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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA
MS. RITA CURRAN, CHAIR
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
*****BOARD ROOM AND VIA YOUTUBE*****
*****5:30 P.M. *****

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 12**
- 3. EMERGENCY SERVICES – MATT DENNER**
 - A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Onondaga County for a Master Radio Communications Site Agreement for the Office of Emergency Services (Res)
 - B. Supporting Emergency Service Communication Towers for Star Lake and Cranberry Lake in the Adirondack Park (Res)
 - C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a FY23 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Emergency Services (Res)
 - D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Office of Homeland Security for a FY23 PSAP Grant and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Emergency Services (Res)
 - E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery Corporation for a Pet Disaster Relief Unit to be Utilized by St. Lawrence County Animal Response Team (Res)
- 4. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER**
 - A. Proclaiming Earth Day in St. Lawrence County (Res)
 - B. Proclaiming April 2024 as Fair Housing Month (Res)
- 5. PROBATION – TIM LEPAGE**
 - A. Declaring April Sexual Assault Awareness Month (Res)
 - B. Approval of Bad Debt Write off for the Probation Department (Res) (Info)
- 6. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – RICK JOHNSON**
 - A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Customer Support Agreement with SADA Systems, Inc. for Google Workspace Licenses and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Information Technology (Res)

7. LEGISLATOR RITA CURRAN

- A. Advocating for the Adoption of Farm-Friendly Policies within the State of New York (Res)
- B. Proclaiming April 21-27, 2024, as National Volunteer Appreciation Week in St. Lawrence County (Res)

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

- A. Vacancy Review Summary (Info) – Ms. Doyle
- B. Sheriff's Office
 - 1. Fill, Deputy Sheriff, Position No. 605000028
 - 2. Fill, Correction Officer, Position No. 603000040
 - 3. Abolish RN and Create and Fill LPN, Position No. 500900007
 - 4. Abolish Chief Civil Enforcement Officer and Create and Fill, Deputy Sheriff Sergeant, Position No. 605100007

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

13. ADJOURNMENT – If there is no further business.

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RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ONONDAGA COUNTY
FOR A MASTER RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SITE AGREEMENT FOR THE
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Onondaga County operates a Department of Emergency Communications which is headed by a Commissioner, who, among other things, is responsible for administering the operation of a county-wide emergency communications simulcast digital Trunked Land Mobile Radio (TLMR) network known as the Onondaga County Interoperable Communications System (OCICS), and

WHEREAS, the OCICS utilizes a Master Site Server to coordinate radio conversations on the TLMR and to gain efficiencies in the use of public airspace, and the Master Site Server has sufficient capacity to permit additional public service users, and

WHEREAS, the Central New York Interoperable Communications Consortium (CNYICC) is comprised the following eleven (11) counties: Broome, Cayuga, Cortland, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, and Tioga, and

WHEREAS, the CNYICC was formed for the purpose of fostering collaboration on a joint regional interoperable communications network that could serve all first responders in the ten county region as well as interfacing with other local and regional state and federal public service agencies and would study and establish a process for sharing costs and assets that would be of mutual benefit to all parties, and

WHEREAS, Onondaga County wants to advance the goals of the CNYICC and of granting the member counties access to its OCICS TLMR Master Site, and, as owner of the Master Site may choose to expand the level of interoperability and extend licenses to responding entities which are not CNYICC members, and

WHEREAS, to provide for the safety and protection of the public and public safety responders, and to maintain the integrity of the OCICS, it is necessary to establish procedures for the use of the Master Site by the licensed users, and to provide for a means of allocating the costs and obligations associated with the administration and use of the Master Site in a fair and equitable manner upon all such licensed users,

WHEREAS, the cost to purchase an independent core would be over \$300,000, and after careful consideration it was determined that a shared core would meet the needs of St. Lawrence County allowing the cost to be shared between multiple counties annually,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Onondaga County for a Master Radio Communication Site for the Office of Emergency Services, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following an opportunity to review costs, and additional resolution will be brought forward to modify the 2024 Budget for Emergency Services.

