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TO: St. Lawrence County Legislators and Other Interested People
FROM: Kelly S. Pearson, Deputy Clerk
DATE: April 29, 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, May 2, 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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Roll Call
Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes
Recognition Ceremony
Mental Health Awareness Month
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Presentation of Resolutions
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May 2, 2022

Operations Committee: 4-11-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved Resolution Nos. 45-2007, 46-2007, and 47-2007, Authorizing the Chair to sign Grant Applications for New York State Voting Access for Individual with Disabilities Polling Place Improvement, and HHS Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities Polling Place Improvement, and Voter Education/Poll Worker Training, and

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

WHEREAS, New York State has notified the Board of Elections that they are extending the grant deadlines to March 31, 2023 for those grants that have an unexpended balance, and

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

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

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

May 2, 2022

Operations Committee: 4-11-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

DETERMINING THE COUNTYWIDE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM ROUND #4 (CHRP 4) IS A TYPE II ACTION UNDER STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) AND NOT SUBJECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) has awarded \$615,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to St. Lawrence County to continue funding for the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program (CHRP 4), and

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

WHEREAS, NYS Office of Community Renewal requires that the Board of Legislators make a determination about the status of CHRP 4 under State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) regulations, and

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with 617.5(c)(1) of SEQRA regulations, since “maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure ...” has been determined by DEC to be a Type II action, and

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with 617.5(c)(2), since rehabilitation of existing single-family residences is consistent with the “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part,”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators makes the determination that the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program Round #4 (CHRP 4) is a Type II action under SEQRA, and not subject to environmental review.

May 2, 2022

Operations Committee: 4-11-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**APPOINTING THE PLANNING DIRECTOR, JASON C. PFOTENHAUER,
AS CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AWARD**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) has awarded \$615,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to St. Lawrence County to continue funding for the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program (CHRP 4), and

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

WHEREAS, the Planning Office has been informed by staff at NYS Office of Community Renewal that the Board of Legislators is required to appoint the Certifying Officer by Resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators appoints the Planning Director, Jason C. Pfothenauer, to serve as the Certifying Officer for Environmental Review for the Community Development Block Grant Award.

May 2, 2022

Operations Committee: 4-11-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT
WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY
FOR DELIVERY OF THE COUNTYWIDE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM,
ROUND #4**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) awarded \$615,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds (NYS CDBG Project #1106HR309-21) (N1080204 460GP) to establish and administer the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program, Round #4 (CHRP 4), and

WHEREAS, out of the total award of \$615,000, \$505,200 will be utilized to provide low to moderate income households with housing rehabilitation assistance; \$79,050 will be used for program delivery purposes; \$30,750 will be used for administrative purposes with the County retaining \$5,000 for its role in grant administration, and

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

WHEREAS, in 2021 the County conducted a Request for Statements of Interest (RSOI) in order to select a sub-recipient for future community development programs, and

WHEREAS, as a result of this RSOI process the County selected the Development Authority of the North Country as its sub-recipient for this community development program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Sub-recipient Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country for the delivery of the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program, Round #4, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Operations Committee: 4-11-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE CONFLICT DEFENDER’S OFFICE FOR COMPUTERS

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Conflict Defender’s Office is in need of computer equipment upgrades for staff, and

WHEREAS, the County and the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services entered into a multi-year agreement in 2019, wherein under the Statewide Expansion of *Hurrell-Harring*, funding is appropriated to the Conflict Defender’s Office to cover computer equipment upgrades for staff, and

WHEREAS, there are funds available in contractual accounts in the 2022 Budget for the Conflict Defender to cover the equipment which will be reimbursed through the grant,

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

IC211704 42000 ILS	CD ILS Office Supplies & Expenses	\$5,000
IC211704 43007 ILS	CD ILS Other Fees and Services	<u>5,000</u>
		\$10,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

IC211702 22002 ILS	CD ILS Personal Computers	\$10,000
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Operations Committee: 4-11-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2022, AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month was established in 1949 to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in the lives of Americans, and also to celebrate recovery from mental illness, and

WHEREAS, additionally, Mental Health Awareness Month strives to reduce the stigma, negative attitudes, and misconceptions that surrounds mental illnesses, and

WHEREAS, the theme of Mental Health Awareness Month for 2022 is “Back to Basics” with a goal of providing foundational knowledge about mental health and providing practical tools to use to improve mental health and increase resiliency regardless of personal situations, and

WHEREAS, the past two years have taken a toll on the mental well-being of the people of the United States with many adults and children feeling the effects of stress, isolation, and uncertainty during the last two years of living through the Coronavirus Pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the Joint Economic Committee of Congress released a report in October of 2020 on COVID-19 and how it worsened the mental health crisis in the United States showing that symptoms of anxiety disorder and depressive disorder have increased considerably during the period of April to June of 2020 as compared with the same period in 2019, and

WHEREAS, during late June 2020, forty percent (40%) of adults in the U.S. reported struggling with mental health or substance abuse; nearly thirty-one (31%) experienced symptoms of anxiety or depression; twenty-six percent (26%) experienced symptoms of trauma and stressor related disorders; thirteen percent (13%) started or increased substance abuse; and nearly eleven percent (11%) seriously considered suicide, and

WHEREAS, there was a one-thousand percent (1,000%) increase in text messages in April 2020 on a Federal text emergency hotline for people in emotional distress, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes mental health awareness a priority in St. Lawrence County, and confirms that mental well-being is equally as important as physical well-being for citizens, communities, schools, businesses, and the economy of St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims the month of May, 2022, as Mental Health Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourage all citizens to promote mental well-being and awareness, ensure access to appropriate services and care, and support overall quality of life for those living with mental illness.

