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TO: St. Lawrence County Legislators and Other Interested People
FROM: Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
DATE: December 2, 2022
SUBJECT: **BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Attached is a copy of the agenda for the Board Meeting of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators on **Monday, December 5, 2022**, in the Legislative Board Room.

When any reference is made to any contracts not set forth in the agenda, the original documents are available for inspection by any and all persons and are filed in the Clerk of the Board of Legislators' Office.

Order of Business:

Calls to Order
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Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance
Memorial Ceremony
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes
Communications
Citizen Participation
Presentation of Resolutions
County Administrator's Report
Old/New Business
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Adjournment

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December 5, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4;
Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Acres, District 8;
Mr. Fay, District 9; Ms. Haggard, District 10; Ms. Fiacco, District 11; Mr. Burke, District 12;
Mr. Arquiett, District 13; Ms. Terminelli, District 14; and Ms. Curran, District 15

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

**ALLEN JAMES RISHE
Supervisor – Legislator – County Administrator**

WHEREAS, this man was recognized as a leader in his community and was chosen to serve on the Board of Supervisors representing the Third Ward of the City of Ogdensburg from 1970 through 1973; and when the Board of Supervisors became the Board of Legislators, he was again elected and served District 18 in the City of Ogdensburg from 1974 through 1989, and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Mr. Allen Rishe was appointed as the first County Administrator of St. Lawrence County holding this position until his retirement in 1996, as well as performing other duties for his fellow citizens, and he honorably and diligently discharged the trust so reposed in him and he has now departed, leaving a record which we remember and which today we seek to commemorate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we treasure the qualities of service and devotion to duty of this, our absent friend, that we rejoice in the work he accomplished and sorrow that he is no longer with us, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in token of our respect to this departed associate, this resolution be included in our records as a permanent memorial to his time spent with us.

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Operations Committee: 11-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**ADOPTING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County, with assistance from Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., has gathered information and prepared the St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan update, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five (5) years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators adopts the St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

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Operations Committee: 11-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

MODIFYING THE 2022 EMERGENCY SERVICES BUDGET FOR RELATED OVERTIME EXPENSES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Service’s Office has exceeded the budget in the overtime account for 2022, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing all accounts, funds required for the overages were found in existing accounts, and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to transfer the \$7,000 balance appropriated in targeted contingency for Emergency Services overtime, and request an additional \$12,840 to cover the remaining amount needed for the remainder of 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services for overtime expenses as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

XPT27705 55000	X PS LR Other Revenue	\$360
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X1C34104 41102	X CD Educational Workshops	\$1,800
B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	<u>19,840</u>
		\$21,640

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X1C34101 18000	X CD Overtime	\$22,000
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Operations Committee: 11-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR A FY22 OPERATION STONEGARDEN PROGRAM (OPSG) GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded a FY22 Operation Stonegarden Grant in the amount of \$300,000 to key law enforcement agencies in St. Lawrence County, with a contract period of period of September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2025, and

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

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office will receive \$58,423.04 and will act as a pass-through agency for three local entities; the City of Ogdensburg Police Department (\$48,839.19), Village of Canton (\$16,916) and Village of Massena (\$58,693.19), and

WHEREAS, the remaining funding of \$117,128.58 is allocated to three State level law enforcement agencies (NYS Police, NYS Park Police and NYS DEC) who will do their own reporting, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a FY22 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the Sheriff's Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 12000 SG2	S CRIM Supervisory/Administration	\$2,000
S1Z31101 14000 SG2	S CRIM Clerical	3,000
S1Z31101 18000 SG2	S CRIM Overtime	25,302
S1Z31102 25000 SG2	S CRIM Technical Equipment	18,297
S1Z31104 43007 SG2	S CRIM SG Passthrough	124,449
S1Z31104 44000 SG2	S CRIM I/D Automotive Supplies	4,063
S1Z31108 81000 SG2	S CRIM Retirement	3,188
S1Z31108 83000 SG2	S CRIM Social Security	1,936
S1Z31108 84000 SG2	S CRIM Workmens Compensation	637
		<u>\$182,872</u>

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z43895 57000 SG	S SG Federal Aid	\$182,872
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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. _____

ACCEPTING A 2022 DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION GRANT FROM NEW YORK DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (DHSES) AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Office has been awarded a Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant in the amount of \$172,413 through the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, with a contract period of September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, this grant is directed to be utilized to support the capability of the County to prevent targeted violence and domestic terrorism through the utilization of Threat Assessment and Management (TAM) Teams and the development of comprehensive Domestic Terrorism Plans,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting a 2022 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant from New York Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 18000 DT	S CRIM Overtime	\$46,000
S1Z31104 42000 DT	S CRIM Office Supplies	20,000
S1Z31104 43007 DT	S CRIM Other Fees and Services	96,624
S1Z31108 81000 DT	S CRIM Retirement	5,125
S1Z31108 83000 DT	S CRIM Social Security	3,519
S1Z31108 84000 DT	S CRIM Workers Compensation	<u>1,145</u>
		\$172,413

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z43895 57000 DT	S DT Federal Aid	\$172,413
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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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Operations Committee: 11-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO ACCEPT A 2021 STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Office has been awarded program funding in the amount of \$4,025 through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Department, and

WHEREAS, this 2021 SCAAP (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program) provides funding to cover costs related to the Correctional Facility (July 1, 2019 to April 30, 2023),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office to accept a 2021 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Funding from the Bureau of Justice Department, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4Z31504 42004	S SCAAP Computer Software	\$3,140
S4Z31504 43007	S SCAAP Other Fees and Services	<u>885</u>
		\$4,025

INCREASE REVENUE:

S4Z43895 57000	S SCAAP Federal Aid	\$4,025
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE
FOR OVERTIME EXPENSES AND AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL
FIVE PART-TIME CORRECTION OFFICER POSITIONS**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, there have been ongoing staffing challenges in the Sheriff’s Office related to leaves, absences, and more recently resignations that require current staff to incur overtime to ensure that mandated staffing requirements are met in the Correctional Facility and due diligence is carried out with respect to law enforcement, and

WHEREAS, annually in targeted contingency each year, the County Administrator maintains twenty-five percent (25%) of the overtime budgeted to provide an opportunity for the needs of the Unit or Department to be reviewed with the Board of Legislators when staffing challenges present difficulties in the Department, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 297-2022 authorized additional overtime for the Sheriff’s Office for the Correctional and Civil Divisions and utilized \$43,300 of the targeted contingency amount, and

WHEREAS, initially there was \$90,750 set aside for overtime in the Sheriff’s Office with \$47,750 of those funds remaining that the Department can request a transfer for, and

WHEREAS, an additional request of \$77,250 from untargeted contingency will be necessary to finish the year, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has supported the efforts to provide adequate staff and contain overtime by authorizing the creation of three Correction Officers, and the fill of Deputy positions as needed which should assist in reducing the total overtime,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$125,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031101 18000	S CRIM Overtime	\$35,000
S4031501 18000	S JAIL Overtime	<u>90,000</u>
		<u>\$125,000</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes five additional part-time correction officer positions. *Note: Changes made at Committee are reflected in bolds and underlines.*

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR
RELATED EXPENSES THAT HAVE EXCEEDED THE BUDGET DUE TO
INCREASED OBLIGATIONS**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has exceeded the budget in various accounts for 2022 due to the increased cost, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing all accounts, funds required for the overages were found in existing accounts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for related expenses that have exceeded the budget due to increased obligations, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

S4015895 55000	S LR JAIL Social Security	\$2,000
S5022645 550CO	S IH County Inmate Housing	11,984
S6043895 57000 DGTF	S FA Drug Task Force	<u>6,846</u>
		\$20,830

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4031501 11000	S JAIL Direct Service Workers	\$135,170
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031104 44100	S CRIM I/D Fuel Charges	\$40,000
S4031504 45100	S JAIL Medical Supplies	<u>116,000</u>
		\$156,000

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CORNELL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL AND LABOR RELATIONS OUTREACH DIVISION FOR EPA RENOVATION, REPAIR, AND PAINTING PROGRAM LEAD RENOVATOR TRAINING AND EDUCATION

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Planning Office and Public Health are mutually engaged in a Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program funded by a Fiscal Year 2018 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) Grant, and

WHEREAS, contractors who engage in lead abatement and/or interim control measures must be trained and certified to practice lead-safe renovations, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program, Lead Renovator Training & Education, achieves this requirement, and

WHEREAS, the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) Outreach Division is qualified to provide this training, and

WHEREAS, the associated fee to provide training and materials for 9-16 trainees is \$1,862, plus associated actual travel expenses which is not anticipated to exceed \$1,200, and

WHEREAS, funds have been specifically allocated in the project budget to offer contractor training (N1080904 460GP LEAD),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations Outreach Division for EPA Renovations, Repair, and Painting Program Lead Renovator Training and Education, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorized the Chair to sign documents required for the delivery, administration, reporting, or close-out of this program.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE PREFERRED GROUP FOR FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County currently has a contract with The Preferred Group to serve as third party administrator of the Flexible Benefit Plan Services, and

WHEREAS, the current contract will expire December 31, 2022, and the term of the new contract will be January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 with an option to renew for one (1) successive year on the same terms as originally agreed (T5090608 860FB), and

WHEREAS, the cost will be \$4.25, an increase of \$0.75 over current rate, per member per month and \$750 annually which includes administration; maintenance of Plan Document and Summary Plan Description; mandatory IRS Plan changes; enrollment presentation; and IRS filings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with The Preferred Group for Flexible Benefit Plan Services for January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Board of Legislators is satisfied with the services provided by The Preferred Group, the Chair is authorized to sign an additional one (1) year extension of this agreement with the same terms and conditions, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
EXCELLUS BC/BS FOR STOP LOSS INSURANCE FOR 2023**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the cost of health benefits for St. Lawrence County employees, retirees, and their families continue to rise each year, and

WHEREAS, the County continues to pursue, research, and implement programs in an effort to contain these costs, and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the County Administrator recommended and the Board of Legislators established a self-insurance reserve for high cost claims, which currently has a balance of \$3,080,836, and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the Board of Legislators purchased a policy for Stop Loss coverage which allows the County to manage the risk associated with high claim costs to insurances (medical and prescriptions) and to stabilize the impact of those costs on the Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Benefit Consultant for the County secured quotes through a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Stop Loss Insurance most recently in December 2021, and these proposals established Excellus BC/BS to be the most competitive with the lowest premiums, and

WHEREAS, the policy for 2022 included a \$300,000 deductible for an approximate cost of \$419,164 and to date, the County has not accessed the coverage provided by the Policy, and

WHEREAS, in consideration for the 2023 policy, it is recommended that the deductible be increased to \$400,000 for an approximate annualized cost of \$407,510 which will yield an approximate savings of \$11,654 over 2022 costs and a savings of \$170,993 over a \$300,000 deductible in 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Excellus BC/BS for Stop Loss Insurance for 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the total cost of the purchase of Stop Loss Insurance will not be used to calculate the 2023 Health Insurance Premium Equivalent Rates however, subsequent years' premiums will be calculated into the premium equivalent rates due to the fact that potentials savings achieved by having the coverage could assist in mitigating increases to employee contributions.