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RESOLUTION NO.

**SUPPORTING EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMUNICATION TOWERS
FOR STAR LAKE AND CRANBERRY LAKE IN THE ADIRONDACK PARK**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has secured funding to upgrade emergency communication towers and equipment throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, existing communication gaps in the Star Lake and Cranberry Lake areas are unacceptable and have the potential to put the health, safety, and welfare of emergency responders, law enforcement, residents, and visitors in dangerous situations with no communication apparatus, and

WHEREAS, two new tower locations in the hamlets of Star Lake and Cranberry Lake within the Adirondack Park have been identified as preferred locations to fill potential life-threatening emergency communication coverage gaps in the Clifton-Fine region, and

WHEREAS, these proposed new emergency communication towers, at maximum coverage heights, will substantially improve the current gaps and provide critical public safety upgrades, and

WHEREAS, the new emergency communication towers will significantly improve the communication needs for first responders, law enforcement, emergency management, NYS Forest Rangers, Clifton-Fine Hospital, North Country Life Flight, Fort Drum Medevac Services, SUNY ES&F Ranger School, SUNY ES&F Cranberry Lake Biological Field Station, Clifton-Fine Central School, Town of Clifton Highway Department, Town of Fine Highway Department, Snowmobile Groomers, Potential Cellular Providers, and the general public, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is open to and is discussing co-locations with other providers that could reduce additional visual intrusions, and

WHEREAS, the 2019 New York Upstate Cellular Coverage Task Force report states that one key challenge in forested locations is that dense foliage rapidly weakens signal strength, and carriers have traditionally mitigated this issue by placing antennas well above the tree line, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is applying for an Adirondack Park Agency Permit to install these new towers that will alleviate many of the emergency communication complications in the region; however, County staff have been met with a resistance by the APA to approve towers at certain elevated heights, and

WHEREAS, the approval of the two proposed emergency communication towers, at increased heights, would eliminate the need for an additional two relay towers (should the APA disapprove of the elevated heights) at an additional taxpayer cost of approximately \$1.5 million each for a total of \$3 million, which would also have significant environmental impacts (access

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roads, electrical services, additional visual impacts), cause severe delays in coverage areas while additional funding is sought, and increase long term operation and maintenance costs to the taxpayers, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports Emergency Service Communication Towers for Star Lake and Cranberry Lake within the Adirondack Park, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to NYS Governor Hochul, Senator Dan Stec, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Scott Gray, NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Commissioner Jackie Bray, Adirondack Park Agency Executive Director Barbara Rice, Adirondack Park Agency Board Members and Designees, NYS Association of Counties (NYSAC) Executive Director Stephen Acquario, Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board (APLGRB) Executive Director Gerry Delaney, and Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages (AATV) President Stephen McNally

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RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICE OF INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FOR A FY23 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS FORMULA GRANT AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications has awarded a grant of \$798,892 to the Office of Emergency Services which concentrates on improving interoperability and operability of communication systems in New York State with a contract period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a FY23 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X2Z36402 25000 23SI	OHS FY23 SICG Technical Equipment	\$648,892
X2Z36404 43007 23SI	OHS FY23 SICG Other Fees & Services	<u>150,000</u>
		\$798,892

INCREASE REVENUE:

X2Z43895 57000 SI	X FA Homeland Security	\$798,892
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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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**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR A FY23 PSAP GRANT AND
MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and the Office of Emergency Services has awarded a grant of \$209,055 to the Office of Emergency Services to provide funds to cover salaries that enhance PSAP operations with a contract period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, this FY23 PSAP Grant provides St. Lawrence County funding to reduce the County cost for dispatcher salaries in the 911 Dispatch Center,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with New York State Office of Homeland Security for a FY23 PSAP grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

X1C34101 11000 PSAP	X CD Direct Service Worker PSAP	\$209,055
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INCREASE REVENUE:

