

*\*\*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 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Curran moved to approve the May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup> Special Board meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Interim Public Health Director Jolene Munger and Dr. Andrew Williams

**PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION:**

RESOLUTION NO. 145-2021

**PROCLAIMING JUNE AS DAIRY MONTH**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, since 1937, National Dairy Month has been celebrated in June to recognize the important role of the dairy industry, with this year marking the eighty-fourth anniversary of National Dairy Month, and

**WHEREAS**, milk and dairy foods provide health benefits and valuable nutrients, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County dairy farmers produced 812 million pounds of milk in 2020, ranking the County fourth in the Northeast Milk Marketing Area which extends from New Hampshire to Maryland, and

**WHEREAS**, May 2020 milk production ranked St. Lawrence County 55<sup>th</sup> out of the top 100 dairy counties in the United States, and

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**WHEREAS**, according to the Northeast Statistical Handbook, 253 dairy farms operate in the county, the second highest number of farm operations in the Marketing Area, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County dairy farmers, milk processors and support industries make significant contributions to the region's economy, and

**WHEREAS**, the value of dairy products in 2017 exceeded \$139 million and accounted for seventy-three percent (73%) of the total value of all agricultural products generated by St. Lawrence County farmers, and

**WHEREAS**, due to COVID-19, the annual St. Lawrence County Dairy Princess Parade and Festival, scheduled each year in June, has been postponed to August 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators does hereby proclaim June as Dairy Month.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 145-2021, seconded by Mr. Fay, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

The 2021-22 Dairy Princess introduced herself and her Court: Dairy Princess Elaina Wainwright; Lead Dairy Promoter Joshua Godbout; Princess Alternate Camryn Chester; Princess Alternate Chloe Renaud; Princess Alternate Sarah Rodee; Ambassador Michael Pierce; Ambassador Kaitlyn Putman; Myrah Bullock; Kalyn Bullock; and Kenzie Phillips

A short recess was called at 6:30 p.m.

A reception, sponsored by the Dairy Princess and her Court, was held outside in the Courtyard where they served water and individually wrapped Cabot Cheese. Due to COVID precautions and the extreme 90 degree heat, the traditional milk punch was not served this year.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** There were no communications.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** There was no citizen participation.

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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

Operations Committee: 5-10-2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 146-2021**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A DRONE FOR AERIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPLOYMENT AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff’s Office has been researching the possibilities of aerial law enforcement deployment, and

**WHEREAS**, new technology is now available on drones that will provide the Sheriff’s Office with rapid aerial deployment providing assistance with community security situations, search & rescue calls, quicker apprehension of criminals, larger oversight of big crowds and/or active shooter scenes, accident or crime scene reconstruction information and safety/security maintenance for incidents that may involve the Correctional Facility, and

**WHEREAS**, funds were not budgeted in the 2021 Budget of the Sheriff’s Office for this equipment; however, funds from the 2020 sale of used vehicles (\$17,000), an account for tablet use (\$7,500), and the remaining cost to be covered by Equitable Sharing have been realized to cover the cost,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for the purchase of a drone for aerial law enforcement deployment, as follows:

**DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

01TG0911 50300      Fund Balance, Unreserved Un-Appropriated      \$24,500

**INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

01TG0910 50300      Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated      \$24,500

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

S1031102 24000      S CRIM Highway & Street Equipment      \$24,500

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 146-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Operations Committee: 5-10-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO ACQUIRE TRAINING SERVICES FROM A MASTER INSTRUCTOR FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE CRIMINAL DIVISION**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, the recent retirement of a Master Instructor from the St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Office has created a need to acquire professional services for the upcoming training associated with the Instructor Development Course (IDC) which is scheduled for June 7, 2021 through June 18, 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff would like to transfer funds from the Criminal Division salary account to pay a for the services of a certified Master Instructor to facilitate a successful Instructor Development Course (IDC), and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff’s Office plans to provide a training for another Deputy to be trained so in the future, training could be provided by the Sheriff’s Office, and

**WHEREAS**, acquiring the professional training services necessary for the Instructor Development Course will cost \$2,704,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Sheriff to acquire training services from a Master Instructor for the Instructor Development Course, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office, as follows:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

S1031101 11000	S CRIM Direct Services Workers	\$2,704
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

S1031104 43007	S CRIM Other Fees & Services	\$2,704
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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 147-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Operations Committee: 5-10-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2021

**ADDING 13 PARCELS TOTALING 1,010.3 ACRES TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 2**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County has two Agricultural Districts that help protect and enhance its agricultural resources, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators established March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup> as the annual 30-day review period to receive requests to add land to these districts, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 the County received requests to add fifteen (15) parcels to Agricultural District 2, and

**WHEREAS**, based on criteria specified in Agriculture and Markets Law, the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board reviewed each request at its meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> and recommends thirteen (13) parcels be added to Agricultural District 2, and

