owner's willingness to execute an access agreement with the County; the property's ability to safely host OHV travel; and such other factors as deemed reasonable and prudent by the SLCHS.
2. the initial evaluation of the application of the SLCHS or the designee indicates that it may be feasible to admit the property, he/she can authorize the performance of a more detailed environmental review pursuant to SEQRA, with the Board of Legislators or the St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District serving as Lead Agency for such review.
3. Upon completion of a substantive environmental review, the SLCHS will forward to the Board of Legislators the results of such review, plus a recommendation on property admission. The Board of Legislators will then finalize its own review of the available information, complete its SEQRA Lead Agency responsibilities, if required, and ultimately decide whether or not to admit the property.
4. In the event that the Board of Legislators deems it appropriate to admit the property to the Trail System, the Board shall amend the Trail System as follows:
 - a) If County Reforestation Land, by local law designating any or all County land as open for the use and operation of OHV, subject to the rules and regulations herein set forth and the management guidelines set forth in the St. Lawrence County Trails Plan.
 - b) If private property, by resolution of the Board of Legislators approving an access agreement between the landowner and the County, and subject to the rules and regulations herein set forth and the management guidelines set forth in the St. Lawrence County Trails Plan.

B. Upon admission to the Trail System as set forth above, the property shall be identified and mapped by the SLCHS, or their designee, as described in Section 7 above.

SECTION 9. INTERCONNECTING PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

A. It is anticipated that the Trail System may include one or more public highways that will interconnect with the trails located on County Reforestation Lands or any other County land, and the off-road trails on private property that have been identified and signed as incorporated into the St. Lawrence County Trail System. Interconnecting public highways may be incorporated into the St. Lawrence County Trail System under the following conditions:

1. The highway in question has been designated for use by ATV traffic by appropriate government action pursuant to Vehicle and Traffic Law § 2405 by the governmental agency having jurisdiction.
2. In the case of a town highway, the SLCHS has received a concurring resolution or local law from the town board setting forth their consent or designation that said portion of the town highway is open to ATV access, and therefore can be included as a designated highway into the St. Lawrence County Trail System.
3. In the event that either a town road or County Highway has not been reviewed pursuant to the GEIS performed by the County and identified on the map attached to the FGEIS, the SLCHS initiates the procedures set forth in subparagraphs “b” and “c” of Section 7, Paragraph 1 above.
4. The SLCHS, or their designee, identifies the highway as being incorporated into the Trail System by placing or causing to be placed thereon appropriate St. Lawrence County Trail signs as well as identifying such highway on maps produced by the Trails Department for public use.

SECTION 10. OPERATION OF ATVs ON THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TRAIL SYSTEM

- A. No person shall operate an OHV on the Trail System except in conformance with this Local Law, the St. Lawrence County ATV Code and any other applicable law, rule or ordinance.
- B. No person shall operate an OHV on the Trail System except where designated and marked for such classified use by appropriate signage as hereinafter provided.
- C. No person shall operate an OHV in or on a non-trail area as defined herein, or on a trail not designated for that OHV classification. Any person who operates an OHV on the Trail System:
 1. Upon a trail that is marked and signed as “closed” or otherwise has not been designated and marked as being “open” for such use and or classification, or
 2. Operates an OHV outside of the designated and signed trail shall be guilty of trespass and any other identified violation(s) of law, and shall be subject to prosecution under civil and criminal laws, as appropriate.

SECTION 11. ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ATV TRAIL PERMITS

- A. Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall operate any OHV on any County Reforestation Land, County Property, or any trail on private property that has been incorporated into the St. Lawrence County Trail System unless such OHV has received a St. Lawrence County Trail Permit in accordance with the provisions of this Local Law, and the St. Lawrence County Trail Permit number for such OHV is in full force and effect and displayed as provided under this Local Law and regulations promulgated hereunder.