X2Z3385 56000 PSAP	X SI State Aid	\$209,055
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RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT
WITH AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB COMPANION ANIMAL RECOVERY
CORPORATION FOR A PET DISASTER RELIEF UNIT TO BE UTILIZED BY
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Animal Response Team (CART) will manage and coordinate, or assist in coordinating, local animal response activities through the use of established animal protection and support organizations, processes, and procedures under the direction of the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services, and

WHEREAS, CART has received sponsorship from American Kennel Club member, St. Lawrence Valley Dog Club, who have raised funds in an amount equal to a portion of the total cost of the Pet Disaster Relief Unit (PDRU) (towable trailer) at no cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, a grant in the form of a Pet Disaster Relief Unit (PDRU) and supplies have been awarded to the Office of Emergency Services with a contract period beginning upon delivery of the PDRU and will remain in effect until the PDRU is no longer usable, as determined by AKC REUNITE, and

WHEREAS, the PDRU will be utilized by CART in the event of a natural or man-made emergency or disaster that requires the protection and support of displaced pets and service animals, and will be displayed at community events a minimum of two times per year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery Corporation for a Pet Disaster Relief Unit to be utilized by St. Lawrence County Animal Response Team, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO.

PROCLAIMING EARTH DAY IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has traditionally emphasized the preservation and improvement of the quality of the natural and the man-made environment within the County, and

WHEREAS, April 22, 2024 marks the 54th anniversary of Earth Day, and since 1970 Earth Day has increased awareness of the planet we live on, pollution, climate change, endangered species, and many other environmental issues, and

WHEREAS, since its establishment by the Board of Legislators in 1971 the Environmental Management Council (EMC) has worked to advise the Board of Legislators about, and to foster public understanding of, environmental matters affecting the County, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with "Earth Day", the EMC will encourage public participation in environmentally responsible activities and educational programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims April 22, 2024 to be Earth Day in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators does hereby encourage all persons throughout the County to participate in programs and activities, on Earth Day and throughout the year, that promote a healthy environment in conjunction with a stronger economy, and that improve awareness about the interactions between people and the environment.

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RESOLUTION NO.

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2024 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, April 11, 1968, marked the signing of the Fair Housing Act into law, which proclaims a national policy of equal housing opportunity for all citizens without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability, and

WHEREAS, since the Board of Legislators established the St. Lawrence County Fair Housing Task Force in 1991, the Task Force has implemented a variety of activities to promote equal access to housing for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, disability (physical or mental), creed, age, sexual orientation, marital status, or military status, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force co-sponsored two Fair Housing workshops with CNY Fair Housing on March 25th to raise public awareness about Fair Housing requirements for landlords, property managers, and tenants,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims April 2024 as Fair Housing Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators reaffirms its commitment to promote equal housing so that all County residents are given the opportunity to live in safe, decent housing of their choice.

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RESOLUTION NO.

DECLARING APRIL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Campaign theme, *Building Connected Communities*, helps us reduce the likelihood of sexual abuse, assault, and harassment in our communities, and

WHEREAS, community creates a sense of belonging and reminds us of how our beliefs, choices, and actions impact one another. Any space where people come together is a community, whether in neighborhoods, workplaces, campuses, organizations, or even online spaces. We are all part of a community, even when we may feel disconnected or apart from them. At the center of *building connected communities* is ensuring our communities are safe, inclusive, and equitable. Racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, ageism, ableism, and other forms of oppression contribute to higher rates of sexual harassment, assault, and abuse. We must address all abuses of power to prevent sexual violence – in our relationships, communities and society, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that how we talk about sexual violence significantly impacts survivors, their families, our communities, and society. We also understand that our voices have power and that when one of us does not feel safe or respected, we are all affected. As such, we must strive to create strong, connected communities that take care of one another and make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of others, to end sexual violence, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House provides St. Lawrence County with services which range from prevention, crisis intervention, counseling, and advocacy, including a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program, and

WHEREAS, through the month of April, events are planned in St. Lawrence County to highlight Sexual Assault Awareness Month,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators declare April Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages all citizens of the County to join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to raise awareness to help prevent sexual assault.

