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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**MS. RITA CURRAN, CHAIR**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024**  
**\*\*\*BOARD ROOM AND VIA YOUTUBE\*\*\***  
**\*\*\*5:30 P.M. \*\*\***

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – December 11
- 3. RAVE MOBILE SAFETY PROGRAM DEMONSTRATION** – Joseph Braun,  
Account Executive, Motorola Solutions
- 4. EMERGENCY SERVICES – MATT DENNER**
  - A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Rave Mobile Safety for an Emergency Alert Notification Program and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Emergency Services (Res)
  - B. Modifying the 2024 Budget for Emergency Services for Five Call-Taking Licenses for the 911 Dispatch Centers (Res)
- 5. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER**
  - A. Encouraging Local Governments to Protect Agriculture by Using a Solar Development Mapping Tools for Decision-Making Regarding Solar Development (Res) (Info)
  - B. Authorizing the Creation of a 30-Day Modification Period for the Eight-Year Agricultural District Review that will Run Concurrently with the Annual Agricultural District Review for St. Lawrence County and Setting a Date for a Public Hearing (Res)
  - C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Office of Community Renewal for Community Development Block Grant Funds and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Planning Office (Res)
  - D. Septic System Replacement Program (Update)
- 6. DISTRICT ATTORNEY – GARY PASQUA**
  - A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report (Res)

**7. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – RICK JOHNSON**

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation (NYSTEC) for Virtual Chief Information Security Officer Services and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Information Technology (Res)

**8. LEGISLATOR RITA CURRAN**

- A. Urging Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislators to Pass Senate Bill S1230 and Assembly Bill A4552, “An Act to Amend the Educations Law, in Relation to Adopting the Inter-State Nurse Licensure Compact (Part A) and to Amend the Education Law in Relation to Adopting the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact (Part B)

**9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE**

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (Denesha)
- B. Alternative to Incarceration Board (Burke)
- C. Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Library (Haggard)
- D. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board (Curran)
- E. Environmental Management Council (Terminelli)
- F. Fire Advisory Board (Denesha)
- G. Jury Board (Sheridan)
- H. Planning Board (Fay)

**11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Litigation
- B. Negotiations
- C. Personnel
- D. Appointments

**13. ADJOURNMENT – If there is no further business.**

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Operations Committee: 1-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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

X2036404 42004	X Computer Software	\$23,941
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Operations Committee: 1-8-2024

RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

XP036404 42004	X Computer Software	\$41,676
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RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** December 7, 2023

**To:** St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators

**From:** Robert G. Andrews, Chair

**Re:** Encouraging towns to protect agriculture by using the Solar Development Mapping Tool for decision making regarding Solar Development on Farmland

The St. Lawrence County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) has continued to be concerned about the displacement of farmland to accommodate solar development. The Planning Office performed a geospatial analysis to identify areas suitable for solar development while protecting prime agricultural soils, wetlands, and forests. The Planning Office developed the Mapping Tool in consultation with the County Planning Board, Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, and solar developers. It displays marginal land and degraded land. The Solar Development Mapping Tool is available on the St. Lawrence County Planning Office webpage under “Maps.”

(<https://stlawco.gov/Departments/Planning/SolarDevelopmentMappingTool>).

The Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board respectfully asks the Board of Legislators to consider the following resolution to encourage local governments to protect agriculture by using the Solar Development Mapping Tool in decision making regarding solar development.

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RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

**WHEREAS**, in the last ten years, 640 low-to-middle income households, in twenty-four different communities across St. Lawrence County, have been assisted with more than \$28.6 million in CDBG funding for housing rehabilitation to bring residences up to building codes and increase the quality of housing in the County,

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

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

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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

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

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RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Ms. Currans, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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

CD016804 43007	C IT Other Fees	\$40,000
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RESOLUTION NO.

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators urges Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislators to pass Senate Bill S1230 and Assembly Bill A4552, “An Act to Amend the Educations Law, in Relation to Adopting the Inter-

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State Nurse Licensure Compact (Part A) and to Amend the Education Law in Relation to Adopting the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact (Part B), and

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