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An OHV which is to be operated and have access to the St. Lawrence County Trail System shall provide for coverages required of an “owner’s policy of liability insurance”, issued by an insurance carrier authorized to do business in the State of New York. The owner or operator of the OHV shall carry a copy of said insurance coverage at all times while accessing the Trail System, and produce same upon the request of any person having authority to enforce the provisions of this Local Law and NYS VTL §2407, and any person(s) who claims to have suffered personal injury or property damage as a result of the operation of such OHV, as more fully set forth in VTL § 2407.

B. The St. Lawrence County SLCHS or her/his designee is hereby authorized to issue a St. Lawrence County Trail Permit or a Trail Pass and assign a St. Lawrence County Trail Permit or Trail Pass number to each such OTV, upon the receipt of a completed application and payment of appropriate permit fee(s) as hereinafter provided.

1. The ATV Permit Season shall run from May 15th through September 15th of each year, unless otherwise established by the Board of Legislators on or before its March Board meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the SLCHS, after consultation with the Board of Legislators, is authorized to delay the opening date of any or all of the trails within the Trail System based upon weather and environmental conditions. In such event, the SLCHS, or their designee, shall post the trails accordingly, provide notice of the date of opening on the County website, Chamber of Commerce website, and provide other means of notification as deemed reasonable and appropriate.
2. A Trail Permit shall be valid from the date of issuance through and including the last day of the Permit Season for which it was issued, except that a trail permit purchased on or after the Tuesday after Labor Day shall be valid for the following Permit Season.
3. A Trail Pass shall be valid for a period not to exceed three (3) consecutive days, provided that in no event shall a Trail Pass allow use of the Trail System beyond the closing date of the Permit Season as set forth above.
4. The SLCHS, or their designee, is authorized to provide for and post a free Three (3) Day Pass weekend the first full weekend of August (Friday, Saturday, Sunday), as determined by the Director and the Board of Legislators.
5. The Board of Legislators may license designated outlets who shall be authorized to receive permit applications, receive permit fees and transmit the same to the SLCHS, and issue permits to the applicant, all in accordance with the terms of such license agreement as approved by the Board of Legislators.
6. The Board of Legislators authorizes the SLCHS and/or her designated vendor to provide for the receipt of permit applications and permit fees through a secure internet site to be administered by the Director or her designee.

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7. Notwithstanding the above, the SLCHS and Board of Legislators shall have the discretion to open and/or close any part of the trail system at any time for environmental and safety concerns, trail maintenance, and for any other reason.

C. Fees. Fees for the issuance of a St. Lawrence County Trail Permit to be collected by the St. Lawrence County under this Local Law are as follows:

1. A fee of sixty-five dollars (\$65) for the first OHV applicant who is not a current, registered member of an OHV club with an active OHV Trail Agreement with St. Lawrence County.
2. A fee of forty-five (\$45) dollars for the first OHV for which a Trail Permit is requested where the applicant must present proof of current, registered membership in an OHV Club with an active OHV Trail Agreement with the County.
3. In the event that an applicant wishes to obtain permits for more than one OHV, the applicant must show proof that all additional OHVs are owned/registered to the same address. The permit fee for each additional OHV shall then be \$20 per machine.
4. Fees shall not be pro-rated for the Permit Season, and such fees shall be applicable to the year in which the permit is issued, except that permits purchased on or after the Tuesday after Labor Day shall be valid the following Permit Season.
5. The provisions of paragraphs a. and b. of this subdivision shall not apply to any landowner who has entered into and has an active access agreement with the County to permit the development of one or more OHV trails on his/her property.
6. As an alternative to obtaining a Trail Permit, an OHV operator may purchase a three (3) day Trail Pass. The fee for the Trail Pass shall be twenty (\$20) dollars each. The trail pass shall allow the holder thereof use of the appropriate Trail System for the classification of the OHV for a period of no longer than three (3) consecutive days.
 - a) The Trail Pass shall be of such design and material as determined by the SLCHS.
 - b) To obtain a Trail Pass, an OHV operator must complete an application and provide the same information as is required to obtain a Trail Permit.
 - c) The SLCHS may establish such other rules and regulations for administering the purchase and sale of Trail Passes as deemed necessary and consistent with the regulations provided in these local laws. All other rules and regulations that apply to Trail Permits shall equally apply to Trail Passes.