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RESOLUTION NO.

APPROVAL OF BAD DEBT WRITE OFF FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 87-2014 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Falcon Recovery Systems, LLC for St. Lawrence County in an effort to consolidate collection work under one contract, and

WHEREAS, although the amount owed is written off, the amount due is placed in the file of the client in an effort to collect payment should they return for services in the future, and

WHEREAS, in 2022 bad debt accounts were \$5,864.75 for Drug Testing Fees and \$5,189 for Supervision Fees, for a total of \$11,053.75, written off last year by Resolution No. 85-2023, and

WHEREAS, in 2023 bad debt accounts from 2016, 6 years uncollectible, were \$3,464 for Drug Testing Fees and \$2,243.55 for Supervision Fees, for a total of \$5,707.55, and

WHEREAS, while the write offs assist with the accounting aspects of operations, collection efforts will continue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the bad debt write offs for the Probation Department, as follows:

DECREASE CONTRA ASSET ACCOUNT:

01TG0389 501Q0	T Allowance for Receivables Probation	\$5,708
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DECREASE ASSET ACCOUNT:

01TG0380 501Q0	T Q Accounts Receivable	\$5,708
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Bad Debt Write Off Summary for Last 5 Years

Fee Type	2017 Revenue	2017 Write Offs in 2023	Balance Collected	% Collected
Drug/Alcohol Fees	\$8,830.00	(\$3,464.00)	\$5,366.00	61%
Supervision Fees	\$34,945.00	(\$2,243.55)	\$32,701.45	94%
Custody/Visitation Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Fees	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$215.00	100%
Total	\$43,990.00	(\$5,707.55)	\$38,282.45	87%

Fee Type	2016 Revenue	2016 Write Offs in 2022	Balance Collected	% Collected
Drug/Alcohol Fees	\$12,900.00	(\$5,864.75)	\$7,035.25	55%
Supervision Fees	\$44,140.00	(\$5,189.00)	\$38,951.00	88%
Custody/Visitation Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Other Fees	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	
Total	\$57,350.00	(\$11,053.75)	\$46,296.25	81%

Fee Type	2015 Revenue	2015 Write Offs in 2021	Balance Collected	% Collected
Drug/Alcohol Fees	\$10,350.00	(\$5,048.00)	\$5,302.00	51%
Supervision Fees	\$44,325.00	(\$6,545.27)	\$37,779.73	85%
Custody/Visitation Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Other Fees	\$494.45	\$0.00	\$494.45	
Total	\$55,169.45	(\$11,593.27)	\$43,576.18	79%

Fee Type	2014 Revenue	2014 Write Offs in 2020	Balance Collected	% Collected
Drug/Alcohol Fees	\$ 12,050.00	\$ (5,515.00)	\$ 6,535.00	54%
Supervision Fees	\$ 45,490.00	\$ (9,257.00)	\$ 36,233.00	80%
Custody/Visitation Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Fees	\$ 130.00	\$ -	\$ 130.00	100%
Total	\$ 57,670.00	\$ (14,772.00)	\$ 42,898.00	74%

Fee Type	2013 Revenue	2013 Write Offs in 2019	Balance Collected	% Collected
Drug/Alcohol Fees	\$ 14,100.00	\$ (6,455.00)	\$ 7,645.00	54%
Supervision Fees	\$ 46,310.00	\$ (11,493.00)	\$ 34,817.00	75%
Custody/Visitation Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Fees	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ 450.00	100%
Total	\$ 60,860.00	\$ (17,948.00)	\$ 42,912.00	71%

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RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CUSTOMER SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH SADA SYSTEMS, INC. FOR GOOGLE WORKSPACE LICENSES AND MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County entered into an agreement to use Google Workspace on a limited basis after an extended testing period, and

WHEREAS, the Information Technology (IT) Department has found a number of additional uses to extend the functionality of this platform within County government, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the IT Department to offer this collaborative platform to more County leadership (40 more licenses) in 2024, and

WHEREAS, SADA Systems, Inc. is a Google Cloud Premier Partner and offers not only NYS Contract pricing but significant value in its implementation expertise,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a customer support agreement with SADA Systems, Inc. for Google Workspace Licenses, and

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$5,200
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD016804 42004	C IT Computer Software	\$5,200
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RESOLUTION NO.