**WHEREAS**, no public comments were received at or before the April 13<sup>th</sup> public hearing regarding the recommended additions,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators adds 13 parcels totaling 1,010.3 acres to Agricultural District 2, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Planning Office to submit the appropriate documentation to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets as required by law.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 148-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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Services Committee: 5-17-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JACK VENESKY, CPA AND ASSOCIATES FOR PREPARATION OF THE PRESCHOOL/SCHOOL SUPPORTIVE HEALTH SERVICES (SSHSP) ANNUAL MEDICAID COST REPORT FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022 PROGRAM YEAR**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Department is required to file an annual Preschool/School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP) Medicaid Cost Report, and

**WHEREAS**, the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA & Associates has been providing this service to the Public Health Department, and

**WHEREAS**, a proposal has been received for the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA & Associates to continue providing these services (PK040504 43003) for \$4,500 annually,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Jack Venesky, CPA and Associates for preparation of the Preschool/School Supportive Health Services (SSHSP) Annual Medicaid Cost Report for the Public Health Department for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 149-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 5-17-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 150-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND STERICYCLE FOR DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL WASTE**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Department operates an Article 28 Clinic which provides injectable immunizations, medications, and venipunctures to humans along with providing rabies vaccinations to animals, and

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**WHEREAS**, the medical waste generated in the diagnosis, treatment or immunization of humans and/or the vaccination of animals have specific guidelines for labeling, segregation and disposal, and

**WHEREAS**, these guidelines include the use of clearly marked containers for regulated medical waste, sharps and recyclables, which are separated from other waste at the clinics, and all containers must be properly labeled with “infectious” and/or “regulated medical waste”, and

**WHEREAS**, Stericycle is a compliance company in collecting and disposing of regulated medical waste and sharps, pharmaceuticals, hazardous waste in the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, Stericycle has currently been providing the regular pickup and disposal of our medical waste at the rate of \$3,816 annually (PP040104 43007),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a service agreement between the Public Health Department and Stericycle for the disposal of medical waste, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 150-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 5-17-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 151-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Preparedness Program Contract is used to promote and protect the health of County residents by planning for health emergencies caused by deliberate acts, accidents, and naturally occurring events, to ensure that the Local Health Department is ready to respond to such threats, and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the Emergency Preparedness Program HRI Contract for the Public Health Department will be July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Preparedness Program Contract (PP044895 57000 EP) is \$87,485, and

**WHEREAS**, Local Health Departments must conduct a health Emergency Preparedness Program as a condition of State Aid eligibility,

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the Emergency Preparedness Program Contract for the Public Health Department, and any COLAs to the contract, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 151-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 5-17-2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 152-2021**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH COORDINATED CARE SERVICES, INC., FOR PREPARATION OF THE 2020 CONSOLIDATED FISCAL REPORT AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, Community Services is in need of assistance to complete the Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR) for 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI) provides support in behavioral health and human services, specifically in financial reporting, claiming, and budgeting for counties and providers in New York State, and

**WHEREAS**, CCSI would prepare the 2020 CFR and provide specialized Local Government Unit (LGU) Fiscal Supports for Community Services,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Coordinated Care Services, Inc., for preparation of the Consolidated Fiscal Report for 2020, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A5043101 13000	A ADM Technical	\$10,540
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A5043101 43007	A ADM Other Fees & Services	\$10,540
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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 152-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 5-17-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A NEW MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWINDS INTEGRATED HEALTH NETWORK IPA, INC.**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) and Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) have launched the NYS Behavioral Health Value Based Payment (VBP) Readiness Program which will fund behavioral health providers to form behavioral health care collaborative in an effort to position such providers to succeed in the VBP Environment, and

**WHEREAS**, the VBP Readiness Program will make funding available through Medicaid Managed Care organizations to achieve goals established for VBP Readiness Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the North County Behavioral Health Care Collaborative (NC-BHCC) was formed for purposes of the VBP Readiness Program, with Citizen Advocates, Inc., designated to act as the lead agency for NC-BHCC, and

**WHEREAS**, these funds are for the purpose of creating an organization and enhancing data analytics, quality oversight, and clinical integration, and

**WHEREAS**, the NC-BHCC created a subsequent not-for-profit corporation Northwinds Integrated Health Network IPA, Inc. to manage VBP Readiness Program and service agreements with Managed Care organizations and/or Accountable Care organizations for the provision of behavioral health and related health care services to respective health plan members, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 313-2019 authorized the Chair to sign a Tier 2 Membership Agreement with Northwinds Integrated Health Network IPA, Inc., and

**WHEREAS**, it is the best interest of Community Services to enter into a new membership agreement with Northwinds Integrated Health Network IPA, Inc., and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement can be terminated upon sixty (60) days prior written notice,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a new membership agreement with Northwinds Integrated Health Network IPA, Inc., upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 153-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 5-17-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2021 (TABLED)