D. Application. The owner of each OHV requiring St. Lawrence County Trail Permit or Trail Pass under this Local Law shall present an application for a St. Lawrence County Permit or Trail Pass to the St. Lawrence County Highway Superintendent, or her/his designee as provided in Paragraph 2 above, on a form to be prepared and furnished by the St. Lawrence County SLCHS for that purpose. Such application shall contain, but not be limited to the following information:

1. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN#) and/or License Plate Number;

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2. Check off of all appropriate information, including that the applicant has proper insurance coverage for the vehicle (s);
3. Proper execution of agreement with any and all waivers, including but not limited to knowledge and understanding of all requirements for operation of ATVs and New York State ATV Laws;
4. Payment of appropriate fee(s) as provided in Paragraph 4 above.

Upon receipt of a completed application, the SLCHS, or their designee, shall issue a St. Lawrence County Trails Permit or Trail Pass, with the appropriate identifying receipt and/or sticker. The Trail Permit/Pass receipt must be carried by the OHV operator at all times, and any issued sticker properly affixed. No duplicate for lost or damaged Permits/stickers will be issued. No OHV shall be considered as validly using or accessing the St. Lawrence County Trail System within the meaning of this section unless a current St. Lawrence County Trail Permit and sticker are issued, possessed, and affixed.

E. Renewal. Every owner of an OHV shall renew his or her St. Lawrence County Trail Permit each calendar year by submitting an application together with the appropriate information, attestations, fees and waivers. The Owner is to keep a copy of the permit renewal receipt.

F. Exemption. No Trail Permits shall be required for the following described OHVs:

1. OHV owned and operated by St. Lawrence County and used by the St. Lawrence County SLCHS, St. Lawrence County Sheriff, or any deputy, special patrolman or peace officer employed thereby; St. Lawrence County Emergency Management Services Director and Assistant.
2. OHV owned and operated by NYS Police, Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Parks and Recreation or any other department thereof.
3. Search and Rescue Responders and Fire Department Responders to an emergency.

G. Special events. The person(s) or entity in charge of a special event involving the operation of ATVs shall comply with the provisions of section twenty-four hundred eight of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, including but not limited to providing the SLCHS with at least thirty (30) days prior Notice of the scheduled special event. Governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the proposed special event shall either grant or deny authorization to hold a special event within thirty days after receipt of a full and complete application for authorization as described in VTL §2408. The event shall not be conducted without prior written authorization from the governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the site(s). OHVs participating in a properly Noticed and Approved special event may be exempted from the provisions of this Local Law concerning Trail Permits, at the discretion of the Board of Legislators.

H. Responsibility for operation by minors. No owner or other person in possession of any OHV shall authorize or knowingly permit any person under eighteen years of age to operate such OHV

in violation of any provisions of this section.

I. Violations.

1. Any person who rides on the St. Lawrence County Trail System without a valid Permit, shall be fined the sum of \$125 for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense, and shall be subject to the offending OHV being impounded; these fines shall also apply to the record owner of the machine;
2. Any person who enters upon property other than the trail system shall be subject to trespass and any other appropriate violations of the law. Such person(s) shall be fined the sum of \$125 for the first offense and shall be banned from the Trail System for the remainder of the Season with the Trail Permit revoked. Such person(s) shall be fined the sum of \$250 for the second offense and may be permanently banned from the Trail System.
3. Any person who is convicted of violation of the speed limit (25 miles per hour) within the trail system shall receive a fine of \$250 for the first offense, \$500 for the second offense and with the immediate revocation of the Trail Permit(s) issued to that person.
4. Any person who violates any other provisions of this the Local Law, the St. Lawrence County ATV Code Local Law, or any other State or Local Law or regulation shall be guilty of a traffic infraction and/or all other appropriate laws and regulations so violated. A person guilty of a first offense shall receive a fine of \$125 in addition to any other fines specifically set forth in the VTL, ECL or other relevant statute. Upon conviction of a second offense occurring within one calendar year, the offender shall receive a fine of \$250, and all Trail Permits issued to the owner and operator thereof shall be revoked for a period of one calendar year from the date of conviction. The aforesaid is in addition to any other appropriate fines and remedies at law.