**ADVOCATING FOR THE ADOPTION OF FARM-FRIENDLY POLICIES
WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the State of New York, by way of New York State Attorney General Letitia James has commenced litigation against the US arm of JBS, the largest meatpacker in the world, accusing the Brazilian company of misleading customers over its climate goals, including a plan to reach net zero carbon neutral standards by 2040, and

WHEREAS, New York Attorney General James, filed the suit alleging that JBS USA had repeatedly assured the public and consumers with sustainability claims that could, in effect, “provide environmentally conscious consumers with a license to eat beef,” and

WHEREAS, Attorney General James has stated the company’s “environmental greenwashing exploits the pocketbooks of everyday Americans and the promise of a healthy planet for future generations”, and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit claims, JBS “has had no viable plan to meet its commitment to be net zero by 2040,” and

WHEREAS, JBS has claimed that it can reduce its carbon footprint despite plans to increase meat production, and

WHEREAS, JBS is not the only company in the market who has made such claims but is the first (and only so far) company to be prosecuted by the State of New York with respect to such claims, and

WHEREAS, JBS is the leading beef producer in the world, with operations in the United States, Australia and Canada, and has the capacity to process more than 200,000 cattle, 500,000 hogs and 45 million chickens a week in the US alone, and

WHEREAS, the actions by the New York State Attorney General are the latest in a string of limitations, restrictions, and regulations that have been employed against New York Farmers, as well as farm suppliers in New York markets, and consumers of farm goods in New York State, over the course of the last five years, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department Of Agriculture released its latest Agriculture Census in February of 2024, revealing a 9% drop in family farms in New York State — the steepest drop in the last three decades, and

WHEREAS, the recent 2022 census shows a loss of more than 2,800 farms in New York State with a loss of 364,000 acres of farmland over the past five years, and

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WHEREAS, the main industry taking this loss is the dairy industry, the primary agrarian industry in St. Lawrence County, seeing a decrease of nearly 1,900 farms, and

WHEREAS, according to Steve Ammerman, New York Farm Bureau communications director, the drop in the number of farms is directly attributable to increased costs and commodity prices, driven by increasing market regulation, cost of operation, and restrictions imposed by the government, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, modifications made by New York State to overtime payments required for seasonal farm workers, resulted in the of labor increasing, wage rates increasing, and farmers facing challenges with the overtime threshold implemented by the State, and

WHEREAS, the trend of shuttered farms will continue unless some things change policy-wise in the state and the country, and

WHEREAS, increasing opportunities for new farmers, looking at imports at the state level, and improving trade relations can help opportunities for growth, and

WHEREAS, commencing lawsuits against agrarian industries, which run in tandem with increased regulations and restrictions, will naturally increase the expense of operation of farming operations in New York State, which will in turn lead to increased consumer costs and increased numbers of farming operations closing down,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators advocates for the adoption of Farm-Friendly Policies within the State of New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators urges the State of New York to adopt farm-friendly policies by abandoning restrictive regulations, litigation practices, and employment restrictions in an effort to enforce climate objectives, and

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

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RESOLUTION NO.