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Operations Committee: 11-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**CALLING ON EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT TO EXPEDITE THE ROLLOUT
OF THE CONNECTALL INITIATIVE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by **Mr. Lightfoot, District 3**; Mr. Smithers, District 5;
Ms. Haggard, District 10; and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, access to affordable and reliable high-speed broadband service is critical for St. Lawrence County residents to receive medical care, work remotely, continue their education, and connect with family and friends, and

WHEREAS, closing the digital divide and ensuring that high-speed broadband service is available to all New Yorkers is an important goal for the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, while the State has made significant progress towards universal deployment, there are still parts of the State that do not have high-speed broadband available, and

WHEREAS, broadband remains unaffordable for many New Yorkers who have service available to them, and

WHEREAS, the Governor and State Legislature enacted the Comprehensive Broadband Connectivity Act of 2021 to direct the Public Service Commission (PSC) to study, on an annual basis, the availability, reliability, and cost of high-speed broadband service to ensure that all New Yorkers have the necessary affordable access going forward, and

WHEREAS, PSC released an interactive map and report on June 16, 2022, detailing the scope of high-speed broadband infrastructure at an address-level in New York State, and

WHEREAS, by collecting address-level data, New York is now able to depict what locations are served, underserved, and unserved in a more granular way, which will aid in directing funding to where it is needed, and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2022 State of the State address, Governor Hochul announced the \$1 billion ConnectALL Initiative, which is the largest ever investment in the connectivity infrastructure of New York, and

WHEREAS, the ConnectALL Initiative will support local efforts to expand affordable and reliable broadband service by establishing and administering grant programs for funding to plan, engineer, and construct accessible broadband infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the swift rollout of these grant programs is of paramount importance to improving connectivity in the areas with the greatest need,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators calls on Empire State Development (ESD) to expedite the rollout of ConnectALL, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators encourages the ESD to make grant applications available to local governments before the end of 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

Note: Changes made at Committee are reflected in bold.

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Operations Committee: 11-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**URGING NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE TO SUPPORT
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, recruitment and retention of qualified public employees has become a challenge in local and in state government, and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed while the number of private-sector jobs surpassed its pre-pandemic level, there are 664,000 fewer people employed in the public sector, and

WHEREAS, government employers are competing for workers in a historically tight labor market, and the private sector is offering considerably higher salaries to meet this demand while the public sector is restricted due to tax increase concerns and budget restrictions, and

WHEREAS, the recruitment of licensed professionals is a particular challenge due to the lack of security in provisional appointments to positions of public employment, and

WHEREAS, staffing shortages in county government must be avoided, as county employees supplying direct vital services to our residents in need, services that include but are not limited to, public health, mental health, public safety, public defense, and social services' needs, and

WHEREAS, while many solid employees seek to serve and/or stay in public employment, too often factors such as the Civil Service testing system requirements are too slow for an applicant to wait on a position, and this will lead them to take a private sector position, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of Civil Service administers and scores the majority of tests needed to hire county employees and if they are not fully staffed and operating at maximum efficiency, this causes delays that directly impact local government hiring ability,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of legislators urges New York State Department of Civil Service to support public employee recruitment and retention,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recommends the State Legislature and Governor invest in increasing the staffing in the municipal services area of the Department of Civil Service so that tests can be written and graded in a faster manner in all positions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Operations Committee: 11-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE SHARING AGRICULTURAL MITIGATION FEES WITH COUNTIES TO SUPPORT COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PROTECTION INITIATIVE

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy, Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the assessment and collection of an Agricultural Mitigation Fund Payment for certain proposed Solar projects over 30 acres located in an Agricultural District, and

WHEREAS, NYSERDA and AGM have agreed to work with solar project developers to obtain mutually acceptable project modifications to protect agriculture and associated resources from its adverse impacts, and

WHEREAS, the 2020 RFP of NYSERDA and future RES Requests for Proposals will include language advising all proposers of the new Agriculture Mitigation Fund Payment requirements and will include the information necessary for proposers to calculate any mitigation costs in the preparation of their bids, and

WHEREAS, this agreement will require payment of an Agriculture Mitigation Fund, in and amount calculated at commercial operation date (COD), at which time the final actual agricultural conversion of mineral soil groups one through four (MSG 104) can be accurately calculated, and the final offsetting value of an implemented co-agricultural measures, in any, considered, and

WHEREAS, solar bid facilities in Agricultural Districts awarded by NYSERDA may be responsible for making an agricultural mitigation payment to a designated fund administered by NYSERDA based on the extent to which the solar project footprint, defined as the Facility Area, overlaps with land classified as MSG 1-4, and

WHEREAS, NYSERDA has agreed to work with AGM to administer the funds received through mitigation payments, however the MOU provides no direction or guidance on how these funds should be spent to mitigate the impacts of the proposed solar projects on farmland and in Agricultural Districts, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County supports the need for effective agricultural mitigation at the county level to balance the often-competing goals of expanding renewable solar project development capacity and the protection of critically important agriculture and farmlands across New York State, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County supports the protection of important farmland and soils, agriculture district designations, and the implementation of Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plans by counties across New York State,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that St. Lawrence County supports New York State sharing agricultural mitigation fees with counties to support county agriculture and farmland protection initiatives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Agriculture Mitigation Fund payments received by NYSERDA and made available to impacted counties shall be used by the respective county to implement farmland protection plans, measures and projects consistent with their approved Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan (AFPB) with a preference for planning, zoning, and farmland protection efforts in the same municipality/area as where such solar projects are being developed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED funding collected could be used to provide the implementation of projects that will improve farmland protection and productivity such as tile drainage installation or offset local cash match requirements for Farmland Protection Plans, and consultation with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Farmland Protection Boards regarding funding allocation could also occur, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the 30 acre solar project threshold is recommended to be reduced to 20 acres as many solar development projects have occurred in St. Lawrence County Agriculture Districts that are under 30 acres in size, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any Agricultural Mitigation payments collected by NYSERDA for projects pursuant to either the Article 10 or the 94-c review process also be shared with the County in which such project is being developed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Operations Committee: 11-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**REQUESTING REVISIONS TO THE PROPOSED PART 360 SERIES
REGULATIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County appreciates the effort of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to streamline the Part 360 Series Solid Waste Regulations through the rulemaking process that began on May 18, 2022, and

WHEREAS, many of the proposed revisions to the Part 360 regulations provide helpful clarifications and changes that counties support to further protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, several sections of the regulations could have a significant negative impact on the ability of St. Lawrence County to manage our waste in an efficient and environmentally sound manner, and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions to Subpart 361-3.2, which would extend the operating criteria for composting facilities from 200 to 500 feet for facilities handling more than 1,000 cubic feet of source separated organics (SSO), could unnecessarily restrict co-locating similar facilities that would beneficially use composted materials, and

WHEREAS, the proposed language in subparts 362-3.3(c)(7), 362-3.5(k), 362-1.5(h), and 363-7.1(t), regarding the 2019 Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law, create an impractical expectation for transfer facilities, combustors, and landfills to enforce the law at the point of generation, and

WHEREAS, it should be the responsibility of the NYSDEC to enforce the Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law upstream of transportation, transfer, and end-use facilities, and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions to Subpart 363-5, which would arbitrarily prohibit new landfills and lateral and vertical expansions of existing landfills within 1,000 feet of a school or legal place of residence, would impact 20 of the 25 active landfills in New York State and, therefore, impact the available landfill capacity for waste generated within the State, and

WHEREAS, by restricting disposal capacity within the State, more exportation of waste to out-of-state destinations will be necessary, resulting in more vehicle miles travelled for disposal and increasing the associated vehicle emissions, and

WHEREAS, a detailed State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) environmental impact assessment is already required for all proposed landfill expansions and includes a scientific process by which the required setback is determined based upon site-specific metrics, and

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WHEREAS, the proposed changes to Subpart 363-6.6, which would require double composite liner systems for certain landfills and require the use of an 80-mil geomembrane in composite liner systems for facilities outside of Long Island, are not supported by evidence that the current requirements are not protective of groundwater quality, and

WHEREAS, this arbitrary increase in liner thickness will increase the cost of liner purchases by thirty percent (30%), which will result in approximately \$250,000 in new annual or biannual costs for local governments and public authorities that own landfills,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators requests revisions to the proposed Part 360 Series Regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators requests NYSDEC amend the sections of regulations pertaining to the 2019 Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law to clarify that the regulations apply only to source separated food scraps, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators requests that NYSDEC remove the prohibitions on new landfills and landfill expansions within 1,000 feet of a school or residence, as they are a blatant overreach of the Department's regulatory authority, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators requests NYSDEC provide justification for the proposed changes to liner system requirements and withdraw these changes should they be unable to provide evidence that the current requirements do not protect groundwater quality, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Operations Committee: 11-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

COMMENDING THE STATE FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL CYBERSECURITY EFFORTS AND URGING A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO FUNDING END POINT DETECTION AND RESPONSE SOLUTIONS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, the cybersecurity threats to our counties and local governments cannot be understated, and