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Operations Committee: 3-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPROVING ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT/FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT/AMERICAN'S WITH DISABILITIES (AA/EEO/FMLA/ADA) PLAN, AS AMENDED

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to Civil Rights Act (1964), Executive Order 10925 (1961), Rehabilitation Act (1973), and Americans with Disability Act (1990) as Amended, St. Lawrence County established an AA/EEO/FMLA/ADA Plan (“the Plan”), and

WHEREAS, the Plan demonstrates the commitment of St. Lawrence County to provide equal employment opportunities for minorities, women, persons with disabilities and protected class veterans and to prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, genetic information, creed, sexual orientation, disability and marital status with respect to hiring, compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, and

WHEREAS, the Plan was last updated in July 2017, and

WHEREAS, relevant changes have occurred over the years which require the Plan to be updated including but not limited to the AA/EEO/FMLA/ADA Officer designation, minor process changes, and goals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves St. Lawrence County Affirmative Action/Equal Employment/Family Medical Leave Act/American’s with Disabilities (AA/EEO/FMLA/ADA) Plan, as amended.

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Operations Committee: 3-21-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING
THE OSWEGATCHIE RIVER ADVISORY COUNCIL**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County was involved in settlement negotiations regarding relicensing various dams on the Oswegatchie River that were owned by Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P., and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators signed the Settlement Agreement in February 2011, and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement called for the establishment of an Oswegatchie River Advisory Council, to be composed of organizations representing various stakeholder interests regarding the Oswegatchie River, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation was directed in the Settlement Agreement to establish the Oswegatchie River Advisory Council, and

WHEREAS, in March 2022, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation published a document titled "Establishment of the Oswegatchie River Advisory Council, and

WHEREAS, as a signatory of the original Settlement Agreement, the County is being asked to agree to establish the Advisory Council,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement authorizing the establishment of the Oswegatchie River Advisory Council, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 4-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
ST. LAWRENCE HEALTH FOR MORGUE AND LABORATORY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has the responsibility of the Coroner Program, and

WHEREAS, two of the current contracted Pathologists travel to hospitals within St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, when a Pathologist is available in St. Lawrence County, there is a need to have a location for morgue and laboratory services, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence Health has agreed to receive cases in the absence of the current Pathologist and/or provide for services when a forensic autopsy is required (PC011854 45100 and PC011854 407MF),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with St. Lawrence Health for morgue and laboratory services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 4-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH
FUNERAL HOMES FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
FOR THE CORONER'S PROGRAM**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has the responsibility of the Coroner's Program and Funeral Directors provide a critical function for the Coroners in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, area funeral homes provide transportation of bodies to the morgue, funeral home, or crematorium, and

WHEREAS, transportation contracts are needed to ensure sufficient coverage for transportation within and outside the County (PC011854 46500),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with funeral homes for transportation services for the Coroner's Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 4-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH DR. SAMUEL LIVINGSTONE FOR PATHOLOGY SERVICES FOR THE CORONER'S PROGRAM

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has the responsibility of the Coroner's Program, and pathology services are necessary to the operation of the Program, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel Livingstone is a Medical Examiner for Jefferson County and performs pathology services for St. Lawrence County when available, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Livingstone has provided autopsies for St. Lawrence County for many years and the County appreciates his dedicated service, and

WHEREAS, the terms of this contract will be from May 3, 2022 through December 21, 2024 to coincide with the agreement with Samaritan Medical Center (PC011854 43016),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Dr. Samuel Livingstone for the Coroner Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 4-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2021 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET
FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH CORONER'S PROGRAM**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for expenses associated with the Public Health Coroner's Program, and

WHEREAS, there have been higher than anticipated expenses due to cases being transported out of County for services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Public Health Department for the Coroner's Program as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$60,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PC011854 43016	P COR Autopsies	\$60,000
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Services Committee: 4-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH
QUADRANT VIRAL TESTING LLC AND SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY FOR
WASTEWATER SURVEILLANCE AND DATA ANALYSIS**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Quadrant Viral Testing, LLC and Syracuse University partner together to provide wastewater surveillance and data analysis, and

WHEREAS, wastewater surveillance can be used to predict an increase in COVID-19 cases, and is a useful detection system for our community, and

WHEREAS, each sample will cost \$225 (PPZ40104 43007 CVD, PPZ40501 43007 SCH), and

WHEREAS, contract terms will be effective April 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023, with the option to extend for additional term/s as agreed to in writing by both parties and contingent on the grant funding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Quadrant Viral Testing, LLC and Syracuse University for wastewater surveillance and data analysis, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 4-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**PROCLAIMING MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WITH THE 2022 THEME BEING “AGE MY WAY”**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County includes a thriving community of older Americans who contribute their strength, wisdom, and experience to our community, and

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

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

WHEREAS, the 2022 theme of Older Americans Month is “Age My Way”, and focuses on opportunities for us all to explore the many ways older adults can remain in and be involved with their communities, and

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

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County can work to build an even better community for our older residents by planning programs that encourage independence; ensuring activities are responsive to individual needs and preferences; and increasing access to services that support aging in place,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims May as Older Americans Month in St. Lawrence County with the 2022 theme being “Age My Way,” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board encourages all citizens to recognize the contributions of our older adults, help to create an inclusive society, and join efforts to support older Americans’ choices about how they age in their communities.