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 21-27, 2024, AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION WEEK IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Hull, District 8

WHEREAS, celebrating National Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to applaud the impact volunteers make, and to recognize those who lend their time, talent, and voices to make a difference in their communities, and

WHEREAS, this week highlights the importance of every volunteer and each contribution made at a time when support is needed more than ever, and

WHEREAS, the sharing of time, skill, empathy, and creativity of an individual is vital to the inclusivity, strength, and well-being of a community, and St. Lawrence County is very fortunate to have many citizens who take time out of their busy lives to volunteer, and

WHEREAS, having volunteers is fundamental for our County to meet some challenging moments contributing exponentially to the quality of life we all strive for in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to thank all its volunteers, including, but not limited to, those who assist in the Nutrition Program each week serving older adults, all the volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel, volunteer drivers, and everyone who donates their time and efforts to serve, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators encourages all citizens to embrace the spirit of giving, engage in acts of kindness, and contribute to their communities, and more importantly to recognize and applaud individuals who make a difference each day with their selfless actions of volunteerism,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaiming April 21-27, 2024, as National Volunteer Appreciation Week in St. Lawrence County.

VACANCY REVIEW SUMMARY

Via Zoom

March 5, 2024

Legislators Attending: Joe Lightfoot, Rita Curran, Rick Perkins

Committee Members: Ruth Doyle, Karen Bjork, Jonnie Dorothy, Heather Hebert

12:00 P.M.

<u>Summary: January-February</u>	<u>Summary: March 5th</u>	<u>Reason Vacated:</u>
Request: 37	Request: 16	Retirement: 1
Approved: 36	Approved: 15	Resignation: 4
Denied: 0	Denied: 0	Promotion: 3
Request/Hold: 1	Request/Hold: 1	Internal Transfer: 5
Withdrawn: 0	Withdrawn: 0	New Position: 6
		Abolished: 6
		Terminated: 0

POSITIONS REVIEWED:

Community Services:

Request: 1

Request: Fill, Behavioral Health Counselor (LMHC/LSW)

Position No.506500010/512400017, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill, Immediately

County Attorney:

Request: 2

Request: Abolish Secretary I, Create and Fill, Legal Secretary

Position No. 005300018, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill, Immediately

Request: Fill, Assistant County Attorney

Position No. 0219900001, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill, Immediately

Emergency Services:

Request: 1

Request: Abolish Secretary I, Create and Fill, Administrative Assistant

Position No. 005200014, Immediately

Recommendation: Hold

Public Health:

Request: 3

Request: Abolish Keyboard Specialist, Create and Fill, Administrative Assistant
Position No. 005200015, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill, 60 days

Request: Fill, Secretary I
Position No. 005100026, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill, Immediately

Request: Fill, Senior Account Clerk
Position No. 100200001, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill, Immediately

Sheriff's Office:

Request: 4

Request: Fill, Deputy Sheriff – Unit/Criminal
Position No. 605000028, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill, Immediately

Request: Fill, Correction Officer – Unit/Correctional Facility
Position No. 603000040, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill, Immediately

Request: Abolish Registered Nurse, Create and Fill, Licensed Practical Nurse
Position No. 500900007, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill, Immediately

Request: Abolish Chief Civil Enforcement Officer and Create and Fill, Deputy Sheriff Sergeant
– Unit/Civil Position No. 601100001, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill, Immediately

Social Services:

Request: 4

Request: Fill, Caseworker – Unit/CPS
Position No. 815200005, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill, Immediately

Request: Fill, Caseworker – Unit/CPS
Position No. 815200023, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill Immediately

Request: Fill, Social Welfare Examiner – Unit/TA/SNAP
Position No. 814000001, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill Immediately

Request: Fill, Social Welfare Examiner – Unit/TA/SNAP
Position No. 814000023, Immediately

Recommendation: Fill Immediately

County Administrator's Office:

Request: 1

Request: Abolish Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, Create and Fill,
Director of Governmental Services

Recommendation: Fill Immediately

	Legislators Attending	
1.9 Perkins	5.7	9.10
2.6 Denesha, Fay	6.4	10.8
3.5 Lightfoot, Curran, Perkins	7.2	11.5
4.2	8.6	12.3