WHEREAS, these are not theoretical threats; breaches are happening in New York, and

WHEREAS, almost everything local governments do today rely on some type of information technology system, including but not limited to, email, public health programs and services, social service case management, elections, highway and road maintenance, public safety, snow removal, mental health care, financial management, court and judicial operations, and many other functions, and

WHEREAS, hardware, software, and connections to local government networks are an integral part of just about every government operation and service, and

WHEREAS, hackers are trying to access county systems by, among other things, sending phishing emails to county employees, looking for vulnerabilities in websites and looking for ways to access servers and databases, and

WHEREAS, bad actors are trying to disrupt local government services, destroy systems, exploit data, and hold systems ransom for payment, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has committed to supporting counties' and local governments' cybersecurity efforts by creating a joint security operation center (JSOC) and funding endpoint detection and response solutions (EDR) for counties and the five largest cities in the State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators commends the State for supporting local cybersecurity efforts and urging a long-term commitment to funding end point detection and response solutions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

December 5, 2022

Operations Committee: 11-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CALLING FOR STUDY AND REFORM OF NEW YORK STATE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM TO SUPPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, in New York, 16.4 percent of the workforce are employed by state, local, or federal level governments, providing needed services to our residents, and

WHEREAS, prior to the COVID pandemic, the New York public sector was being asked to do more with less, as the total workforce was down 4.5 percent from 2010, and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed this downturn in public employment levels has only gotten worse, as the number of private-sector jobs surpassed its pre-pandemic level, while there are 664,000 fewer people employed in the public sector, and

WHEREAS, counties have all expressed concerns over recent trends of hiring and retaining quality employees, as this downturn in employment numbers is putting more stress on local governments' abilities to provide needed services, and

WHEREAS, the counties of New York all are seeking to increase employment numbers and create a qualified and diverse workforce, and

WHEREAS, current restrictions caused by NYS Civil Service Laws create hurdles that are stalling the ability of local governments to expand their workforce, and

WHEREAS, while current NYS Civil Service Laws were put in place with good intentions, most were implemented prior to current societal and technological advancements and the time to study and improve this system is long overdue, and

WHEREAS, State Civil Service system changes are needed for county governments to compete with the private sector for potential employees, including the ability to more quickly respond to candidates seeking employment, and

WHEREAS, New York's Public Officers Law (POL) § 3 requires certain employees reside in the political subdivision or municipality in which they hold such public office, and

WHEREAS, since the 1970s, the State has authorized over 70 exceptions to POL residency requirements, including for police officers, in recognition that for many job specifications it is important to increase the potential hiring pool to obtain highly skilled employees, and

WHEREAS, now counties are in a hiring crisis due to the shrinking the potential hiring pool and the increase in needed county skilled labor, and

WHEREAS, county governments need hiring flexibility and are best situated to know what job titles should have residency requirements and which should have flexibility to ensure efficient and quality county services, and

WHEREAS, specific changes to NYS Civil Service Laws allowing for greater local government flexibility and quicker response time to hire needed employees include but are not limited to:

- Continuous Recruitment – allowing local governments the option to hold examinations continuously for candidates to apply at any time to take recruitment examinations
- Electronic Canvassing Process – allowing email and phone contacts in lieu of mailing letters
- Standard Grading Metrics should be simplified, understandable and predictable in order to assist potential applicants to take multiple-choice exams, as well as complete experience-based exams
- Licensed Occupation Local Approval – allowing local governments to bypass exam or civil service requirements for positions that require already approved and obtained New York accredited licenses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls for the study and reform of the New York State Civil Service System to support local government employee recruitment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Operations Committee: 11-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**ENCOURAGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO ENACT
LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE LOCAL DISCRETION ON PRE-SENTENCE
INVESTIGATIONS IN PLEA DEALS RESULTING IN LESS THAN
ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, New York State Criminal Procedure Law (CPL) Section 390.30 requires county probation departments to conduct investigations and complete pre-sentence investigation (PSI) reports for the court, and

WHEREAS, currently, the City of New York has the authority to decide whether a PSI is necessary in these situations, and

WHEREAS, counties also believe that this legislation will reduce the workforce shortage and some of the current burden placed on Probation Departments, District Attorney's Offices, Public Defender Offices, Sheriff's Offices, and the Courts by not relying on unnecessary PSIs prior to sentencing, and

WHEREAS, this legislation will also ensure a common statement practice for the use of PSIs across New York State when there is a plea agreement in place for local incarceration of up to 365 days and will aide in expediting sentencing those defendants who are incarcerated in county jails,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages the State Legislature and Governor to enact legislation to provide local discretion on pre-sentence investigations in plea deals resulting in less than one year imprisonment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Operations Committee: 11-14-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**URGING NEW YORK STATE TO PROVIDE COUNTIES WITH FUNDING
TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) PROGRAM
IN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, in October 2022, the State of New York will require that all prisons and jails in New York State provide medication assisted treatment (MAT) to incarcerated individuals afflicted with a substance use disorder, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has appropriated funding to cover the costs of MAT in state prisons but not in county jails, and

WHEREAS, the scope of services required by the law far exceeds the furnishings of addiction medication but also requires comprehensive peer support, counseling, re-entry planning and discharge planning, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that between thirty and forty percent (30%-40%) of all new jail admissions would qualify for treatment, and

WHEREAS, there is currently \$8.25 million appropriated in the Aid to Localities Section of the State Fiscal Year 2023 Budget to support the 58 county jails outside of New York City in providing these services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Legislators urges New York State to provide counties with funding to administer medication assisted treatment (MAT) Program in county correctional facilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State Aid for this program shall be disbursed in an expedited manner to allow counties to deploy grant funding in a timely manner, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
FOR INCREASED FUEL COSTS**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Weights and Measures projects to exceed the budget appropriated for Fuel and Petroleum Quality Sampling Program Expenses in the Year 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Weights and Measures also projects to exceed the budget in revenue for permits in the Year 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 budget for Weights and Measures, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

M1025905 55000	M Permits	\$2,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

M1066104 44100	M I/D Fuel Charge	\$1,850
M1066104 45400	M Program Expenses	<u>150</u>
		\$2,000

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH HIKMA
PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF MEDICATIONS FOR
THE OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM IN COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

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

WHEREAS, Community Services provides onsite, daily dosing of medications for the treatment of Opioid Use Disorders, and

WHEREAS, a contract with Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., will guarantee the needed supply for full and partial agonist medication for the Opioid Treatment Program to ensure the clinic maintains the required inventory of medication, and will guarantee corporate pricing for full and partial agonist medication for the Opioid Treatment Program (A1442304 45100),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., for the purchase of medications for the Opioid Treatment Program in Community Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND SETTING 2023 RATES FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department contracts for early intervention program services and these contracts are necessary to provide services for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, contracted services include Occupational Therapy (OP), Physical Therapy (PT), Special Instruction Teachers (SI), Speech Language Pathology (SLP), Interpreter Services, and Audiology Therapy, and

WHEREAS, providers hired after December 31, 2019 will be paid the rates for new providers listed below, and

WHEREAS, these services will be paid from the following accounts based on actual services provided: PE040594 430DS PROV; PE040594 48600 PROV; and PE040594 443CM PROV,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for Early Intervention Services for the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following 2023 rates are authorized for Early Intervention Services, as follows:

<u>Services:</u>	<u>Rate for Current Providers:</u>	<u>Rate for New Providers:</u>
Developmental Core Evaluation (General)	\$175	\$155
Core Evaluation (Specialist)	\$108	\$100
Supplemental Evaluations	\$108/\$150	\$100
Interpreter Services	\$60	\$60
Direct Service Visit	\$60	\$45
Direct Service Visit (Speech)	\$62	\$45
Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP/CPSE Meeting)	\$42	\$30
IFSP Meeting w/Direct Service Visit (prior to or after the meeting)	\$60	\$50
Screening	\$175	\$130
Required Quality Assurance & Mandated Trainings	\$60	\$45
Parent/Child Play Group (minimum 2 children, \$12 each additional)	\$70	\$70
Travel Reimbursement for 2 hours travel per day	\$42	\$0
Mileage for Visits (Home or Community)	\$0	\$0.45/per mile

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

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

WHEREAS, a contract is needed in order to obtain this service, and

WHEREAS, Pharmacist Dr. Danny Sekhon would be reimbursed (PP040104 43007 STD) a fee of \$150 quarterly for clinic audit to comply with Article 28 of Public Health Law and the rate shall not exceed \$50 per hour for review of policies and procedures, and

WHEREAS, this contract will cover the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025,

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

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN NEW YORK INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF THE CONSUMER DIRECTED PERSONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 365-f and 367-p (c) the Social Services Law, St. Lawrence County and the Western New York Independent Living, Inc. seek to provide options to Medicaid recipients in St. Lawrence County who desire to participate in a Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS, the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program is a Medicaid program that provides services to chronically ill or physically disabled individuals who have a medical need for help with the activities of daily living or skilled nursing services, and

WHEREAS, Western New York Independent Living, Inc. seeks to continue to provide services for the St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services in conjunction with the Massena Independent Living Center, Inc. using a Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS, the Western New York Independent living, Inc. intends to subcontract with the Massena Independent Living Center, Inc. to provide local assistance and quality assurance, and

WHEREAS, the effective dates of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Social Services and the Western New York Independent Living, Inc. will be between January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Medical Assistance Payments for the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program will be made at rates approved and set by the New York State Department of Health, and the payments will pass directly from the State to Western New York Independent Living, Inc.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Western New York Independent Living, Inc. for the provision of the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF
CONFERENCE ROOM AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, recent renovations at the Department of Social Services to create additional office space and a conference space require the addition of audio and visual technology equipment and furniture, and

WHEREAS, this work follows a continued effort to update the HB Smith Building where progress continues following renovations and office furniture for HEAP staff and a new more secure interview area adjacent to the waiting area on the first floor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for Social Services for the purchase of conference room audio and visual equipment and furniture, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60102 22001	Adm Computer Hardware	\$2,500
DAA60104 420GE	Adm Office Furniture	<u>13,100</u>
		\$15,600