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Services Committee: 4-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE SAINT REGIS
MOHAWK TRIBE OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, information about available long term services and supports and assistance in accessing these services is essential to enabling older adults and individuals of all ages with disabilities to return to or remain in their homes and communities, and

WHEREAS, the role of caregivers and their need for objective information and assistance about long-term services is important in the support of their loved ones, as well as services and support they themselves may need, and

WHEREAS, increasing knowledge and coordination of local long-term services and supports across service and payer systems is a collaborative effort of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Office for the Aging and the St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services through the New York Connects Program, and

WHEREAS, an agreement between the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Office for the Aging and the Department of Social Services would be helpful to implement and maintain a New York Connects Program in Akwesasne, meet long term services and supports needs, and stimulate greater access to non-institutionally based long-term care services and supports, and

WHEREAS, this agreement would take effect on the date signed by all of the parties or the date any other required approvals have been obtained, whichever is later and shall expire sixty (60) months from the date of execution unless renewed by mutual agreement of the parties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a memorandum of understanding between the Department of Social Services and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Office for the Aging, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 4-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

ACCEPTING THE KING-SIZE HEARTWARMING YOUNG HERO GRANT FROM THE ALLSTATE FOUNDATION AND YOUTH SERVICE AMERICA (YSA) AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE YOUTH BUREAU

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Youth Service America (YSA), along with the Allstate Foundation, has awarded the Heartwarming Young Hero Grant in the amount of \$500 to the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau, and

WHEREAS, the mission of Youth Service America (YSA) is to support initiatives that foster meaningful connections, teach empathy, and promote inclusion, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Committee is sponsoring its 2nd Annual 2022 Trash Dash on April 30th and May 1st, during Global Youth Service Day, and

WHEREAS, County youth and residents will protect the environment by picking up roadside trash and will build connections by coming together with a purpose, and

WHEREAS, this award will increase the budget of the Youth Bureau by \$500,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting the King-Size Heartwarming Young Hero Grant from the Allstate Foundation and Youth Service America (YSA), and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Y2073104 42000	Y SYCC Office Supplies & Expenses	\$500
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INCREASE REVENUE:

Y2027055 55000	Y LR Gifts & Donations	\$500
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Services Committee: 4-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH COUNTRY INITIATIVE (NCI) FOR PROMISE PRACTICES FUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, North Country Initiative (NCI) is a partnership of hospitals, independent physicians, and community providers working together to reform the healthcare system in the Tug Hill Seaway Region, and

WHEREAS, Community Services Addictions and Mental Health Clinics are qualified NCI Partners who are members of the clinically integrated network within Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties, and

WHEREAS, On October 7th, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law Legislation S.1795/A.868 requiring that all inmates are to be assessed, diagnosed, provided individual and group counseling, peer services, transitional services and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), and

WHEREAS, Community Services Addictions and Mental Health Clinics have proposed a plan to train St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility staff to prepare them for the implementation of this mandate, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has received one-time grant funding from NCI Promise Practices Funds in the amount of \$15,651 and these funds will be used to pay for overtime of the staff members at St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility to participate in *Creating a Trauma Informed Response Culture Training* provided by New York State Office of Mental Health,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Cooperative Agreement with the North Country Initiative (NCI) for Promise Practices Funds, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1Z42301 11000	A Direct Service Workers	\$6,265
A1Z42301 12000	A Supervisory/Administrative	1,320
A1Z42301 18000	A Overtime	3,105
A1Z42308 81000	A Retirement	1,347
A1Z42308 83000	A Social Security	760
A1Z42308 84000	A Workmens Compensation	269
A1Z42308 84500	Group Life Insurance	14

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A1Z42308 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	2,456
A1Z42308 86500	A Dental Insurance	85
A1Z42308 89000	A Vision Insurance	<u>30</u>
		\$15,651

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1Z44885 57000	NCI Award	\$15,651
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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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Services Committee: 4-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has recognized the need for assistance in preparing the 2021 Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR), and

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

WHEREAS, CCSI would prepare the 2021 CFR and provide specialized Local Government Unit (LGU) fiscal support for Community Services, and

WHEREAS, the rate is \$105 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000 (A5043104 43007),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. for the preparation of the 2021 Consolidated Fiscal Report, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 4-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO IMPLEMENT A PLAN 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 Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

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 New York State, and

WHEREAS, the State has enacted legislation to provide universal prekindergarten for all age eligible children in New York State 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 proposed a fifteen percent (15%) provider rate increase, amounting to more than \$240 million in additional funding, and

WHEREAS, that NYSAC estimates the financial cost borne by counties for this rate increase is approximately \$50 million annually, 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 New York having the highest in the nation property tax burden,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature to implement a plan 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 to 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 Katherine Hochul, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, and NYSAC.