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

Sheriff's Office



Type: Fill Deputy Sheriff

Subunit (If Applicable): Criminal Date Submitted: 2/12/24

Reason Vacated: Retirement Position Number: 605000028

Date Vacated: 2/26/24 Position # Abolished: N/A

Position Status: Fulltime Last Fill Date: 3/24/2008

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive Appointee Will Be: Permanent

Hrs Per Week: 40 Shift Length: 8 FTE: 1.00

Budget

Salary of Person Leaving: \$67,195 Fill Request Timeline: Immediately

Benefits: Yes (52.94%) \$35,573 Revenue Generating: No 0 %

Base Salary: \$48,553 Reimbursed by Local, State or Federal Funds: No 0 %

Base Hourly: \$23.35

Grade: Base

Net County Cost: \$102,768


*Net County Cost is calculated from salary of person leaving, if available

Detailed Justification

What is the impact on your department if this position is not filled? Please provide, in detail, the need to fill the position. Please include the service provided, if it is mandated, number of people (clients) affected, and what you will do if the position is not filled.

The Deputy Sheriff position has been vacated due to retirement. The continued need for protection of lives, property, and the enforcement of laws and ordinances in our County is the reasoning for an immediate fill request.

The work is performed under general supervision of a higher ranked officer who will give instruction and assistance during the training process.

Department Head: 

Approved?
Yes No

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

Job Qualifications

For Human Resources Use Only:
Job Qualifications Listed here:

Deputy Sheriff

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma, or possession of an Individual Education Plan Diploma as described in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Candidate must be a citizen of the United States.
2. Possession of a current valid New York State Driver's license.
3. In order to be eligible for appointment, candidate must meet all current requirements of Section 58 of the Civil Service Law.
4. **Investigative Screening:** As stated in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law, there will be a background investigation conducted in accordance with the standards of the municipal police training council (MPTC). Derogatory information will be evaluated and may result in disqualification. All convictions must be reported. Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor, or any falsified or omitted information, may bar appointment or result in removal after appointment, depending upon the relationship of the violation or omission to the duties of the position.
5. **Psychological Evaluation:** As stated in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law, you will be required to participate in a psychological evaluation to determine your fitness to perform the essential duties of the position prior to appointment. Failure to meet the standards may result in your offer of employment being rescinded or in your disqualification. An eligible will be called for a psychological assessment as needed to fill existing and anticipated vacancies

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

Sheriff's Office



Type: Fill

Correction Officer

Subunit (If Applicable): Correctional Facility

Date Submitted: 2/21/2024

Reason Vacated: Resignation

Position Number: 603000040

Date Vacated: 1/21/2024

Position # Abolished:

Position Status: Fulltime

Last Fill Date: 5/23/2015

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive

Appointee Will Be: Permanent

Hrs Per Week: 40 Shift Length: 8 FTE: 1.00

Budget

Salary of Person Leaving: \$61,675

Fill Request Timeline: Immediately

Benefits: Yes (51.44%) \$31,726

Revenue Generating: No 0 %

Base Salary: \$49,802

Reimbursed by Local,
State or Federal Funds: No 0 %

Base Hourly: \$23.30

Grade: CORR

Net County Cost: \$93,401

*Net County Cost is calculated from salary of person leaving, if available

Detailed Justification

What is the impact on your department if this position is not filled? Please provide, in detail, the need to fill the position. Please include the service provided, if it is mandated, number of people (clients) affected, and what you will do if the position is not filled.

The Correctional Facility shall employ the number of Correctional officers necessary to provide care, custody and control for all inmates and to perform all other necessary facility functions. The New York State Commission of Correction determines the minimum number of personnel necessary to effectively and efficiently operate the Correctional facility. Minimum staffing for Correction Officers as set forth by the New York State Commission of Corrections is fifty-six (56). It has been determined that sixty (60) full time Officers are necessary to assist in performing facility functions 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

Department Head:

Approved?