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LOT 21 FOR SPACE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, LOCATED AT 206 FORD STREET AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 213-2008 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with David and Lynn Blevins for the lease of property at 206 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, and

**WHEREAS**, the space is currently occupied by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Probation, and Community Services' Addiction Services Clinic, and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for additional office space for the Department of Social Services and an opportunity to potentially create efficiencies through a pilot program of placement of staff in the community, and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the agreement will be for three (3) years, from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, for approximately 1,926 square feet, and

**WHEREAS**, the rental rate will be \$12.00 per square foot in the first year of the lease, and the annual amount will increase approximately \$161 each year for the three (3) year term of the lease,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease agreement with Lot 21 for space for the Department of Social Services in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, located at 206 Ford Street, 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 Social Services, as follows:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the initial rental rate will be \$12.00 per square foot in the first year of the three year term, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024,

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

DAS60104 40700	D SG Building and Property Rent	\$11,566
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**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

T1013254 40700	T TRES Ogd/Mass Rent Shortfall	\$9,150
DMM61004 46500	D Medicaid to State	<u>2,416</u>
		\$11,566

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 154-2021, seconded by Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Smithers moved to table this resolution, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 5-17-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA)**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 seeks to prevent the unnecessary removal of children from families by providing funding for mental health, addiction services, and efforts for in home parenting skill training, and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) is making modifications to comply, among them, to create and provide a more timely process for a determination of the most appropriate level of care for children to ensure the requirements of the 2018 Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) can be met, and

**WHEREAS**, an important aspect of the Act requires the Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) to obtain the services of qualified individual(s) who can utilize Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) approved assessment documentation and work collaboratively with the LDSS to provide competent recommendations, when it becomes necessary to place children in NYS Qualified Residential Treatment Programs, and

**WHEREAS**, the critical need for timely and competent assessments for children in these circumstances could be best be accomplished by the professional staff in the Mental Health Clinic at Community Services, and

**WHEREAS**, the availability of Title IV-E funding is affirmed by a timely and responsive process as established through the Federal Government and affirmed by New York State and the term of this initial contract will be for one year (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022),

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract between the Department of Social Services and the Mental Health Clinic in Community Services to provide the services of ‘Qualified Individual(s)’ under the Family First Prevent Services Act, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that New York State is currently working through the allowable rates for these services that will be acceptable for claiming and expected to provide counties with guidance on how to proceed, once that has been received by the County, a budget modification will be prepared for consideration by the Board of Legislators.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 155-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 5-17-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 156-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR THE  
2021 BASSMASTER ELITE SERIES IN WADDINGTON, NEW YORK**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee  
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Acres, District 8 and Ms. Curran, District 15

**WHEREAS**, the Bassmasters Elite Series Tournaments began in 2013 in Waddington, New York and St. Lawrence County provided \$75,000 from state/tribal gaming compact funds for the first tournament, and continued to provide financial support through Resolutions Nos. 164-2018 and 144-2019 for events in 2018 and 2019, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 207-2020 modified the 2020 Budget to authorize \$30,000 in appropriations in support of the Bassmaster Elite Series in Waddington for 2020, but unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic the tournament scheduled for the summer of 2020 was canceled, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators authorized Resolution No. 347-2020 creating a reserve account (01TG0899 50300 BMST) for the 2020 appropriations for the Bassmaster Tournament to be made available for the next time a tournament could successfully be held, and

**WHEREAS**, the success of past events generated an unprecedented contract with Bassmaster to host an Elite Series event in Waddington for four consecutive years (2018-2021), with an additional B.A.S.S. Nation Regional Tournament in 2022, increasing the destination exposure and leveraging economic development opportunities, and

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**WHEREAS**, the impacts of COVID-19 prevented the tournament from taking place in St. Lawrence County last year, and the County is looking forward with great anticipation to the 2021 tournament,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the release of funds set aside for the 2021 Bassmaster Elite Series in Waddington, New York.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 156-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Services Committee: 5-17-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 157-2021

**COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, in the year 2021, the Town of Morristown, New York, celebrates its Bicentennial and it is fitting to recognize the Town of Morristown on the occasion of this special milestone and to applaud its distinguished history, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Morristown was officially created on March 27, 1821 by the State Legislature from part of the town of Oswegatchie and the first Town Board Meeting was held on April 10, 1821, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has been primarily a rural farmland area with a rich and varied history includes ferries, railroads, grist mills, saw mills, tanneries, Indian Root pill factory, funeral homes, local schools and marinas, and

**WHEREAS**, the County holds in high regard the Morristown community and pays tribute to the residents of Morristown who bravely served in Wars and Conflicts faced by this nation and to all who have served on the Town Board and committees that have contributed to its success, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Morristown consists of the hamlets of Morristown, Edwardsville, and Brier Hill and the boundaries include the beautiful St. Lawrence River and scenic Black Lake, and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the rich history of the Town of Morristown and enduring contributions, it is indeed an honor to pay tribute to the Town upon the occasion of its Bicentennial,

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators commemorates the Bicentennial of the Town of Morristown, and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators sends along high regards to past and current residents on this momentous occasion, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Morristown and Interim Historian Nancy LaFaver.