J. Rules and regulations. The SLCHS shall promulgate such other rules and regulations as he or she may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this article, and submit same to the Board of Legislators for approval and adoption as an amendment to this Local Law.

K. Disposition of fees. The SLCHS shall deposit all monies received from the issuance of St. Lawrence County Trail Permits for OHVs and all fees otherwise collected under this Local Law to the credit of a Recreational Trails Fund established by the St. Lawrence County Treasurer. All such funds shall be dedicated exclusively to the establishment, maintenance and operation of the St. Lawrence County Trail System.

SECTION 12. REFERENCE TO ATV

Reference to “ATV” in all other ATV Local Laws subsequent thereto, including all Amendments and Additions by Local Law and/or by Resolution, shall be deemed to refer to “OHV” in accordance with this Local Law.

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SECTION 13. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of the Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. Moreover, the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence hereby declares its intent that it would have passed this Local Law or the remainder thereof had such invalid provision or invalid application been apparent.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 138-2021, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran and Ms. Fiacco.

Mr. Arquiatt moved to make a friendly amendment to Section 11, Item F to state an exemption for landowners who have signed Landowner Use Agreements with St. Lawrence County for the Multi-Use Trail System, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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

Resolution No. 138-2021 carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

RESOLUTION NO. 139-2021

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

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

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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:

| Department/Unit: | Title: | Position | Type | Duration | Timeline |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|------|------------|-----------|
| Solid Waste | Sanitary Landfill Attendant | 306400001 | FT | Temporary | Immediate |
| Solid Waste | Sanitary Landfill Attendant | 306400002 | FT | Temporary | Immediate |
| Solid Waste | Heavy Equipment Operator | 309800006 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |
| Probation | Probation Officer | 610000007 | FT | Contingent | Immediate |
| Public Defender | Assistant Public Defender | 021400009 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |
| Sheriff | Detective Sergeant | 606000003 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |
| Community Services | Fiscal Officer | 100800003 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |
| Community Services | Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner | 499700005 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |
| Community Services | Licensed Social Worker (new) or Mental Health Counselor (new) | 512400014 or 506500014 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |
| Board of Elections | Deputy Commissioner | 028000002 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |
| Board of Elections | Data Management Technician | 282000001 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |
| Public Health | Public Health Program Aide | 500400002 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |
| Public Health | Senior Account Clerk | 100200008 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |
| Conflict Defender | Assistant Conflict Defender (new) | 021500008 | FT | Permanent | 60 days |
| County Attorney | Assistant County Attorney (new) | 021900005 | FT | Permanent | Immediate |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Position No. 022200001, Deputy County Attorney, be abolished in the County Attorney's Office on May 14th, 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. 139-2021, seconded by Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Fay.

Mr. Fay moved to amend the resolution to include a position to the list for an Assistant County Attorney in the County Attorney's Office, and to add language stating "Be It Further Resolved that the Position No. 022200001, Deputy County Attorney, be abolished in the County Attorney's Office on May 14th, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Resolution No. 139-2021 carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Doyle said Governor Cuomo extended the Executive Order through May 25th which extends the ability of the Board of Legislators to meet telephonically. The County facilities will tentatively open to the public on June 1st. The DMV is considering reopening sooner, and the State is recommending security at those locations. The Courts will be back at one-hundred percent (100%) capacity on May 24th. There is a campaign circulating by the Public Health Department called "I got my vaccine because...".

May 1st was the second anniversary of the passing of former County Clerk, Mary Lou Rupp. At that time funds were collected to plant a tree in her memory at the one year anniversary of her passing. Due to COVID, people could not gather to hold the memorial, so it has been discussed to now use the funds collected for a park bench to be placed outside the courthouse in her memory with the balance of the cost coming from the employee recognition fund.

The Vacancy Review Committee will meet tomorrow at 3:15 p.m. to review and consider fourteen (14) positions.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met and discussed having County staff positioned in other communities. They are looking at a pilot program to have staff from the Social Services Department be located in an office in Ogdensburg.