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Services Committee: 4-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**URGING THE GOVERNOR AND NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO RESTORE
CRITICAL STATE FUNDING SUPPORT FOR CHILD WELFARE SERVICES,
SAFETY NET PROGRAMS AND TO FULLY FUND THE RECENT FOSTER CARE
RATE SETTLEMENT WITH STATE RESOURCES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, over the last fifteen years New York State has devolved away from their historic and constitutional responsibilities of providing social services and support for low-income families and individuals, as demonstrated through significant reductions in state financial support for these programs, thereby shifting state costs and responsibilities to counties and New York City, and

WHEREAS, these state funding shifts have increased county and New York City social services costs by hundreds of millions of dollars annually because the State requires that all services still be provided in full, sometimes including new and more comprehensive service levels, but with less State resources, and

WHEREAS, these cuts include a reduction of State fiscal match from sixty-five percent (65%) to sixty-two percent (62%) percent for child welfare services, and lowering state fiscal matching funds for Safety Net Programs from fifty percent (50%) to twenty-nine percent (29%) along with maximizing federal funding to offset some of this loss, but the federal funds no longer offset losses for most counties today, and

WHEREAS, state funding support for the Foster Care Block Grant was cut by \$62 million in state fiscal year 2018, a fourteen percent (14%) reduction, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's state fiscal year 2023 budget proposal would eliminate the 45-day waiting period for cash assistance under the Safety Net Program which will increase county and New York City costs by \$40 million annually, and

WHEREAS, the SFY 2023 budget proposal includes provisions to settle long standing state litigation related to inadequate foster care rates paid to foster parents, and

WHEREAS, in another recent state negotiated settlement to end litigation the Hurrell-Harring agreement provided one hundred percent (100%) state funding support for all new costs of the settlement, and

WHEREAS, counties and New York City were not part of the foster care payment adequacy lawsuit or the settlement and it was the New York State Office for Children and Family Services that agreed to its terms, including significant increases in expenditures, without providing a corresponding increase in state funds to support the settlement and the Foster Care Block Grant,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of legislators urges the Governor and New York State Legislature to restore critical State funding support for child welfare services, Safety Net Programs and to fully fund the recent foster care rate settlement with State resources, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the Governor and the Legislature to restore the State open ended child welfare matching rate to sixty-five percent (65%), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the Governor and Legislature to restore State matching support for Safety Net Programs to fifty percent (50%) without further reducing any other public assistance reimbursement before considering benefit expansions as proposed, and

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

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Finance Committee: 4-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**APPROVING NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR LAZY
RIVER ROAD BRIDGE OVER GRASSE RIVER, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, a project for Preliminary Design for the Lazy River Road Bridge over the Grasse River, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of eighty percent (80%) Federal funds and twenty percent (20%) non-Federal funds, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators desires to advance the above project by making a commitment of one-hundred percent (100%) of the Federal and non-Federal share of the costs of Preliminary Design,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves New York State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement #1 for preliminary design for Lazy River Road Bridge over Grasse River, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332, and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all necessary funds have been appropriated pursuant to the 2022 St. Lawrence County Adopted Budget (HM299509 90600) and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project, and

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

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

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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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Finance Committee: 4-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND THE BLACK LAKE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC. FOR AN INFORMATION CENTER
TO BE BUILT AND MAINTAINED ON THE COUNTY
MATERIAL STORAGE SITE IN THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Black Lake is one of the largest tourist destinations in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to promote tourism, the Black Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc. has requested to build and maintain an information center on property owned by St. Lawrence County in the Town of Morristown, and

WHEREAS, an information center located in Edwardsville would provide visitors to the location with information on the area attractions, lodging, maps, and other items relevant to tourism, and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the project, the ownership of the Information Center Structure would remain the property of the Black Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc. while St. Lawrence County would maintain ownership of the property, and

WHEREAS, the agreement will include provisions on removal of the structure if not maintained or use varies from the intended purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement between the Department of Highways and the Black Lake Chamber of Commerce, Inc. for an information center to be built and maintained on the County Material Storage Site in the Town of Morristown, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE GENESEE COUNTY FUNDING CORPORATION, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, AS PART OF A PLAN OF FINANCE, OF UP TO \$275,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE BONDS (ROCHESTER REGIONAL HEALTH PROJECT), SERIES 2022 OF WHICH UP TO \$121,700,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SHALL BE USED TO FINANCE THE NORTH COUNTRY PROJECT (AS DEFINED HEREIN)

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators (the "Board"), as the elected legislative body of St. Lawrence County, New York (the "County"), has been advised by The Genesee County Funding Corporation (the "Issuer") that, in order to assist in the financing of a certain North Country Project (as defined below) for the benefit of Rochester Regional Health, a New York not-for-profit corporation and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, its successors or designees (collectively, "Rochester Regional"), on behalf of itself and as the sole member of The Rochester General Hospital and its successors or designees (collectively, "RGH"), The Unity Hospital of Rochester and its successors or designees (collectively, "Unity"), Newark-Wayne Community Hospital and its successors or designees (collectively, "NWCH"), United Memorial Medical Center and its successors or designees (collectively, "UMMC"), The Clifton Springs Sanitarium Company (collectively, "Clifton Springs") and its successors or designees and Canton-Potsdam Hospital and its successors and assigns ("CPH"; and, together with Rochester Regional, RGH, Unity, NWCH and UMMC, the "Institution"), each a New York not-for-profit corporation and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, has requested that the Issuer issue its Revenue Bonds (Rochester Regional Health Project), Series 2022 (the "Series 2022 Bonds"), in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$275,000,000 for the purpose of financing or refinancing capital improvement projects at the Institution's facilities, as part of a plan of financing, as more particularly described below (collectively, the "Project") located at 8103 Oak Orchard Road in the City of Batavia, Genesee County, New York (the "Batavia Campus"), 1425 Portland Avenue in the City of Rochester, Monroe County, New York (the "RGH Campus"), 50 Leroy Street in the Town of Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, New York (the "CPH Campus"), 360 Linden Oaks Drive in the Town of Pittsford, Monroe County, New York (the "Pittsford Campus"), the corner of Monroe Avenue and Alexander Street in the City of Rochester, New York (the "Rochester Campus"), 2010 Empire Boulevard in the Town of Penfield, Monroe County, New York (the "Penfield Campus"), 6119 U.S. Highway 11 in the Town of Canton, St. Lawrence County, New York (the "Greenfield Campus") and One Hospital Drive in the Town of Massena, New York (the "Massena Campus"), and