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Mr. Lightfoot moved to adopt Resolution No. 157-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Finance Committee: 5-24-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 158-2021

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR SOLID WASTE FOR REVENUE RECEIVED FROM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY (DANC) FOR RECYCLING EQUIPMENT**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the Solid Waste Department was awarded a fifty percent (50%) matching grant from Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) totaling \$600,000 for the purchase of recycling equipment, and

**WHEREAS**, Solid Waste purchased two (2) Backhoes, a floor trailer, a tractor and a handler in 2019, and four (4) octagon receivers, a roll off truck, and a handler in 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, the Solid Waste Department has a remaining balance of \$14,093 which must be expended by December 31, 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, with these funds, the Solid Waste Department would like to purchase six (6) recycling roll off boxes, and

**WHEREAS**, currently the Solid Waste Department has two (2) roll off trailers,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for Solid Waste for revenue received from Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for recycling equipment, as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

W1027705 55000	W LR Other Revenues	\$14,093
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**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

WA017104 49700                      W ADM Contingency Account                      \$2,500

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

WO081602 24000                      W OPR Highway & Street Equipment                      \$16,593

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 158-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Finance Committee: 5-24-2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 159-2021**

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS  
CAPITAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TRAIL GRADER FOR THE  
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY MULTI-USE TRAIL PROJECT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Department of Highways Capital Fund Budget includes appropriations for the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail Project, and

**WHEREAS**, as requested by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC), a trail grader is needed to grade and maintain the Trails,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways Capital Fund for the purchase of a trail grader for the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail Project, as follows:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

HM271974 43007 ATV	HM ATV In Kind Other Fees and Services	\$2,571
HM271974 454CO ATV	HM ATV In Kind Subcontractors	2,305
HM271974 49900 ATV	HM ATV In Kind Miscellaneous	434
B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	<u>4,000</u>
		\$9,310

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

T6650319 90100                      T IFT CP Transfers from GF                      \$4,000

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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

T6199509 90600	T IFT GF Transfer to CP	\$4,000
HM271972 24000 ATV	HM ATV Highway & Street Equip	<u>9,310</u>
		\$13,310

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 159-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Arquiett.

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

Resolution No. 159-2021 was carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

Finance Committee: 5-24-2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 160-2021**

**AUTHORIZING A BOND RESOLUTION FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO EQUIPMENT GARAGES AND TWO SAND/SALT STORAGE BUILDINGS AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$6,000,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$6,000,000 BONDS OF ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators (“County”) has identified the need to (a) acquire and construct an equipment garage and sand/salt storage building on certain property owned by the County at 3896 County Route 24 in the Town of Russell, and (b) acquire and construct an equipment garage and sand/salt storage building on certain property owned by the County at 522 County Route 28A in the Town of Lisbon, (collectively, the “Project”), and

**WHEREAS**, the County is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”), and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 140-2021, adopted May 24, 2021 determined that the Project is an Unlisted Action as such term is defined in the Regulations, declared itself lead agency and in accordance with a reasoned elaboration, determined that the Project will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment and issued a Negative Declaration with respect to the Project,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes a bond resolution for the acquisition and construction of two equipment garages and two sand/salt storage buildings at a maximum estimated cost of \$6,000,000, and authorizing the issuance of up to \$6,000,000 bonds of St. Lawrence County to pay the cost thereof, as follows:



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Section 1. Undertaking a capital improvement project consisting of the acquisition and construction of an equipment garage and sand/salt storage building on certain property owned by the County at 3896 County Route 24 in the Town of Russell, and the acquisition and construction of an equipment garage and sand/salt storage building on certain property owned by the County at 522 County Route 28A in the Town of Lisbon, including all other necessary costs incidental to such work, including related construction, demolition, renovations, site improvements, original furnishings, fixtures, and equipment and professional fees required for such purposes, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$6,000,000. There are hereby authorized to be issued up to \$6,000,000 serial bonds of the County to finance the Project pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. Pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 11 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of specific objects or purposes is 25 years.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of up to \$6,000,000 serial bonds, or such lower amount as may be necessary, hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond resolution and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable, and by the application of state and/or federal assistance available or to any revenues available for such purpose from any other source.