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$13,100
DMM61004 46500	D Medicaid to State	<u>1,362</u>
		\$14,462

INCREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	\$210
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	448
DAF46115 57000	D FA Food Stamps Administration	153
DAS36105 56000 EAF	D SA EAF Protective & Foster Care	51
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	<u>276</u>
		\$1,138

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

MODIFYING THE 2022 SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET FOR THE PURCHASE OF DOCUMENT SCANNERS FOR USE WITH THE NEW LEGAL FILES PROGRAM

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 381-2021 authorized a contract with Legal Files Software, Inc., and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide production document scanners for the Legal Office for use with the Legal Files Program, and

WHEREAS, there are available funds to provide for the purchase and warranty of the document scanners,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Social Services Budget for the purchase of Document Scanners for use with the new Legal Files Program, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60104 42004 LG	D Legal Computer Software	\$17,529
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DMM61004 46500	D Medicaid to State	\$9,573
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	\$1,474
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	3,143
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	1,921
DAF46115 57000	D FA Food Stamps Administration	1,057
DAS36105 56000 EAF	D SA EAF Protective & Foster Care	<u>361</u>
		\$7,956

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2023 ANNUAL UPDATE PLAN FOR FUNDING WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

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

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

WHEREAS, the completed Annual Update Plan for funding package must be signed by the Chief Executive Officer of St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2023 Annual Update Plan (AU) for Funding with the New York State Office for the Aging, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO GRADUALLY ELIMINATE THE COUNTY FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SUMMER SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, Chapter 23 of the Laws of 1989 established the Preschool Program for Children with Handicapping Conditions as 4410 of the Education Law, and

WHEREAS, the original law included a provision to limit the county fiscal responsibility to twenty-five percent (25%) by the 1993-94 school year, and

WHEREAS, a gubernatorial statewide task force on reforming preschool special education determined that counties should be removed completely from financing the preschool special education program of the State, and

WHEREAS, New York State enacted legislation to provide universal prekindergarten for all age eligible children to be financed one-hundred percent (100%) with State resources, and

WHEREAS, the State also requires counties to support ten percent (10%) of summer school special education 4408 program costs for all children, and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has approved a fifteen percent (15%) provider rate increase, amounting to more than \$240 million in additional funding, and

WHEREAS, NYSAC estimates the financial cost borne by counties for this rate increase is approximately \$50 million annually, and

WHEREAS, the adopted SFY 2023 Budget did not include any funding to offset this new rate increase, thus expanding an already underfunded county mandated cost, and

WHEREAS, the fact that other states do not require county government to pay for these special education expenses and the failure of New York State to fully fund its promised share of preschool special education program costs contributes directly to the highest in the nation property tax burden of New York State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators urges the Governor and State Legislature to gradually eliminate the county fiscal responsibility for preschool special education and summer school special education programs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in the first phase, the State must cap the annual county share growth for state fiscal year 2023 at no more than two percent (2%) to mirror the allowable growth in the property tax cap or the average of the last three (3) years of an individual cost of the county, whichever is less, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the second phase should include capping county fiscal liability at a zero percent (0%) increase for preschool special education and then implementing a multi-year plan to incrementally reduce the county fiscal liability for this program to no more than twenty-five percent (25%) as intended at the inception of the program to help reduce pressure on property taxes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the third phase should gradually reduce the county fiscal responsibility to zero (0) for both preschool and summer school special education costs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**URGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION RATE FOR COUNTIES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, Chapter 23 of the Laws of 1989 established the Preschool Program for Children with Handicapping Conditions as 4410 of the Education Law, and

WHEREAS, the original law included a provision to limit the county fiscal responsibility to twenty-five percent (25%) by the 1993-94 school year, and

WHEREAS, Section 4410 of the Education Law entitles counties to receive administrative cost reimbursement of seventy-five (\$75) dollars per eligible preschool student with a disability, and

WHEREAS, the administrative cost reimbursement rate of seventy-five (\$75) dollars per eligible preschool student with a disability has not been increased in almost twenty (20) years for counties and does not meet the needs of the existing expenses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the Governor and State Legislature to increase Preschool Special Education Administration Rate for counties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADJUST THE EARLY INTERVENTION RATE STRUCTURE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN POVERTY AND RURAL AREAS

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, the structure of the Early Intervention rate methodology promotes inequitable availability of Early Intervention services in New York City and New York State, and

WHEREAS, because Early Intervention rates are set for entire counties, and there are no requirements in the New York State Early Intervention Provider Agreement for providers to serve the entire county that they have identified in their catchment area, providers are free to choose which neighborhoods to provide Early Intervention services in; and

WHEREAS, since the rates are flat across each county, there is no incentive for providers to serve children in poverty, children who live in rural areas, or communities of color, and

WHEREAS, the current structure of the Early Intervention methodology promotes unequal availability of Early Intervention services in New York City and New York State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the Governor and State Legislature to adjust the Early Intervention Rate Structure to improve access to services who live in poverty and rural areas, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any provider rate increase will be administered using State funding to ensure localities are not subject to additional EI program expenses, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**SUPPORTING FULLY FUNDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
2019 ELEVATED BLOOD LEAD LEVEL MANDATE**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, lead poisoning prevention activities are delivered by local health departments, and

WHEREAS, when the definition of Elevated Blood Lead Level (EBLL) was lowered from 10 to 5 ug/dL or greater, the State only allocated an additional \$9.7 million for Article Six State aid, and

WHEREAS, this investment falls short of the \$40 million needed to implement this work and protect children, thereby placing the majority of the cost burden (\$30.3 million) on the local tax levy, and

WHEREAS, this estimated need is based on an average cost per case of nurse case management of \$713 and an average cost of \$2,123 per case for environmental management activities, and

WHEREAS, at the January 29, 2020, Lead Poisoning Prevention Advisory Council meeting, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) presented data on the first quarter of implementation that showed an additional 1,725 children between the ranges of 5-9 µg/dL required interventions, and

WHEREAS, while this highlights the importance of lowering the EBLL, it also represents the equivalent to 2.5 years of work occurring in a single quarter when compared to prior years, and

WHEREAS, counties recognize the extraordinary impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on children and families at risk for lead exposure due to stay-at-home orders, remote learning, and barriers to attending pediatric appointments and access testing for lead screening, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) further lowered the recommendation to 3.5 µg/dL which, if adopted by New York State, would cost an additional \$30 million to implement locally, and

WHEREAS, new and expanded duties placed on local health departments, as well as existing duties that are underfunded, may result in increased civil liability for our county governments, and

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WHEREAS, county governments will allocate existing and new investments to support the lower EBLL through this program to secure and maintain the necessary staffing and other resources required to accomplish the goals set forth by the state mandate, while also ensuring that New York State keeps its promise to property taxpayers through its enactment of a permanent property tax cap,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports fully funding the implementation of the 2019 Elevated Blood Lead Level Mandate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators calls on the Governor and Legislature to distribute all funding necessary to local health departments through existing grant mechanisms to implement the expanded mandate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**CALLING ON THE NEW YORK CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT
FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT EXEMPTS QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL
TREATMENT PROGRAMS FROM THE FEDERAL MEDICAID INSTITUTIONS FOR
MENTAL DISEASE (IMD) EXCLUSION AND FOR NEW YORK STATE TO PROVIDE
STATE-ONLY MEDICAID FUNDING TO COVER ANY LOSS OF FEDERAL FUNDS
UNTIL THE EXEMPTION IS ACHIEVED**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, in 2018, Congress enacted the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) which includes numerous provisions to alter how the federal government will reimburse for certain foster care maintenance payments, and

WHEREAS, a major provision of the FFPSA amends Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to limit foster care maintenance payments (FCMPs) to fourteen (14) days for children placed in child care institutions (CCIs or congregate care settings), and

WHEREAS, the limitations on federal Title IV-E funding supports in the FFPSA are well intentioned as a pathway to prioritize family-based placement of youth with kinship and non-relative foster care, but it ignores the reality of the types of specialized services that many foster care youths require, and existing provider networks in many states can support, and

WHEREAS, local departments of social services work closely with OCFS and voluntary agencies to reduce the use of congregate care and to place children with relatives and foster parents, and

WHEREAS, children with complex needs rely on services offered in residential settings, and

WHEREAS, if these placements become ineligible for federal funding, some service providers will discontinue their programs, and others will exist solely on state and local funding, and

WHEREAS, under the New York State Foster Care Block Grant, the entire burden would be on counties unless the state makes a specific new fiscal commitment, and

WHEREAS, the State is currently pursuing a temporary 1115 Medicaid waiver as the solution to this problem, and

WHEREAS, the waiver the State is submitting is so restrictive many providers indicate the rules would not enable them to continue providing services, and

WHEREAS, this would lead to New York State not being able to maintain residential capacity for children, who have been victims of abuse and neglect and who need an array of specialized services and a safe place to live,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators calls on the New York Congressional Delegation to support Federal legislation that exempts qualified residential treatment programs from the Federal Medicaid Institutions For Mental Disease (IMD) exclusion and for New York State to provide State-only Medicaid funding to cover any loss of Federal funds until the exemption is achieved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

REQUESTING TARGETED STATE INVESTMENTS IN PROGRAMMING AND POLICIES TO DEVELOP AND FUND CORE LOCAL SERVICES TO DECREASE THE USE OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS (EDS) FOR THE TREATMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH COMPLEX BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, the Local Governmental Units (LGUs)/Directors of Community Services (DCSs) have specific responsibilities and authority under the Local Services provisions of Article 41 of the NYS Mental Hygiene Law (MHL) for planning, development, implementation, and oversight of services to adults and children in their counties affected by mental illness, substance use disorder, and intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD), and

WHEREAS, localities continue to struggle with an overwhelmed community-based system of care that is unable to adequately support children and youth with co-occurring disorders, and

WHEREAS, the Directors of Community Services (DCSs) are seeing firsthand and have growing concerns regarding the upward trend in children and youth with complex behavioral health needs ending up in EDs due to unmet needs, and