WHEREAS, the North County Project, for which the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$121,700,000 in Series 2022 Bonds are to be issued, consists of (A)(i) the construction of a four-story bed tower containing in the aggregate approximately 96,189 square feet on the CPH Campus to house (a) an expansion of CPH's emergency department, (b) 60 medical/surgical beds and (c) shell space for future growth and (ii) the acquisition and installation in and around such improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "2022 CPH Facility"); (B) the refunding or refinancing of all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the (i) St. Lawrence County

Industrial Development Agency Civic Development Corporation Multi-Mode Civic Development Corporation Revenue Bonds (Canton-Potsdam Hospital Project), Series 2010A (the "Series 2010A Bonds") and (ii) the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Civic Development Corporation Multi-Mode Civic Development Corporation Revenue Bonds (Canton-Potsdam Hospital Project), Series 2010B (the "Series 2010B Bonds" and together with the Series 2010A Bonds, the "Series 2010 Bonds"); (C) the refunding or refinancing of all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Civic Development Corporation Revenue Bonds (St. Lawrence Health System Project), Series 2016 (the "Series 2016 Bonds"); and (D) the refinancing of all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount of a taxable loan (the "SLHS Taxable Loan") to St. Lawrence Health System, Inc. ("SLHS"), and

WHEREAS, the Series 2010 Bonds were used to finance (A) (1) the construction of an approximately 10,090 square foot addition (the "CPH Addition") to the existing hospital located on the CPH Campus ("CPH Hospital") to create a comprehensive cancer treatment center, (2) renovation of CPH Hospital, including the modification and renovation of the existing emergency department and other improvements and (3) the acquisition and installation in CPH Hospital and the CPH Addition of certain machinery and equipment (collectively, the "2010 CPH Facility"), and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Series 2016 Bonds were used to finance (A) (1) the construction of an approximately 60,000 square foot, three-level medical office building/ambulatory care center for the benefit of CPH and SLHS located on the Canton Campus and (2) the acquisition and installation in and around such improvements of furniture, machinery and equipment (collectively, the "Canton Facility"); and (B) (1) the renovation and improvement of CPH Hospital and (2) the acquisition and installation of furniture, machinery and equipment at CPH Hospital (the "2016 CPH Facility" and together with the 2022 CPH Facility and the 2010 CPH Facility, the "CPH Facility"), and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the SLHS Taxable Loan were used by SLHS to (1) finance certain improvements at a certain hospital facility known as the Greenfield Medical Campus, located on the Greenfield Campus, (2) pay all or a portion of the outstanding principal balance of a certain bridge loan, used for project startup costs at the Greenfield Medical Campus, (3) finance the acquisition of a certain hospital facility known as Massena Hospital located on the Massena Campus, and (4) provide funds for all or a portion of the costs associated with the SLHS Taxable Loan (collectively, the "SLHS Facility"), and

WHEREAS, the CPH Facility is or will be owned and operated by CPH, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, interest on the Series 2022 Bonds will not be excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes unless the issuance of the Series 2022 Bonds and the portion thereof to be applied to finance the North Country Project is approved by the Board after a public hearing to consider both the issuance of the Series 2022 Bonds and the nature and location of the facilities located within the County financed therewith has been conducted following reasonable public notice, and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2022, the Issuer held such a public hearing upon proper notice in compliance with Section 147(f) of the Code, with access to the general public being provided by toll-free telephone number (in accordance with Internal Revenue Service Revenue Procedure 2022-20), and

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WHEREAS, to aid the Board in its deliberations, the Issuer has made available to the members of the Board prior to this meeting (a) the Institution's application to the Issuer for financial assistance; (b) the notice of public hearing posted by the County on April 11, 2022, on the County's website, together with a certificate of a representative of the County attesting to the posting thereof on the County's website; (c) the minutes of such public hearing held on April 20, 2022; and (d) the Issuer's Bond Resolution, with respect to the proposed issuance of the Series 2022 Bonds, and

WHEREAS, the Board, after due consideration of the foregoing, as the "applicable elected representative" of the County within the meaning of Section 147(f)(2)(E) of the Code, desires to approve the issuance of the Series 2022 Bonds and the application of up to \$121,700,000 principal amount thereof to finance or refinance the North Country Project, provided the principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2022 Bonds shall be special obligations of the Issuer and shall never be a debt of the State of New York (the "State") or any political subdivision thereof, including without limitation the County, and neither the State nor any political subdivision thereof, including without limitation the County, shall be liable thereon,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the issuance by the Genesee County Funding Corporation, in one or more series, as part of a plan of finance, of up to \$275,000,000 principal amount of revenue bonds (Rochester Regional Health Project), series 2022 of which up to \$121,700,000 principal amount shall be used to finance the North Country Project (as defined herein), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the purpose of satisfying the approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Code, the Board hereby gives its approval of the issuance by the Issuer of the Series 2022 Bonds and the application of up to \$121,700,000 principal amount of the Series 2022 Bonds to finance or refinance the North Country Project; provided that the Series 2022 Bonds, and the premium (if any) and interest thereon, shall be special obligations of the Issuer and shall never be a debt of the State or any political subdivision thereof, including without limitation the County, and neither the State nor any political subdivision thereof, including without limitation the County, shall be liable thereon. This approval is given pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code for the sole purpose of qualifying the interest payable on the Bonds for exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the provisions of Sections 103 and 141-150 of the Code, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be deemed to be made for the benefit of the holders of the Series 2022 Bonds, and