Section 4. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocable pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such years and such debt service payments may be made in substantially level or declining amounts as may be authorized by law. All the taxable real property within the County shall be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, subject to applicable statutory limitations.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such matter, as may be prescribed by the County Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law. The bonds and notes authorized hereby may be issued to the United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Development, or any of its related offices or agencies, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation under any of its revolving fund programs or any purchaser in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law. The County Treasurer is authorized to execute and deliver any documents, including a financing agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Development, or any of its related offices or agencies, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, if applicable, and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and provisions hereof.

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Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the County Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of such County. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the County Treasurer shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of St. Lawrence County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Treasurer and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested to by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the County not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent.

Section 8. The County hereby covenants and agrees with the holders from time to time of the Bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, that the County will faithfully observe and comply with all provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and any proposed or final regulations issued pursuant thereto unless, in the opinion of bond counsel, such compliance is not required by the Code and regulations to maintain the exclusion from gross income of interest on said obligations for federal income tax purposes.

Section 9. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- a) The proposed maturity of the Bonds shall be in excess of five years.
- b) Current funds are not required by the Local Finance Law to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof authorized by this resolution.
- c) The County reasonably expects to reimburse itself for expenditures made out of the County General Fund for the Project from the proceeds of the bonds or notes herein authorized.
- d) This resolution is a declaration of official intent to reimburse for purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.
- e) The bonds authorized herein are not being issued for an assessable improvement.

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Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (c) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 12. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper(s) of such County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 160-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 161-2021

## **AUTHORIZING REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW CORRECTION OF ERRORS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law allows for certain corrections of errors to be made with regard to the assessment and tax rolls, and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Real Property Tax Office has investigated and determined that clerical errors have occurred pursuant to section 554 or 556 of the Real Property Tax Law, and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Real Property Tax Office has provided a list of such errors, which shall be known as Correction of Errors - Real Property Tax Law List # 2 for the Year 2021,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes Real Property Tax Law Correction of Errors, as follows:

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Correction of Errors - Real Property Tax Law List # 2 for the Year 2021

<b><u>Name</u></b>	Betsy Myers
St. Lawrence County	Town of Norfolk
Tax Roll Year	2021
Tax Map No.	42.002-3-35
Original Bill	\$6,378.26
Corrected Bill	\$1,280.68
Reason	Assessment of improvement present on another parcel
Refund	
Chargeback Total	\$5,097.58

<b><u>Name</u></b>	Taylor Timber LLC
St. Lawrence County	Town of Fine
Tax Roll Year	2021
Tax Map No.	190.000-3-2.1
Original Bill	\$5,042.98
Corrected Bill	\$1,737.15
Reason	480A exemption removed in error
Refund	\$3,305.83
Chargeback Total	

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of Real Property and Treasurer make the recommended corrections.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 161-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 162-2021

**ADOPTING MORTGAGE TAX REPORT**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mortgage Tax Report as submitted by the County Clerk and the County Treasurer is hereby accepted and the County Treasurer is authorized and directed to issue the amounts as set forth in the report to the various tax districts in this County.

<u>Town/Village</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brasher	\$17,791.16
Canton:	
Village of Canton	12,013.16
Village of Rensselaer	526.53
Town of Canton	42,356.50
Clare	366.13
Clifton	8,392.55
Colton	18,337.94
Dekalb:	
Village of Richville	345.17
Town of Dekalb	9,095.12
DePeyster	3,834.72
Edwards	5,004.50
Fine	6,382.97
Fowler	27,677.40
Gouverneur:	
Village of Gouverneur	7,633.92
Town of Gouverneur	20,896.31
Hammond:	
Village of Hammond	579.03
Town of Hammond	26,119.29
Hermon	2,298.66
Hopkinton	4,069.50
Lawrence	5,560.56
Lisbon	18,230.39
Louisville:	
Village of West Massena	2,450.66

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Town of Louisville	26,468.31
Macomb	9,340.57
Madrid	13,136.03
Massena:	
Village of Massena	19,819.55
Town of Massena	44,351.47
Town of Morristown	21,495.00
Norfolk:	
Village of Norwood	120.93
Village of Massena	2.23
Town of Norfolk	17,893.96
Ogdensburg	26,780.37
Oswegatchie:	
Village of Heuvelton	2,324.40
Town of Oswegatchie	42,161.42
Parishville	13,317.45
Piercefield	10,549.50
Pierrepoint	17,796.70
Pitcairn	5,448.25
Potsdam:	
Village of Potsdam	16,877.99
Village of Norwood	3,817.19
Town of Potsdam	68,327.19
Rossie	1,099.30
Russell	11,478.15
Stockholm	20,975.85
Waddington:	
Village of Waddington	8,046.12
Town of Waddington	31,416.44
Totals	\$673,006.54

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 162-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 163-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC) awarded a multi-year option for the County to engage in a Septic System Replacement Program, and