Yes No

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

Job Qualifications

For Human Resources Use Only:
Job Qualifications Listed here:

Correction Officer

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma or possession of an Individual Education Plan diploma.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT AND CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT: Employees in this class are required to possess a valid New York State Motor Vehicle Operator's license or otherwise demonstrate a capacity to meet the transportation needs of the position.

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

Sheriff's Office



Type: Abolish & Create

Full-Time Licensed Practical Nurse

Subunit (If Applicable): Correctional Facility

Date Submitted: 2/27/2023

Reason Vacated: Resignation

Position Number: 500900007

Date Vacated: 3/8/2024

Position # Abolished: 501000077

Position Status: Fulltime

Last Fill Date:

Jurisdictional Class: Non-Competitive

Appointee Will Be: Permanent

Hrs Per Week: 40 Shift Length: 8 FTE: 1.00

Budget

Salary of Person Leaving: \$76,918

Fill Request Timeline: Immediately

Benefits: Yes (52.94%) \$40,720

Revenue Generating: Yes 0 %

Base Salary: \$44,020

Reimbursed by Local,
State or Federal Funds: Yes 0 %

Base Hourly: \$24.19

Grade: 20

Net County Cost: \$117,638

*Net County Cost is calculated from salary of person leaving, if available

Detailed Justification

What is the impact on your department if this position is not filled? Please provide, in detail, the need to fill the position. Please include the service provided, if it is mandated, number of people (clients) affected, and what you will do if the position is not filled.

Due to resignation of Full-Time RN, abolish the Full-Time RN position and create a Full-Time LPN position to ensure adequate medical staffing at the Correctional Facility; as there is a difficulty in recruiting adequately trained medical staff for the facility and there currently is a fully-trained Per Diem LPN interested in moving to a Full-Time position.

Department Head:

Approved?

Yes No

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

Job Qualifications

For Human Resources Use Only:
Job Qualifications Listed here:

Licensed Practical Nurse

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Licensure and current registration as a Licensed Practical Nurse in New York State.

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

Sheriff's Office



Type: Abolish & Create

Deputy Sheriff-Sergeant

Subunit (If Applicable): Civil

Date Submitted: 2/27/24

Reason Vacated: New Position

Position Number: 605100007

Date Vacated:

Position # Abolished: 601100001

Position Status: Fulltime

Last Fill Date:

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive

Appointee Will Be: Permanent

Hrs Per Week: 40 Shift Length: 8 FTE: 1.00

Budget

Salary of Person Leaving: \$0

Fill Request Timeline: Immediately

Benefits: Yes (52.94%)

\$36,785

Revenue Generating: No 0 %

Base Salary: \$69,484

Reimbursed by Local,
State or Federal Funds: No 0 %

Base Hourly: \$33.41

Grade: base

Net County Cost: \$106,269

*Net County Cost is calculated from salary of person leaving, if available

Detailed Justification

What is the impact on your department if this position is not filled? Please provide, in detail, the need to fill the position. Please include the service provided, if it is mandated, number of people (clients) affected, and what you will do if the position is not filled.

Deputy Sheriff- Sergeant would be the managing member of the Civil Division and is responsible for overall operations amongst other duties. Is responsible for preparation and adjustment of the work schedule, individual assignments, attendance control and approval of accrual usage. Participates in the preparation and review of reports, review of policies and procedures including recommendations for changes as needed. Supplements, supports, and is resource to Deputies on matters of enforcement and service of process. Performs community relation functions relating to civil enforcement. The Deputy Sheriff-Sergeant reports directly to the Sheriff and Undersheriff.

Abolish Chief Civil Enforcement Officer, Position No. 601100001

Department Head:

Approved?

Yes No

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

Job Qualifications

For Human Resources Use Only:
Job Qualifications Listed here:

Deputy Sheriff Sergeant

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Forty-eight (48) months of service as a Deputy Sheriff.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a current valid New York State driver's license.