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

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Finance Committee: 4-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO ESTABLISH
SOLAR PANEL RECYCLING REGULATIONS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, solar power is an essential part of the efforts of New York State to meet its climate goals, and a robust recycling program will promote a sustainable solar industry in the State, and

WHEREAS, the rise in the use of solar panels has led to an accumulation of waste at the end of the life of the solar panels, and

WHEREAS, solar panels contain recyclable aluminum, glass and plastic, as well as photovoltaic cells, which contain various valuable materials and rare metals, and

WHEREAS, proper recycling of the solar panels will not only ensure that these materials and metals are able to be reused but also ensures that the panels do not prematurely enter the waste stream where they can have potential negative environmental effects, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a convenient, safe and environmentally sound system for the recycling of photovoltaic modules, the minimization of hazard waste, and the recovery of commercially valuable materials be established, and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for the reduction of solar panels in the waste stream should be shared among all stakeholders, with manufacturers, distributors, and other related suppliers/corporate entities financing the takeback and recycling system in order to alleviate undue burden on customers, counties, and other local governments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators requests the New York State Legislature to establish solar panel recycling regulations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislation uses the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) model of New York State so that the social, economic, and environmental consequences of the choices made today do not adversely impact future generations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislation adopts definitions and terms used for solar panel recycling regulations so that the nomenclature is consistent for all counties in the state of New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Katherine Hochul, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, and NYSAC.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**CALLING ON THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ALLOW FOR COUNTY HOME
RULE AUTHORITY REGARDING EMPLOYMENT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, New York Public Officers Law §3 requires certain employees reside in the political subdivision or municipality in which he or she holds such public office, and

WHEREAS, this law has a worthy intent, which is to promote local officials to interact with the community in which they serve, even in off hours, as well as to keep local tax-funded salaries within the community, and

WHEREAS, since the 1970s, the State has authorized over seventy (70) exceptions to Public Officers Law §3 residency requirements, including for police officers, in recognition that for some job specifications it is important to increase the potential hiring pool to obtain highly skilled employees, and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the population of upstate New York has declined, shrinking the potential hiring pool, and

WHEREAS, in this same period, the State has forced county governments to vastly increase skilled labor hires in order to implement new state reforms such as raising the age of criminal responsibility, expansion of indigent public defense services and criminal justice reforms such as bail, speedy trial, and discovery, and

WHEREAS, county officials from all areas of the state are reporting difficulties finding and hiring employees to perform vital government services, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators calls on the State of New York to allow for County Home Rule authority regarding employment residency requirements, and

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

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE PROBATION AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IN NEW YORK STATE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND REDUCE RELIANCE ON PRISONS, JAILS, AND DETENTION

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, county probation departments are an integral part of the Criminal Justice System and operate within the legal framework of the Criminal Procedure Law, the Penal Law and the Family Court Act, and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of probation to protect the community through intervention in the lives of those under supervision by facilitating compliance with court orders and serving as a catalyst for positive change, and

WHEREAS, state funding for probation was drastically reduced between 1990 and 2015 from a forty-six and a half percent (46.5%) State share in 1990 to less than ten percent (10%) in 2022, putting a huge strain on counties and cost to county property taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, at the same time there have been increases in the number of mandated programs and services county probation departments are required to provide, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Council of Probation Administrators, representing New York State probation directors, administrators, and commissioners has diligently worked with the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and State leaders to bring more awareness to the important work that Probation does to protect the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators supports the efforts to improve probation and alternatives to incarceration in New York State in order to protect the public and reduce reliance on prisons, jails, and detention, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports proposals put forward by the Governor in response to raise the age legislation, as follows: (a) Mandate that New York State evidence-based criteria should account for existing local best practice programs; (b) Allow probation the ability to make an application for a temporary order of protection as a part of the adjustment process; (c) Authorize law enforcement agencies to issue appearance tickets if deemed appropriate by the arresting officer, instead of physical arrest, when adolescent offenders and juvenile offenders are charged with most D felonies; and (d) Allow law enforcement agencies to deliver adolescent offenders and juvenile offenders to be held in detention facilities after hours without a securing order until the youth part is in session, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports establishing a dedicated funding stream through DCJS/OPCA for one hundred percent (100%) of all local probation costs including but not limited to probation personnel and evidence-based programming associated with raise the age legislation, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports eliminating the requirement of a sentence of a conditional discharge or probation for Leandra Law cases when a defendant has been sentenced to a definite jail term or a term of imprisonment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports local probation departments receive one hundred percent (100%) of all pre-trial services cost including but not limited to probation personnel associated with bail reform, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports eliminating the mandate that Pre-sentence investigations must be conducted when a sentence of up to one year in jail has been negotiated, and

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

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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
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

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 to 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 \$100,765,134.34 (41.7%) to other non 9-1-1 related purposes and the general fund, and