WHEREAS, State inpatient bed closures and a lack of available crisis services have significantly impacted the ability of counties to provide this higher-level care and has resulted in various placements in last-resort settings, which are not appropriate and sometimes detrimental to the treatment goals, and

WHEREAS, some at-risk youth have been placed out of the State for residential services, reflecting the need to develop additional appropriate services within New York with a full spectrum of services available, and

WHEREAS, over the last several years, there has been a substantial rise in the numbers of children and youth languishing in EDs without the ability to be connected to appropriate care, and

WHEREAS, EDs are a suboptimal setting for children and youth, particularly if they are not at imminent risk of harm to themselves or others, and often offer overstimulating environments, exposure to other psychiatrically and medically ill individuals, and an absence of appropriate assessment and treatment, and

WHEREAS, according to a 2021 report by the Healthcare Association of NYS (HANYS), a 15-year-old youth was placed in an ED for over three months after a yearlong search for residential placement, which resulted in over \$195,000 in hospital costs and, after over 6 months in the ED, a 16-year-old patient decompensated so severely and required oversight by two public safety officers and three to five beds to minimize disruption to other patients, and

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WHEREAS, a child in Franklin County with a significant trauma history and diagnosed conduct disorder was placed in a standard ED and languished for 8 weeks after being denied admission at a sister hospital within the same health system that contained a 9.39 unit, and

WHEREAS, the State must make appropriate targeted investments to include local resource streams for localities to initiate treatment models with proven success, such as expansion of intensive treatment programs and prevention and early intervention programs including mobile crisis response and family and caregiver supports,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators requests targeted State investments in programming and policies to develop and fund core local services to decrease the use of Emergency Departments (EDs) for the treatment of children and youth with complex behavioral health needs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Services Committee: 11-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT
LEGISLATION TO EXPEDITE THE DISBURSEMENT OF RAISE THE AGE
FUNDS TO COUNTIES AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
THAT WORK WITH AT-RISK YOUTH**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, when the New York State Raise the Age law took effect on October 1, 2018, counties were promised that the Supervision And Treatment Services For Juveniles Program (STSJP) would be fully funded, and

WHEREAS, as of March 2022, less than half of the \$800 million allocated to this program has been distributed to counties, and

WHEREAS, STSJP plays a key role in transforming the juvenile justice system of New York, and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2011, STSJP incentivizes local programs to divert youth from detention to residential care, and

WHEREAS, counties are able to create STSJP programs that (1) Provide or facilitate support to the target populations for mental health disorders, substance abuse problems, or learning disabilities that contribute to such youth being at risk for detention, residential placement, or return to detention or residential placement; (2) Provide temporary respite care; (3) Provide family therapy or support or explore alternate housing options for youth who are at risk for detention or placement due to the absence of an available home; (4) Provide post-release support within the youth's community; (5) Reduce arrest rates or recidivism; or (6) Meet the definition of a Family Support Services Program as outlined in the PINS Reform Legislation of 2019 (Part K of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2019) and FCA § 458-m,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages the Governor and State Legislature to enact legislation to expedite the disbursement of Raise the Age funds to counties and community-based organizations that work with at-risk youth, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Finance Committee: 11-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, AND APPLICABLE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING A LEASE PURCHASE FOR EQUIPMENT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Emergency Services currently maintains a Very-High Frequency (VHF) analog un-encrypted radio system for fire departments, ambulance services, and law enforcement agencies operating within the County, and

WHEREAS, the current VHF radio system, which was implemented in 1988, replaced the previous low-band option owned and maintained by St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the current VHF radio system relies on antiquated and outdated equipment that is no longer supported by the manufacturer, some of which has started to fail in a faster progression than anticipated, and

WHEREAS, the current VHF radio system is experiencing frequent interruption, consistent static, intentional and unintentional unauthorized transmission on public safety frequencies, and overall coverage degradation as technology evolves causing an extreme deficit to public safety and the safety of responders in the County, and

WHEREAS, to explore the mitigation of these issues, Resolution No. 141-2014 authorized the use of Blue Wing Services to conduct a Communications Study and act as the public safety communications consultant, and

WHEREAS, Blue Wing Services assisted in the planning and construction of multiple public safety radio towers in Colton, Waddington, Hammond, Gouverneur, Massena, Russell, and Ogdensburg to assist in increasing the overall radio coverage, and

WHEREAS, Blue Wing Services recommends that in addition to the towers constructed, an overhaul of the current radio system is required to mitigate the issues faced and increase overall coverage, which will include switching from the current Very-High Frequency (VHF) band to a Ultra-High Frequency (UHF) band, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Services Radio Committee endorses the recommendations and plans set forth by Blue Wing Services, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County issued a Request for Proposals on March 28, 2022, utilizing the recommendations of Blue Wing Services, to which St. Lawrence County received three (3) responses, and

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WHEREAS, utilizing a scoring matrix, Motorola Solutions (Hereinafter referred to as “Motorola”) was selected as the optimal company to provide the services required to completely overhaul the St. Lawrence County Radio system by Blue Wing Services, the Office of Emergency Services Radio Committee, and the Office of Emergency Services, and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Motorola was the lowest cost out of all the proposals received, totaling \$12,150,000, and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes the supply of tower-related radio hardware and equipment, dispatch center-related radio hardware and equipment, subscriber portable and mobile radios, applicable software, installation services, training, and warranty and maintenance services for ten years, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is able to provide \$8,000,000 in funding; \$5,000,000 has been dedicated from County American Rescue Plan Act Funds per Resolution No. 181-2022, and \$3,000,000 has already been accepted from the New York State Division of Homeland Security FY18 Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant (X2Z36402 25000 SICG), and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$4.15M would be recommended to finance through a municipal lease with Motorola with an interest rate of 4.99% for five years, equating to an annual payments of \$958,227.74,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of Public Safety Communications Equipment, Software, and Applicable Maintenance Services, and authorizing a lease purchase for equipment, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to enter into a municipal lease purchase for the balance due and owing of the \$12.15M Radio Communication Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Motorola Solutions for warranty and maintenance services for ten (10) years, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Finance Committee: 11-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR INCREASED FUEL, REPAIR, AND ROAD MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways budgets appropriation and revenue accounts to reflect current and projected operations, and

WHEREAS, along with the overall price increases of equipment parts, there have been several costly inter-departmental repairs this year, and these increases are offset by an increase in revenue, and

WHEREAS, the continued fuel cost increases can be offset by increases in revenue and decreases in personnel costs due to vacancies, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 243-2022 provided additional funding to restore the ability of the Department to accomplish the intended number of paving miles in the 2022 Budget and to provide for an additional ten (10) miles of road, and

WHEREAS, the Department completed the additional ten (10) miles of road with funds remaining, and

WHEREAS, costs associated with road maintenance projects saw significant and unpredictable increases with the escalation of asphalt pricing throughout the paving season,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways for increased fuel, repair, and road maintenance expenses, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

HD012895 55000	H Equip Repairs – Other Depts	\$90,000
HR028015 55000	H Rental of Equip – Other Fund	<u>135,000</u>
		\$225,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HD051304 42200	H ER I/D Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$90,000
HR051304 441OP	H RM Fuel Island Gasoline Purchase	<u>135,000</u>
		\$225,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM151104 454PM H1	H H1 Paving Materials	\$20,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM351104 454PM	H MR Paving Materials	\$20,000
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**APPROVING BRIDGE NY FUNDED HIGHWAY PROJECT FOR LAZY RIVER ROAD
BRIDGE OVER GRASSE RIVER, BIN 3341820, PIN 775379**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of the Costs of 100% of the Costs of a Transportation Project, of which Qualified Costs may be Reimbursed from Bridge NY Funds.

WHEREAS, a project for the Final Design Phase for the Lazy River Road Bridge over Grasse River, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332 (the "Project") is eligible for reimbursement of qualified costs from BRIDGE NY funding that calls for the post-reimbursement apportionment of the qualified costs to be borne at the ratio of ninety-five percent (95%) BRIDGE NY funds and five percent (5%) non-Federal funds, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators desires to advance the project by making a commitment of one-hundred percent (100%) of the costs of the Final Design phase for the Project or portions thereof,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approved Bridge NY funded Highway Project for Lazy River Road Bridget over Grasse River, BIN 3341820, PIN 775379, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer, to pay in the first instance one-hundred percent (100%) of the cost of Final Design work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that ninety-five percent (95%) of qualified costs will be reimbursed from BRIDGE NY funding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby agrees that the St. Lawrence County shall be responsible for all costs of the Project, including costs which exceed the amount of reimbursement available from the NY Bridge Funding awarded to the Department of Highways, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the costs of the Project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislators shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Department of Highways thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign all necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for NYSDOT for State Aid and/or BRIDGE NY funding in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and on behalf of the municipality's funding of the Project costs, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Highways will be responsible for all maintenance of the Project, and

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

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

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF LAZY RIVER ROAD BRIDGE,
PIN 7753.23, BIN 3341820**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, an Environmental Assessment Forms (EAF) identifying and assessing the potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed construction has been prepared and distributed in an electronic version to the members of this Board for review, and

WHEREAS, the preparation of the EAF incorporated data was collected from the following sources: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation critical habitats databases, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation information on archeological sites and concerns, state and federal wetlands delineation maps, internal engineering assessments, soil maps and soil boring data, a site survey and assessment of design considerations that may be incorporated to minimize adverse impacts, and

WHEREAS, the County determined that there are other "involved" agencies and will be proceeding with coordinated review for unlisted actions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the issuance of a negative declaration related to replacement of Lazy River Road Bridge, PIN 7753.23, BIN 3341820, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based upon the environmental assessment and supporting materials the Board of Legislators has determined that the development of this project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators directs the County Administrator to prepare a "Negative Declaration" which indicates that the Board of Legislators determines that the no adverse environmental impacts will result from this Project based upon the summary of environmental impacts as described in the EAF and Board discussion of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators directs the County Administrator to file the "Negative Declaration" in compliance with the requirements of § 617.12; determines that completion of this environmental review fulfills the requirement of the Board under SEQRA; and further determines that the Board is free to take "actions" on the project as defined under 6 NYCRR Part 617.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
FOR OVERTIME EXPENSES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in 2022 the Solid Waste Department will exceed its budget for overtime expenses due to staff shortages throughout the year, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department has additional revenue and appropriations within its 2022 budget to offset this overage,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Solid Waste Department for overtime expenses, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WO081601 18000	W OPR Overtime	\$92,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WO081601 19000	W OPR Temporary/Part-time	\$12,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