**WHEREAS**, a successful program was administered in 2018 with the County receiving \$225,000 and subsequently spending the entire amount on the repair or replacement of forty (40) deficient septic systems along specified waterbodies throughout the County, and

**WHEREAS**, funding in the amount of \$340,000 has been made available to the County for an additional opportunity to administer the Septic System Replacement Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has offered to provide financial assistance for administrative costs associated with program implementation as this type of funding was absent from the grant in its current format, and

**WHEREAS**, the funding being provided through the SWCD will not fully offset the cost of full implementation of the grant award of \$340,000, and

**WHEREAS**, the intent to move forward with grant implementation with funds provided by the SWCD will occur with efforts to locate additional sources of funds to support the administration of the grant, noting that it is possible that implementation may be impacted when administrative funding is exhausted,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Septic System Replacement Program, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget in the Planning Office, as follows, and to roll over any remaining funds to future years until the grant is fully expended:

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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

N1087904 460GP EFC	N EFC Septic Round 2	\$340,000
N1087904 43007 EFC	N Septic Admin Round 2	<u>20,000</u>
		\$360,000

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

N1039895 56000 EFC	N EFC Septic Round 2	\$340,000
N1012895 55000 EFC	N LR Other Gen Dept Income	<u>20,000</u>
		\$360,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an update will be provided to the Board of Legislators if additional administrative funding is needed.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 163-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 164-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NORTH COUNTRY HOUSING COUNCIL TO ADMINISTER THE 2021 SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC) awarded a multi-year option for the County to engage in a Septic System Replacement Program, and

**WHEREAS**, funding in the amount of \$340,000 has been made available to the County for the 2021 Septic System Replacement Program (N1087904 460GP EFC2), and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County issued a Request for Proposals soliciting qualified bidders for the purpose of providing program delivery and day-to-day administration of the second round of the Septic System Replacement Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal for services submitted by North Country Housing Council best met the criteria outlined in the Request for Proposals,



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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with North Country Housing Council at a rate of \$850 per unit to administer the 2021 Septic System Replacement Program, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 164-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Denesha), and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 165-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ODIN ENVIRONMENTAL LLC FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE ESTATE OF BETTY DAVIS AND PROPERTIES OWNED BY MELVIN BICE AND PROPERTY OWNED BY GRANT'S GAS & GROCERY, LLC**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, the County commenced an In Rem real property tax foreclosure proceeding for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against property owned by the Estate of Betty Davis known as the Davis Site, in the Town of Fowler, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 187.047-1-27) and against properties owned by Melvin Bice known as the Bice Site, in the Town of Russell, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map Nos. 163.082-2-20 and 163.082-2-21) and against property owned by Grant's Gas & Grocery known at the Grant's Site in Town of Potsdam, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 75.002-2-6) (hereinafter referred to as the "Properties"), and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$9,668.85, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$12,434.03 for a total of \$22,102.88 on the parcel owned by the Estate of Betty Davis and there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$44,704.48, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$54,845.20 for a total of \$99,549.68 on the parcels owned by Melvin Bice, and there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$94,399.07, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$63,514.00 for a total of \$157,913.07 on the parcel owned by Grant's Gas & Grocery, LLC

**WHEREAS**, the Properties are each known to have had historic storage and sale of gasoline and other petroleum product and are believed to be potentially contaminated with petroleum discharged from historic petroleum storage tank systems at each parcel, and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to have an environmental investigation conducted on the Properties to obtain information about the environmental conditions, including whether or not there is subsurface petroleum contamination of the soil and groundwater and, further, the general

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nature and extent of any discovered contamination, so that the County can make an informed decision concerning the Properties prior to a judgment of foreclosure being entered, and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the County, through its outside environmental counsel, has issued a request for bids, with the scope of work involving a limited site environmental investigation of each parcel and preparation of a written report describing environmental conditions found after investigation to the County if it proceeds with tax foreclosure and acquires this parcel, and

**WHEREAS**, the County Attorney and Consultant, Gary Bowitch, Esq. have reviewed the proposals received and recommend awarding the contract to Odin Environmental LLC,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Odin Environmental LLC, in the amount of \$10,140, for environmental investigation on owned by the Estate of Betty Davis and properties owned by Melvin Bice and property owned by grant's Gas & Grocery, LLC, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 165-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 166-2021 (**TABLED**)

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LOT 21  
FOR SPACE IN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK,  
LOCATED AT 206 FORD STREET**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 213-2008 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with David and Lynn Blevins for the lease of property at 206 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, and

**WHEREAS**, the space is currently occupied by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Probation, and Community Services' Addiction Services Clinic, and

**WHEREAS**, there will be a reduction in footprint from the previous lease from 8,523 square foot to 6,471 square foot due to the relocation of the Single Point of Access (SPOA) Program and the Health Home Care Management Service Dollars Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of a new agreement will be five (5) years and run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 for approximately 6,471 square feet, and