WHEREAS, currently it states in the Tax Law, Article 186-f, Section 5, 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 (4) 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, 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 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 to 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 that the St. Lawrence County 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 the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (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 NG 9-1-1 development and implementation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Katherine Hochul, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Commissioner Jackie Bray, and NYSAC.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATORS TO ENACT RECORD INCREASES FOR LOCAL HIGHWAY, BRIDGE, AND CULVERT PROGRAMS TO ASSIST COUNTIES IN MAINTAINING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul has released an Executive Budget with a record \$1.23 billion per year investment in local road and bridge programs that will improve safety for millions of motorists and create tens of thousands of jobs at a critical time to promote economic recovery, and

WHEREAS, this new five-year State Transportation Capital Plan provides unprecedented support for local governments to maintain and improve roads and bridges highlighted by the Consolidated Local Streets and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funded at \$538 million, for state reimbursement to localities for the costs of highway, bridge, and culvert work as well as for pedestrian walkways, bicycle lanes, and other complete streets enhancements, and

WHEREAS, BRIDGE-NY, a critical local program that provides enhanced assistance for local governments to rehabilitate and replace bridges and culverts, is funded at \$200 million per year, nearly doubling the annual levels of the past few years, and

WHEREAS, under PAVE-NY, \$150 million is to be allocated to all municipalities throughout the state which will go toward improving the conditions, functionality and safety of local roadways, creating jobs and contributing to economic development in our communities through projects like roadway resurfacing, widening and realignment, construction of turning lanes at intersections, and new drainage for flood mitigation, and

WHEREAS, the Extreme Winter Recovery and State Touring Routes Programs historically sponsored by the Legislature are proposed at \$100 million each in the Executive Budget allowing for additional construction, reconstruction or improvement of local highways, bridges, and maintaining important connecting routes for urban and suburban commutes, and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul is initiating a brand new program, Operation Pave Our Potholes (POP), to provide \$1 billion over 5 years with fifty percent of the funds to be distributed annually to local governments based on existing distribution formulas and the other half to NYSDOT to resurface and renew the state's worst roadway pavements, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) allocates funding specifically for off system bridges, and

WHEREAS, locally owned roads and bridges account for eighty-seven percent (87%) of the 110,000 miles of roadways and fifty percent (50%) of the 18,000 bridges in New York State and this level of funding is expected to have a positive impact on the condition and resiliency of our transportation systems, and

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WHEREAS, about ninety percent (90%) of local roads are not eligible for federal funding, and

WHEREAS, this vast system of local roads, bridges and culverts is in need of a sustained high level of funding in the future to continue to reverse the deterioration of our aged and ailing transportation infrastructure and build up its resistance to natural disasters due to climate change, and

WHEREAS, a safe and efficient transportation infrastructure is necessary for trade, economic development and revitalization, job creation and retention, schools, agriculture, businesses, health and hospital facilities and emergency responders, as well as the general traveling public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators urges the Governor and State Legislature to enact record increases for local highway, bridge and culvert programs to assist counties in maintaining critical infrastructure, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while the CHIPS program is held at \$538 million, it is hoped that with the projected state budget surpluses an additional increase in CHIPS funding can be enacted that will raise the annual level to \$788 million over the next five (5) years and increase the Extreme Winter Recovery funding by \$50 million consistent with the Senate One-House budget proposal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Operation Pave Our Potholes funds be distributed via the CHIPS or EWR formula so that every municipality in the state receives a fair share of these dollars, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IIA Off-System Bridge Program should be administered so that one-hundred percent (100%) of the funding is dedicated to local bridges, and

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

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**URGING THAT AWARDS UNDER THE BRIDGE-NY PROGRAM BE
FINALIZED AND ANNOUNCED IN A TIMELY MANNER**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul has released an Executive Budget that includes a robust five-year State Transportation Capital Plan with a record \$1.23 billion annual investment in local road and bridge programs, and

WHEREAS, this new Capital Plan provides unprecedented support for local governments to maintain and improve roads, bridges and culverts, and

WHEREAS, BRIDGE-NY is a critical local program that provides enhanced assistance for local governments to rehabilitate and replace bridges and culverts, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has proposed that this important local program be funded at a record \$200 million per year, nearly doubling the annual levels of the past few years, and will create thousands of new construction jobs and contribute to economic expansion in our communities, and

WHEREAS, the timely announcement of the funding awards from this program is vital for counties to help plan and budget for the resulting funding and spending authority needed for their highway and public works departments, and

WHEREAS, the most recent solicitation for BRIDGE-NY projects was issued in January 2021 with a final application submittal deadline of May 19 for culverts and June 9 for bridges, and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the pre-review, full review, and scoring process by the New York State Department of Transportation takes time, while project selection can typically be completed within four (4) months, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the awards were not announced until December 15, well beyond the time frame for counties to prepare their budget to be presented for approval by their county Boards of Legislators or Boards of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the cost of these projects have grown significantly as a result of impact of COVID on the cost of construction materials and inflation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators urges that awards under the BRIDGE-NY Program be finalized and announced in a timely manner, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) make an effort to complete the review and award selection in a timeframe to allow for county budget preparation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Lawrence County calls on the NYS DOT to complete and provide an inventory of BRIDGE NY Projects with updated budgets based on construction cost increases, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED these BRIDGE NY project funds should be increased to cover higher costs so that these projects can be completed, and that previously awarded NYS DOT managed local projects shall be fully funded, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Katherine Hochul, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, NYS DOT Commissioner Marie Dominguez, and NYSAC.