W1021305 550MW	W LR MSW Tip Fees	\$67,265
W1024015 55001	SW NYCLASS Investment Earnings	6,000
WO026805 55000	WO LR Insurance Recoveries	<u>6,735</u>
		\$80,000

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

CHARGING TAX ITEMS & OMITTED TAX PAID

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, due to tax refunds, cancellations of taxes, other assessment errors, and omitted tax payments received, there are various tax items that cannot be collected or payments that result in town credits,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to charge tax items and omitted tax paid, as follows:

2022 Correction of Errors
Charges & Credits to Towns & Districts

Brasher Highway	\$65.54	
Brasher Town	\$81.30	
		\$146.84
Canton Town	\$1,357.45	
		\$1,357.45
Clifton Fire - FD007	\$234.90	
Clifton Highway	\$900.61	
Clifton Town	\$937.82	
		\$2,073.33
Depeyster Fire - FD041	\$28.21	
Depeyster Highway	\$129.32	
Depeyster Town	\$126.59	
		\$284.12
Gouverneur Fire - FH001	\$6.62	
Gouverneur Town	\$900.75	
		\$907.37
Hermon Town	\$185.43	
		\$185.43
Hopkinton Fire - FD019	\$413.70	
Hopkinton Highway	\$1,695.50	
Hopkinton Town	\$1,025.47	
		\$3,134.67
Lisbon Town	\$446.93	
		\$446.93

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Massena Town	\$5,633.05	
		\$5,633.05
Norfolk Public Library	\$72.90	
Norfolk Town	\$1,242.46	
		\$1,315.36
Oswegatchie Town	\$3,439.02	
		\$3,439.02
Pierrepont Highway	\$55.88	
Pierrepont Town	\$71.59	
		\$127.47
Potsdam Town	\$2,345.54	
		\$2,345.54
Rossie Fire - FD035	\$12.44	
Rossie Highway	\$119.56	
Rossie Town	\$122.96	
		\$254.96
Stockholm Town	\$46.97	
		\$46.97
Waddington Town	\$189.86	
		\$189.86
Total Chargebacks	\$21,888.37	\$21,888.37

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Finance Committee: 11-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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, as follows:

<u>Town/Village</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brasher	\$11,417.18
Canton:	
Village of Canton	13,450.79
Village of Rensselaer	576.52
Town of Canton	47,195.74
Clare	631.61
Clifton	2,535.32
Colton	12,615.79
Dekalb:	
Village of Richville	4,438.21
Town of Dekalb	119,537.61
DePeyster	3,868.25
Edwards	4,421.73
Fine	3,396.18
Fowler	13,109.85
Gouverneur:	
Village of Gouverneur	22,753.22
Town of Gouverneur	65,007.12
Hammond:	
Village of Hammond	323.89
Town of Hammond	14,798.22
Hermon	10,381.77
Hopkinton	5,531.49
Lawrence	11,228.59
Lisbon	28,824.20

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Louisville:	
Village of West Massena	2,410.50
Town of Louisville	26,330.02
Macomb	6,351.64
Madrid	12,805.85
Massena:	
Village of Massena	22,683.22
Town of Massena	49,173.81
Town of Morristown	25,532.21
Norfolk:	
Village of Norwood	13,177.93
Village of Massena	3.20
Town of Norfolk	13,548.86
Ogdensburg	45,851.41
Oswegatchie:	
Village of Heuvelton	3,131.17
Town of Oswegatchie	58,144.20
Parishville	18,730.92
Piercefield	1,467.67
Pierrepoint	28,122.96
Pitcairn	7,811.44
Potsdam:	
Village of Potsdam	21,793.64
Village of Norwood	4,859.80
Town of Potsdam	87,540.93
Rossie	1,154.21
Russell	11,551.42
Stockholm	23,064.58
Waddington:	
Village of Waddington	4,391.37
Town of Waddington	17,063.54
Totals	\$902,739.78

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Finance Committee: 11-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LOT 21 FOR SPACE LOCATED AT 206 FORD STREET, OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, FOR PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION

By Mr. Acres, Char, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, property taxes due to St. Lawrence County for property located within the City of Ogdensburg has historically been collected by the City and remitted to the County, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the City of Ogdensburg took formal action to cease collection of property taxes due to St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 396-2021 authorized the Chair to sign a lease agreement with Lot 21 for space located at 206 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, for property tax collection for time period of January 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, for 2023, there is once again a need for short-term office space within the City of Ogdensburg to provide a location for citizens to pay property tax due to St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the space located at 206 Ford Street, Ogdensburg is available and would provide a centralized location adjacent to County services, currently occupied by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Probation, and Community Services' Addiction Services Clinic, and

WHEREAS, the terms of the agreement will be for five (5) months for approximately 450 square feet of space, and will commence on January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the rental rate per square foot will be \$1.02 per square foot per month for a rate of \$459 monthly (T3012154 40700),

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rental rate will be \$1.02 per square foot per month, for a term to commence on January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023.

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Finance Committee: 11-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**ELECTIONS, REAL PROPERTY & COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPORTIONMENTS
FOR THE YEAR 2023**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that the following apportionments of Elections, Real Property and Community College charges for the year 2023 be applied to the following municipalities of St. Lawrence County:

MUNICIPALITY	ELECTION CHARGES	REAL PROPERTY CHARGES	COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHARGES
BRASHER	\$21,498.22	\$14,173.42	\$39,678.96
CANTON	\$85,288.28	\$22,169.88	\$39,795.55
CLARE	\$7,675.87	\$2,469.34	\$0.00
CLIFTON	\$39,262.35	\$6,965.92	\$10,414.99
COLTON	\$59,024.55	\$12,983.49	\$5,676.67
DEKALB	\$23,058.17	\$9,678.85	\$22,940.67
DEPEYSTER	\$10,082.51	\$6,058.00	\$2,214.34
EDWARDS	\$12,677.15	\$6,432.54	\$18,089.16
FINE	\$25,733.63	\$20,135.02	\$4,454.00
FOWLER	\$30,861.25	\$15,074.70	\$28,827.33
GOUVERNEUR	\$40,393.81	\$20,157.95	\$56,667.98
HAMMOND	\$38,368.88	\$11,075.42	\$25,895.67
HERMON	\$15,122.83	\$9,908.48	\$18,943.22
HOPKINTON	\$19,595.15	\$9,953.26	\$15,566.29
LAWRENCE	\$13,348.18	\$7,630.59	\$31,064.84
LISBON	\$39,090.52	\$16,131.43	\$10,839.00
LOUISVILLE	\$38,540.19	\$13,416.26	\$76,074.41
MACOMB	\$17,315.65	\$8,198.37	\$5,221.04
MADRID	\$14,666.12	\$8,333.69	\$3,248.00
MASSENA	\$92,829.79	\$11,422.19	\$107,098.82
MORRISTOWN	\$35,295.22	\$13,095.72	\$23,128.51
NORFOLK	\$35,458.03	\$15,682.33	\$43,863.35
OSWEGATCHIE	\$41,398.35	\$15,608.17	\$25,850.89
PARISHVILLE	\$32,166.57	\$11,945.21	\$11,860.33
PIERCEFIELD	\$21,547.03	\$7,300.24	\$9,481.66
PIERREPONT	\$31,859.54	\$12,943.20	\$14,871.34
PITCAIRN	\$11,738.82	\$5,788.82	\$17,565.99
POTSDAM	\$107,372.34	\$10,114.31	\$82,671.09
ROSSIE	\$9,764.22	\$5,135.56	\$10,159.33
RUSSELL	\$17,317.56	\$11,368.13	\$1,551.00
STOCKHOLM	\$30,980.46	\$22,931.47	\$60,802.29
WADDINGTON	\$27,465.12	\$12,661.43	\$14,943.50
OGDENSBURG	\$48,842.56	\$4,900.12	\$70,393.99
TOTALS	\$1,095,638.92	\$381,843.51	\$909,854.21

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH C&S COMPANIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION ON PROPERTY OWNED BY LEWIS HERNE

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 Lewis Herne known as “The Herne Property”, located at 47 South Raquette Street in the Town of Massena, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 16.027-3-3) (hereinafter referred to as the “Property”), and

WHEREAS, there are currently delinquent real property taxes due and owing in the amount of \$16,655.56, together with fees, penalties and interest in the amount of \$7,755.54 for a total of \$24,411.10 on the Herne Property, and

WHEREAS, the Property is believed to be potentially contaminated from historic activities on and adjacent to the Property, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to have an environmental investigation conducted on the Property to obtain information about the environmental conditions, including the nature and extent of any discovered contamination, so that the County can make an informed decision concerning the Property prior to a judgment of foreclosure being entered, and

WHEREAS, in addition, the County, through its outside environmental council, has secured a proposal with the scope of work involving a limited site environmental investigation of the parcel and preparation of a written report describing environmental conditions, if any, 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 proposal and recommend awarding the contract to C&S Companies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with C&S Companies, in the amount of \$9,000 (T1013254 43007), for environmental investigation on property owned by Lewis Herne, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

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Finance Committee: 11-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
SELF-INSURANCE PLAN FOR INCREASED COSTS OF
SCHEDULED LOSS OF USE AWARDS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Self-Insurance Fund is responsible for the payment of Workers' Compensation related expenditures, and

WHEREAS, part of the administration of the Workers' Compensation claims requires an assessment of files that may not be prepared for full and final settlement, but where a claimant has reached maximum medical improvement, and

WHEREAS, under New York Workers' Compensation Law, a Schedule Loss of Use Award may be made when a claimant has reached maximum medical improvement and the body part(s) of the claimant have a permanent loss of use as a result of their work-related injury, and