A quote was obtained on the cost of plaques to recognize Emergency Services Employees, and these funds will come from the Employee Recognition Funds.

Ms. Doyle said she and Chairman Sheridan met with the Mayor, City Manager, and Deputy Mayor of the City of Ogdensburg on Thursday. They gave a tour of some of their contaminated parcels.

At this time there are six (6) candidates for the Public Health Director position.

There will be a meeting this week with the State Police regarding the Canton lease. This year will mark 28 years of having shared space at the Public Safety Complex. There will be a resolution on the Finance agenda for the lease at 206 Ford Street. Next week the Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet to discuss the upgrades to Emergency Services dispatch at the Public Safety Building, the old jail, and Highway outposts.

The County received \$100,000 from a request from 2018 for a plow truck, and this week there was confirmation of \$50,000 in funds coming for the Courthouse doors that were replaced a few years ago.

Mr. Denesha said Lewis County is opening their Office for the Aging congregate dining and asked when St. Lawrence County would be opening theirs. Ms. Doyle said the Office for the Aging is doing assessments now for modification to the sites for reopening.

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OLD/NEW BUSINESS: There was no old/new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Curran said she attended the Intercounty Committee meeting last week and there was discussion regarding telecommunications and funding available to update areas for broadband to 5G. They are making a list of needs in our area. Many places in St. Lawrence County still have 3G. The Committee is working on getting a report to the State for what is needed.

Mr. Acres moved to go to Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fay moved to go to Open Session at 8:23 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Mr. Lightfoot moved to appoint the following individual to the **Community Services Mental Health Subcommittee (Term to Expire: 12/31/2024)**, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Sarah Gordinier, 473B River Road East, Ogdensburg 13669

Mr. Lightfoot moved to appoint the following individuals to the **Office for the Aging Advisory Council (Terms to Expire: 5/3/2024)**, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Barbara B. McBurnie, 1727 State Highway 72, Post Office Box 484, Parishville 13672
Marjorie McCullough, 109 S. Hammond Road, Hammond 13646

Mr. Lightfoot moved to appoint the following individuals to the **Youth Advisory Board (Terms to Expire: 5/3/2023)**, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Adam Simmons, 6 Pearl Street, Apartment 1, Canton 13617
Rebekah K. Zuhlsdorf, 305 Meade Road, Canton 13617

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individuals to the **Environmental Management Council (Terms to expire: 4-5-2023)**, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Lucas Hanss, 16 School Street, Hannawa Falls 13647 (Replacing William David Barnes)
Steven P. Manders, 31 Judson Street, Canton 13617 (Replacing Aaron Barrigar)

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Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individuals to the **Fire Advisory Board (Terms to Expire 2-28-2024)**, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Darren S. Bullard, Post Office Box 513, Cranberry Lake 12927 (Replacing Tom Popham)
Steve Wilson, 1535 County Route 53, Brasher Falls 13613 (Replacing Tom Miller)

Ms. Curran moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Environmental Management Council (Terms to expire: 12-31-2022)**, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Brian Washburn, 625 Judson Street Road, Canton 13617

Mr. Acres moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **St. Lawrence County Trails Advisory Board (Terms to expire: 12/31/2023)**, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Matt Brown, 1942 Old DeKalb Road, Canton 13617
Kermit Blanchard, 508 Heath Road, Potsdam 13676
Danny Collins, Post Office 331, Hannawa Falls 13647
John Glasgow, 5840 County Route 24, Canton 13617
Janice Lutz, 2068 State Highway 812, Gouverneur 13642
Spencer Thew, Post Office Box 459, South Colton 13617

Mr. Acres moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Workforce Development Board**, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Eowyn Hewey, 238 River Drive, Massena 13662

Mr. Acres moved to reappoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency**, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Lynn Blevins, 122 Delaney Road, Ogdensburg 13669

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: Chair Sheridan appointed Mr. Denesha, Mr. Arquiett, and Mr. Perkins to the St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association Oversight Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Sheridan adjourned the May Full Board Meeting at 8:29 p.m., as there was no further business.