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**WHEREAS**, the rental rate per square foot will be \$12.00 per square foot (K1414104 40700, Q1O31404 40700, A1342504 40700) in the first year of the lease and will increase \$500 per annum each year for the five (5) year term of the lease,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease agreement with Lot 21 for space in the City of Ogdensburg, New York, located at 206 Ford Street, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** at an initial rental rate of \$12.00, for a term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 166-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Mr. Smithers moved to table this resolution, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 167-2021

### **APPOINTING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HISTORIAN**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, St. Lawrence County separated the role of the Director of the Historical Association from the County Historian, and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 226-2020, adopted August 3, 2020, appointed Nancy LaFaver as the Interim St. Lawrence County Historian, who served previously during the absence of Executive Directors, and

**WHEREAS**, the Interim County Historian is looking to collaborate with all the local historians in the County to improve efforts to make local history even more available, and

**WHEREAS**, the Interim County Historian is working on grant opportunities to provide funding that would assist with efforts to restore, maintain, and improve access to St. Lawrence County history, and

**WHEREAS**, there are a number of areas that require oversight and the attention of the County Historian, and the Interim Historian is the recommended replacement,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators appoints Nancy LaFaver as the St. Lawrence County Historian.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 167-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

RESOLUTION NO. 168-2021

**ADOPTING 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.
- 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.

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Section 9. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 168-2021, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, Mr. Forsythe, and Ms. Fiacco, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

RESOLUTION NO. 169-2021

**AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES**

By Mr. Acres, District 8 and Ms. Fiacco, District 11

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the fill of each of the following vacancies which have been reviewed and recommended to be filled or created and filled by the Vacancy Review Committee:

<u>Department/Unit:</u>	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Social Services/Adult Protective	Case Supervisor, Grade B	816100001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Children's Services	Case Supervisor, Grade B	816000003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Children's Services	Caseworker	81500020	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Children's Protective Services	Caseworker	815200005	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Children's Services	Clerk	002300008	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/ Children's Services	Case Supervisor, Grade B (new)	816100010	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Children's Protective Services	Senior Caseworker (new)	815400004	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Children's Services	Keyboard Specialist (new)	003100104	FT	Permanent	Immediate

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Information Technology	Director of IT (new)	202400001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
County Attorney	Assistant County Attorney (new)	021900006	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Youth Bureau	Youth Interns (new)	995500005	FT	Temporary	Immediate

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Position No. 022200002, Paralegal, be abolished in the County Attorney's Office, and

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

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 169-2021, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

RESOLUTION NO. 170-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO REQUEST THE PLAN OF RECORD DATA FROM CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (SPECTRUM) AND SIGN THE REQUIRED NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Ms. Curran, District 15

**WHEREAS**, broadband access is critical for continued growth of the economy and for adequate educational opportunities to be provided to all St. Lawrence County residents, and

**WHEREAS**, Charter Communications, Inc. (Spectrum) agreed to extend its network to 145,000 addresses in New York that are either unserved or underserved with respect to broadband service as part of the approval by the New York State Public Service Commission of its merger with Time Warner Cable, and

**WHEREAS**, if requested, Charter Communications, Inc. (Spectrum) is required to share this address database so municipalities can verify all identified buildouts have been completed, and

**WHEREAS**, Charter Communications, Inc. (Spectrum) requires that a Non-Disclosure Agreement be signed by entities requesting and viewing the address information, and that all users be bound by the Non-Disclosure Agreement, and

**WHEREAS**, obtaining this information will allow the County the capability of ensuring that the Spectrum buildout has been completed according to the terms and conditions of the 2019 settlement agreement between Spectrum and the New York State Public Service Commission,

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to request Plan of Record data from Charter Communications, Inc. (Spectrum) and sign the required Non-Disclosure Agreement for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 170-2021, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

RESOLUTION NO. 171-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN NECESSARY DOCUMENTS  
TO ACCEPT AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING  
FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

By Mr. Sheridan, District 4

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the economic impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Federal Government recognized the fiscal challenges faced by state, local, territorial, and tribal governments through the Country, and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 (H.R. 1319) was enacted and this provides \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible entities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Act will appropriate \$65.1 Billion of the \$350 Billion in direct aid to counties with additional funding opportunities for counties, to combat the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and

**WHEREAS**, St. Lawrence County has been notified that the share to be provided will be a total of \$20,927,232 and authorization is requested to receive the first half of these funds in the near future and the balance in 2022 with four (4) years to spend the funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the County is required to apply for these funds and adhere to the terms and conditions established which includes quarterly reporting requirements, and

**WHEREAS**, as such it will be necessary to establish revenue and appropriation accounts within the Budget to manage, track, monitor, and report ARPA separately from other accounts,