WHEREAS, under a Schedule Loss of Use Award, compensation is limited to a certain number of weeks based on the body part and severity of the disability, according to a schedule set by law, and

WHEREAS, a credit will be realized from the fact that the temporary benefits that have been paid are deducted from the total Scheduled Loss of Use Award, and future full and final settlements are reduced by that credit as an advance against the final value of the claim, and

WHEREAS, these Scheduled Loss of Use Awards are largely viewed within the industry as the end of claim incapable of being fully and finally settled due to some other impediment such as continued employment, and

WHEREAS, these Scheduled Loss of Use Awards, common during economic downturns, have created a deficit in the Benefits and Awards account which also covers the medical and indemnity payments of the claimants, and

WHEREAS, County Law, Article 7, Sections 363 and 366, allows the Board of Legislators to make additional appropriations or increase existing appropriations from the unappropriated fund balance within a particular fund, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer money from the Self-Insurance Plan Reserve account, by increasing the appropriated fund balance to cover those payments as they come due,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan for increased costs of Scheduled Loss of Use Awards, as follows:

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DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

07TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$250,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

07TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$250,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

LI017204 40301	SI Workers Comp Benefits and Awards	\$250,000
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Finance Committee: 11-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

ADOPTING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CORPORATE COMPLIANCE PLAN

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2015, St. Lawrence County adopted Local Law G for the Year 2015, “Amending Local Law 1 for the Year 2009, A Local Law Adopting the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law” and Rescinding All Previous Ethics Laws and Amendments in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, as stated in the local law, “The purpose of this law is to create the St. Lawrence County Ethics and Disclosure Law in compliance with Article 18 of the New York State Municipal Law,” and

WHEREAS, one of the stated purposes of the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law is to ensure compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and directives, and

WHEREAS, one such set of laws and directives, arising from general guidance published by the United States Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Sentencing Guidelines (U.S.S.G. §§ 8B2.1), and New York State Social Services Law SOS § 363-d, requires the establishment and implementation of a Corporate Compliance Plan as an entity that provides services to Medicaid recipients, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Risk Manager has developed a Corporate Compliance Plan which incorporates the St. Lawrence County Ethics and Disclosure Law and sets forth the Standards of Conduct and Policies and Procedures to be followed by all St. Lawrence County employees and agents who furnish services and goods to St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators hereby adopts the St. Lawrence County Corporate Compliance Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the St. Lawrence County Corporate Compliance Plan, in its entirety, is available on the St. Lawrence County website at www.stlawco.org or at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators at Canton, New York, where it may be inspected or procured by any interested person during regular business hours.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ACCELERATED TRANSIT CAPITAL FUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) awarded St. Lawrence County \$309,792 in Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) Program Funds, and

WHEREAS, eligible projects include rehabilitating, restoring, and modernizing public transit assets that have a minimum service life of five (5) years such as bus upgrades, maintenance equipment, and buses, and

WHEREAS, the NYS DOT requires grantees to execute grant agreements within thirty (30) days of receiving an award notification,

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the Planning Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N2B56302 23000	N Automotive Equipment	\$309,792
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B35945 56002	N SA Capital Funds for Bus	\$309,792
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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 THE 2022 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN
SIGNATURE PAGE FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires that the Youth Bureau submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2022 Youth Development Program Year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature Page will qualify the County for State reimbursement in the 2022 Program Year, and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2022 for Youth Development Program is \$106,456 (Y4073204 46000), and

WHEREAS, OCFS will reimburse St. Lawrence County for contract and county agency program expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP), plan, provide fiscal/grants management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2022 RAP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2022 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2022 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN
SIGNATURE PAGE FOR YOUTH SPORTS AND EDUCATIONAL FUNDING**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires that the Youth Bureau submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2022 Youth Development Program year, and

WHEREAS, the signing of the RAP Signature Page will qualify the County for State reimbursement in the 2022 program year, and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2022 for youth sports and educational funding is \$9,424 (Y4073204 46500), and

WHEREAS, OCFS will reimburse St. Lawrence County for contract and county agency program expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP), plan, provide fiscal/grants management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2022 RAP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2022 Resource Allocation Plan Signature Page for Youth Sports and Educational Funding, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR SALE OF GOVERNMENT ASSETS BY ONLINE AUCTION

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County utilizes Auctions International, Inc. for sale of tax foreclosed properties as well as sale of government assets such as vehicles, machinery, equipment, and other surplus assets by online auction, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 95-2022 authorized the Chair to sign a contract extension with Auctions International, Inc. for property tax auction services on foreclosed real properties in St. Lawrence County until 2026, and

WHEREAS, separately, a contract is now required for the sale of government assets, and

WHEREAS, the terms of the contract will be for two (2) years from the date the contract is executed with no commission charged to the County for sale of assets,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Auctions International, Inc. for sale of government assets by online auction, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PACEBUTLER CORPORATION FOR ELECTRONIC DEVICE DISPOSAL AND DATA REMOVAL

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has recently taken on the initiative of inventorying old, unused County-owned cell phones and other electronic devices, and

WHEREAS, an opportunity exists with PaceButler Corporation for the County to receive revenue for such devices that no longer have value in their use to the County, and

WHEREAS, the process will ensure, at no cost, that County-owned data that may have been stored on the devices is incapable of being recovered by commercially available tool sets, in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and Department of Defense (DOD) standards, and

WHEREAS, PaceButler will provide the St Lawrence County with a data clearing manifest detailing each device and certifying that the devices have in fact been cleared of any remaining County-owned data,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with PaceButler Corporation for electronic device disposal and data removal.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of subdivision four of section 6305 of the Education Law, counties that do not have a community college are required to pay for partial tuition for its residents which is charged back to the perspective towns and villages, and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Budget appropriated \$705,000 for payments to Community Colleges, and

WHEREAS, the outstanding bills and any other that arrive throughout the end of 2022 require this request for a transfer of funds to cover the cost of appropriations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office for costs associated with community college tuition, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$250,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1E24904 46502	B EDUC Community Colleges Tuition	\$250,000
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that the Organizational Meeting of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators shall be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators' Chambers, Court House, Canton, New York for the purpose of electing a Chair of the Board of Legislators and transacting any other business that may come before the Board.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**CALLING ON THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO FULLY FUND COUNTY LAW 18B
ASSIGNED COUNSEL STATUTORY PAY LEVELS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution established, and the Supreme Court decision *Gideon v. Wainwright* clarified, that competent counsel is to be given to all accused of a crime, regardless of their ability to pay, and

WHEREAS, New York State took legislative action to establish a criminal indigent defense legal system that passed the responsibility of providing these criminal defense services, and many of the costs associated with them, to counties and local property taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the New York State Civil Liberties Union sued the State of New York in *Hurrell-Harring v. State of New York*, which showed indigent criminal defense services were underfunded by the State and failed to meet constitutionally required standards, and

WHEREAS, prior to *Hurrell-Harring*, the 57 New York Counties spent \$164 million annually on public defense while the State provided the 57 Counties with only \$39 million in indigent defense support, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature recognized that the State needs to provide additional funding and, in 2017, passed historic legislation allocating \$250 million per year, when fully implemented, of state funding to directly improve indigent defense services, and

WHEREAS, while counties are still funding the same amount, the 2017 funding increase has made New York State a leader in indigent defense services, and

WHEREAS, due to different county demographics and needs, counties have flexibility in how to provide criminal defense by using a combination of public defenders, conflict defense offices, and private contracted attorneys known as 18B counsel (named after the applicable section of County Law), and

WHEREAS, all counties rely on the services of 18B attorneys to perform these services to handle the overflow of work and handle conflicts that come into the public defender's office, and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the 2017 State legislation did not address the pay rate for 18B attorneys, and

WHEREAS, Article 18B establishes compensation paid to attorneys for assigned counsel work at \$60/hour for misdemeanor matters and \$75/hour for felony defense, and

WHEREAS, these rates have remained unchanged since 2004 and, in that same time period, the United States has seen inflation rise by fifty-seven percent (57%), and

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WHEREAS, counties across the State have had difficulty in recent years attracting and keeping quality 18B attorneys in their region, with stagnate pay reported as the major contributing factor, and

WHEREAS, without properly funding 18B attorneys, which will keep and attract quality attorneys, the good work by the State to improve indigent defense services could be in jeopardy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls on the State of New York to increase the 18B assigned counsel statutory pay levels, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State needs to fully fund this increase in keeping with the reasoning set forth in the Hurrell-Harring case, and to build on the State Legislature's historic 2017 legislation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; Assemblyman Mark Walczyk; **Franklin County Board of Legislators, Herkimer County Board of Legislators; Hamilton County Board of Supervisors; Jefferson County Board of Legislators; and Lewis County Board of Legislators.**

(Note: Changes made at Committee are reflected in bold.)

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

CALLING ON NEW YORK STATE TO SUFFICIENTLY INVEST IN 9-1-1 FUNDING TO ENSURE PROPER MAINTENANCE WITH EXISTING SYSTEMS AND PREPARE FOR NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 TECHNOLOGIES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the funding mechanism that New York State counties use to help operate, maintain and upgrade 9-1-1 system capability and performance is out of date and does not correspond well with recent technology and marketplace changes, and

WHEREAS, the FCC has released their latest report for 2020, and it shows that New York collected \$241,643,008 and diverted over \$100,765,134 (41.7%) to other non-9-1-1 related purposes and the general fund, and

WHEREAS, currently, Tax Law, Article 186-f, Section 5, states that forty-one and seven-tenths of the revenues collected and received are swept into the state general fund and not provided for public safety services, and

WHEREAS, this diversion shifts the bulk of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) readiness financing to counties and other local governments PSAPs in New York State, and

WHEREAS, the diversion of E9-1-1 funds results in a system that does not direct sufficient revenue to allow counties to properly maintain existing systems while also preparing to implement NG 9-1-1 technology required under federal law, and

WHEREAS, under current law, for the last four budget years, \$10 million was authorized and targeted directly to PSAPs and up to \$65 million was set aside for the provision of grants and reimbursements to counties administered by the State Interoperable Communications Grants (SICG) program, administered by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), and

WHEREAS, due to the designation of E9-1-1 fees for non 9-1-1 related expenses, New York State PSAPs are not eligible for any of the \$115 million in federal grant funding for E9-1-1 and NG 9-1-1 enhancements and IP-based advanced networks, and

WHEREAS, the goal of upgraded NG 9-1-1 systems is to make sure that all devices capable of connecting to the system can do so using voice, text, video images and other data formats to better inform the emergency responders of the situation they will be entering, and

WHEREAS, NG 9-1-1 upgraded systems will be able to better pinpoint an emergency call that may be in a remote area of the state or in a multi-storied building in one of our communities, and

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WHEREAS, recognizing a more precise location of those needing emergency services will improve outcomes and save lives, but this cannot be accomplished without consistent and timely funding from the State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators calls on New York State to sufficiently invest in 9-1-1 funding to ensure proper maintenance with existing systems and prepare for next generation 9-1-1 technologies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators further calls on DHSES to implement the draft 9-1-1 plan, and ensure the creation of a statewide NG 9-1-1 system connecting all of the county and municipal 9-1-1 systems into one statewide system, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators further calls on the State to fund NG 9-1-1 implementation with state resources, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED releasing these funding obligations on a regular schedule will provide certainty and build continuity as we upgrade and maintain existing systems and prepare for and implement NG 9-1-1, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk.

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Finance Committee: 11-28-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**DESIGNATING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS
THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TOURISM PROMOTION AGENT**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce has represented the County as its Tourism Promotion Agent and this designation provides them with eligibility for I Love New York Funding, and

WHEREAS, it is requested that counties appoint a Tourism Promotion Agency in order to participate in the Empire State Development Division of Tourism Matching Funds Program, and

WHEREAS, participation in this program doubles the earmarked Tourism Promotion Funds by St. Lawrence County through I Love New York Funds, and

WHEREAS, according to the NYS Tourism Economics Report (2021), visitor expenditure accounted for more than \$136.2 million in St. Lawrence County, and \$10.7 million in local taxes in 2021, and

WHEREAS, according to the NYS Tourism Economics Report tourism spending has increased year to year, with a 33.8% increase between 2020 and 2021 and a 103.6% increase between 2019 and 2021, supporting the importance of investing in the continued growth of the tourism industry post-pandemic, and

WHEREAS, according to the NYS Tourism Economics Report an estimated 1,486 jobs in the County (2021) were supported by visitors, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce represents the County as its Tourism Promotion Agent by creating a comprehensive marketing and advertising campaign, consisting of events, attractions, and recreational opportunities throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, tourism marketing and the opportunity to leverage state grant opportunities operate in a two year cycle and require a digital marketing presence,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators designates the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce as the St. Lawrence County Tourism Promotion Agent, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2023 is the last year of the current contract with the Chamber of Commerce which maintains the funding mechanism in a formula that incentivizes the Chamber to work diligently to improve tourism in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the base formula will provide fifty (50%) of the occupancy tax revenue as an appropriation to the Chamber for 2023, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the percentage of occupancy tax shall be based on a rolling five (5) year average and every dollar above the average will be shared at seventy-five percent (75%) to the Chamber of Commerce and twenty-five percent (25%) to St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County recommends that the Chamber of Commerce continue to improve its financial position and bring measurable successes to the Board of Legislators annually for review.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Acres, District 8 and Ms. Curran, District 15

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

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

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

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

Department/Unit:	Title:	Position	Type	Duration	Timeline
Emergency Services	Dispatcher	612100021	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff/Jail	Correction Officer	603000071	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Sheriff/Jail	Correction Officer**	603000082	PT	Provisional	Immediate
Sheriff/Jail	Correction Officer**	603000083	PT	Provisional	Immediate
Sheriff/Jail	Correction Officer**	603000084	PT	Provisional	Immediate
Sheriff/Jail	Correction Officer**	603000085	PT	Provisional	Immediate
Sheriff/Jail	Correction Officer**	603000086	PT	Provisional	Immediate
Public Health	Public Health Specialist*	504300004	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Public Health	Communicable Disease Specialist*	830000001	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services/Medicaid	Social Welfare Examiner	814000069	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Medicaid	Social Welfare Examiner	814000071	FT	Contingent	Immediate
Social Services/Medicaid	Senior Clerk	002400003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/CPS	Caseworker	815200010	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Accounting	Assistant Accounting Supervisor*	102000003	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services/CS	Keyboard Specialist	003100021	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/Accounting	Fiscal Manager*	101200004	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Administrator/B&G	Custodial Worker	303000014	FT	Contingent	Immediate
County Administrator/Print and Mail	Delivery Clerk	002200003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Administrator/Print and Mail * DSS Reception	Delivery Clerk	002200002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000022	FT	Permanent	Immediate

*new positions

**these positions were authorized to be added at the November Services Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 101100001, Accounting Supervisor, be abolished in the Department of Social Services, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED for any positions funded by grants, and the grant goes away, those positions will be abolished,

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

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF
MR. WILLIAM H. PLANTZ**

By Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for the community which benefits from the knowledge and experiences this individual brings to all, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammond and County of St. Lawrence recognizes with great respect and admiration the contributions all people, including senior citizens, who give to our community, and

WHEREAS, Mr. William Plantz was born in Hammond on December 26, 1922, to his parents Walter and Margaret (Dake) Plantz, the fifth of ten children, at Oak Point in Hammond, NY, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plantz enlisted in the Navy in November 1941 just a few weeks prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor along with 127 other young men and two women from Hammond who served various branches of the military during WWII, three of which were his brothers, and now has the notable honor of being the last surviving veteran of World War II from Hammond, NY, and

WHEREAS, now at the blessed age of 100 years old, Mr. Plantz is to be commended for distinguishing himself not only for the length of his incredible life but the impact he undoubtedly had on many lives in his Country and around his community, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to honor the newest centenarian in the County with sincerest congratulations and best wishes for many more happy productive years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators recognizes the 100th birthday of Mr. William Plantz.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE FORGIVENESS OF INTEREST, PENALTIES, AND CERTAIN FEES ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS “THE PROPERTY OF ELLEN SMITH” LOCATED AT ONE HUTCHINS STREET IN THE TOWN OF NORFOLK

By Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, Ellen Smith is the title owner to land located at one Hutchins Street in the Town of Norfolk under the name “The Wood Sisters, LLC” with a Tax Map #32.058-4-32.113, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith owns a now vacant commercial property located at 67 W Main Street in the Town of Norfolk as well as the Hutchins Street property, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Norfolk performed an abatement at the W Main Street location and then applied the debt to the real property taxes on the Hutchins Street property, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to resolve the real property tax debt amid uncertainty as to enforceability of the imposition of the abatement costs, Ms. Smith proposed payment of the full cleanup cost and base tax in lieu of the interest, penalties, and fees, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law §1182, “If the governing body of any tax district shall determine that it is for the best interests of the tax district, it shall have the power, by resolution, to authorize the enforcing officer to permit the cancellation in whole or in part of any interest, penalties or other charges imposed by law to which the tax district or any other municipal corporation shall be lawfully entitled...,”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorized the forgiveness of interest, penalties, and certain fees on the property known as “the property of Ellen Smith” located at one Hutchins Street in the Town of Norfolk, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the receipt of \$41,883.20, which constitutes the base real property taxes due associated with land located at one Hutchins Street in the Town of Norfolk with a Tax Map #32.058-4-32.113 and owned by The Woods Sisters, LLC as operated by Ellen Smith with such remaining interest, penalties, and fees accumulated to date to be forgiven pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Legislators under Real Property Tax Law § 1182, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

ADOPTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Board of Legislators

WHEREAS, the 2023 Tentative Budget has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2022, the Finance Committee delivered the 2023 Tentative Budget as presented by the Budget Officer on October 31, 2022 to the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the 2023 Tentative Budget was held on December 5, 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby adopts the 2023 Tentative Budget with said budget requiring the raising of real property taxes in the amount of \$51,702,104, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County 2023 Tentative Budget be distributed in the funds as per Exhibit A and Exhibit B of said Adopted Budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators directs that the Clerk of the Board of Legislators to establish the St. Lawrence County Budget for the year 2023 in the amount of \$274,176,630 with a levy of \$51,702,104.

2023 BUDGET SUMMARY

EXHIBIT A:

CATEGORY

APPROPRIATIONS

TOTAL BUDGET	
General Government Support	\$61,146,361
Education	851,000
Public Safety	19,764,243
Health	18,368,920
Transportation	27,233,391
Economic Assistance Opportunity	78,100,562
Culture & Recreation	533,213
Home & Community Services	8,004,897
Employee Benefits	40,822,412
Debt Service	2,497,548
Interfund Transfers	<u>16,854,083</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$274,176,630

EXHIBIT B:

CATEGORY

REVENUE

Departmental Revenues	\$74,994,318
State Aid	37,542,429
Federal Aid	24,576,232
Sales Tax	71,550,834
Appropriated Surplus	601,630
Inter-Fund Transfers	13,209,083
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	<u>51,702,104</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$274,176,630

2023 Recommended Budget and Amendments

Budget Element	2022 Adopted	2023 Tentative	2023 BOL Review	BOL vs. Tentative Budget	BOL vs. 2022 Adopted
COUNTY COST	50,582,681	52,303,734	52,303,734	0	1,721,053
Appropriated Surplus	250,000	601,630	601,630	0	351,630
Proposed Levy	50,332,681	51,702,104	51,702,104	0	1,369,423
Assessed Valuation	6,274,162,944	6,799,035,180	6,799,035,180	0	524,872,236
Estimated Tax Rate per \$1000 AV	8.0222	7.6043	7.6043	0	-0.4179
Change in County Cost		3.29%	0.00%	0.00%	3.29%
Change in Appropriated Surplus		58.45%	0.00%	0.00%	58.45%
Change in Levy		2.65%	0.00%	0.00%	2.65%
Change in True Value Tax Rate		-5.50%	0.00%	0.00%	-5.50%