**WHEREAS**, the opportunity to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the potential to have a long term impact on St. Lawrence County will guide the approved use of these funds,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign necessary documents to accept the American Rescue Plan Act funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Administrator be authorized to accept the American Rescue Plan Act funds and the County Treasurer be authorized to create accounts (01TG0691 502BO), and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that subsequent resolutions will be brought forward to request the appropriations of these funds within the allowable uses, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that St. Lawrence County hereby accepts the first installment of the total funds in the ARPA to be used in accordance with the purposes established and subsequent guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 171-2021, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

RESOLUTION NO. 172-2021

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH DESIGNATED TRAIL MAINTENANCE ENTITIES (TME) ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW YORK STATE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM**

By Mr. Arquiett, District 13

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4 and Mr. Denesha, District 6

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program (hereinafter “Program”) was created, based on Article 27 of the NY Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law, and

**WHEREAS**, this Program establishes a mechanism for allocating funds to local governmental sponsors engaged in the development and maintenance of snowmobile trails, designated as part of the New York State Snowmobile Trail System, and

**WHEREAS**, the County is a designated recipient of funds under the Program and is designated as a “local sponsor” for receipt of a New York State Snowmobile Grant funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the Program establishes a mechanism for allocating funds to local governmental sponsors that engage in the development and maintenance of snowmobile trails designated as part of the State Snowmobile Trail System, and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District Manager acts as the Authorized Project Administrator who oversees the operations and deliverables on behalf of the County, and



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**WHEREAS**, several snowmobile associations assist the County in maintaining the trail system and may be designated as Trail Maintenance Entities (hereinafter referred to as the “TME”) on behalf of the County, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to establish the parameters of performance and create a clear understanding of the parties obligations, a contract between the County and each designated TME is appropriate,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with designated Trail Maintenance Entity (TME) associated with the New York State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Arquiett moved to adopt Resolution No. 172-2021, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Denesha.

Mr. Denesha and Mr. Sheridan asked to be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

Resolution No. 172-2021 carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Perkins).

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Ms. Doyle said County staff has been one-hundred percent (100%) back in the office for six (6) weeks now, and there have been three (3) instances of Covid cases amongst employees. St. Lawrence County is now 57.6% vaccinated, and New York State is 68.6% vaccinated. The vaccination clinic at Maxcy Hall, SUNY Potsdam, has transitioned to a FEMA trailer adjacent to Maxcy Hall, and the J&J vaccine is available. The daily survey of staff is still being conducted.

Ms. Doyle attended a County Administrators and Managers meeting in Madison County hosted by NYSAC which discussed the latest legislation, funding avenues, and other issues.

The Vacancy Review Committee will meet tomorrow at 3 p.m. to discuss nine (9) vacancies.

The New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) offers twelve month of past due rent, three months of future rent, and twelve months of overdue utility bills. As of today, the Department of Social Services has 58 applications for rent arrears, 55 applications for future rent, and 13 applications for utility arrears submitted.

Ms. Doyle said she is working with NYPA to try to schedule a meeting regarding some of their programs regarding renewable energy.

The Consolidation Committee will meet on Friday.

Ms. Doyle reported one transfer of funds: \$2,650 for the Highway Department for equipment.

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Ms. Curran asked to include the information on The New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) on the County website.

Mr. Burke asked if the public could submit suggestions on the stimulus funding.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Arquiett said St. Lawrence County has 750 miles of snowmobile trails with 553 of those miles funded through the snowmobile trail grant program. There are 126 miles of multi-use trails, and since the local law came into effect, 475 trail passes have been sold with revenue of just over \$25,000. Trail Administrator Deb Christy is hosting youth ATV classes to be held on June 26-27.

Mr. Forsythe said due to the border closing between America and Canada, Americans are unable to travel the St. Lawrence River on Canadian waters.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Ms. Curran said the EMS Advisory Committee met and discussed a resolution adopted by Cayuga County regarding guidelines on training courses for EMS dispatchers.

Mr. Smithers said the Fair Committee met and are planning to hold the County Fair on August 2nd. They will follow State guidelines. The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators full Board meeting will be held opening day at the Fair on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay and Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Perkins).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Curran move to go to Open Session at 9:44 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Perkins).

**CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS:** There were no Chair's Appointments

Ms. Curran moved to reappoint the following individual to the Planning Board (Term to expire 7/12/2024), and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Perkins):

Priscilla Darling, 216 Irish Hill Road, Oswegatchie 13670

Ms. Curran moved to appoint the following individuals to the Office for the Aging (Term to expire 5/3/3024), and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Perkins):

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Barbara B. McBurnie, 1727 State Highway 72, Parishville 13672  
Marjorie McCullouch, 109 S. Hammond Road, Hammond 13646

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Sheridan adjourned the June Full Board Meeting at 9:45 p.m., as there was no further business.