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Finance Committee: 4-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATORS TO GRANT DESIGN-BUILD CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY TO COUNTIES AND NEW YORK CITY

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, current road, bridge, building, and infrastructure construction projects are cumbersome and expensive for local governments and taxpayers in New York State, and

WHEREAS, design-build contracting saves time and money by eliminating time in procuring design services separately from construction services, and by making a single entity responsible for a project, reducing the possibility of contract claims related to design errors or omissions, and

WHEREAS, design-build is a method of construction project delivery in which one entity works under a single contract to provide design and construction services, and

WHEREAS, design-build projects minimize project risk for the owner, increase the accountability of contractors and streamlines the delivery schedule by compressing two procurements into one, eliminating one full procurement cycle, and

WHEREAS, design-build further streamlines the delivery schedule by overlapping the design and construction phases of a project, and

WHEREAS, the New York City Public Works Investment Act, authorizes some New York City agencies to use the design-build delivery method for certain capital projects over a specified dollar threshold amount, and

WHEREAS, New York State has granted design-build authority to itself and to New York City with great success, and the same authority should be granted to counties, and

WHEREAS, the State has proven this method saves both time and taxpayer spending all while minimizing project risk,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators urges the Governor and State Legislators to grant design-build construction authority to counties and New York City, and

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

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Services Committee: 4-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

IN SUPPORT OF RAISING THE CHILDCARE SUBSIDY RATE AND INCREASING THE TOTAL ALLOTMENT TO SOCIAL SERVICES TO IMPROVE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CHILDCARE ACROSS NEW YORK STATE

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Haggard, District 10 and Ms. Terminelli, District 14

WHEREAS, for years, access to high-quality childcare has been limited to those who can afford it or are fortunate enough to receive a subsidy and be able to locate quality care, limiting the ability of parents of young children to enter and succeed in the workforce and for employers to find and retain skilled workers, and

WHEREAS, the average cost of childcare for an infant in New York State is \$15,394 per year, which is more expensive than in all but five (5) states in the country, and

WHEREAS, childcare in New York State costs more than college, and infant care is more expensive than the average rent, and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable and accessible childcare during the pandemic has driven women, in particular, out of the workforce in large numbers and led many to weigh whether staying out of the workforce is more cost-efficient, and

WHEREAS, the Child Care Availability Task Force, which was co-chaired by then-Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, recognized that childcare is not just an issue for women but a societal and economic issue that touches every family, in every community, regardless of neighborhood or economic status, and

WHEREAS, according to a statewide poll conducted in the fall of 2020, the majority of New York State business leaders say the lack of accessibility and availability of high-quality childcare for infants and toddlers negatively impacts their businesses and their ability to hire and retain employees, and

WHEREAS, New York employers specifically cite employee absenteeism and calling-out due to a lack of access to and availability of childcare for infants and toddlers, as well as reduced employee productivity and turnover due to child care issues, as contributing to loss in revenue, and

WHEREAS, on average, working parents in America miss five (5) to nine (9) days of work per year because of childcare problems, costing U.S. businesses \$3 billion a year in lost productivity, and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul, in one of her first addresses to the business community as Governor, identified childcare as one of her top three priorities to support the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and

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WHEREAS, Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS) Commissioner Sheila Poole, in a September 2021 interview, called childcare “the superhighway to economic recovery,” and

WHEREAS, the significant difference between the childcare subsidy rate set by OCFS and the actual cost of providing care has contributed to extremely low wages for childcare workers, ninety-eight percent (98%) of whom are women and sixty-percent (60%) of whom are minorities, and

WHEREAS, low wages have led to a shortage of childcare workers, which has meant that childcare providers cannot keep up with demand and have fewer childcare slots to offer, and

WHEREAS, sixty-four percent (64%) of New Yorkers live in communities that qualify as child care deserts, meaning the community lacks sufficient child care for the vast majority of families that need it, and

WHEREAS, the size of the gap between subsidy rates and the true cost of quality varies by region but exists across the state for infants and toddlers, and

WHEREAS, the final report of the Child Care Availability Task Force called on New York State to adopt subsidy rates that are aligned with the true cost of quality care, including recognizing the higher cost of care necessary for infants and toddlers, and

WHEREAS, high-quality childcare promotes healthy child development, which has long-term benefits for children and families, the economy, and society as a whole, as it is proven to reduce rates of incarceration, homelessness, and poverty in later life, and

WHEREAS, children who have quality early learning experiences are less likely to drop out of high school, need public assistance, or become a teen parent and are more likely to go to college and have good health as an adult, and

WHEREAS, quality early care and learning also helps reduce the disparities that are often associated with race, ethnicity, language, citizenship status, and socio-economic level, and

WHEREAS, investing in quality childcare is a critical public investment into a better functioning, more equitable, democratic economy and society,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators is in support of raising the childcare subsidy rate and increasing the total allotment to social services to improve equitable access to childcare across New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports increasing the total allotment given to social service districts around the state so they can pay the increased subsidy rate without having to decrease the number of children and families receiving the subsidy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Katherine Hochul, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, OCFS Commissioner Sheila Poole, and NYSAC.

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Finance Committee: 4-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**ACCEPTING THE ARPA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; Mr. Fay, District 9; and Mr. Arquiett, District 13

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act into law approving \$350B to “facilitate the United States recovery from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic,” and

WHEREAS, these funds would be distributed directly to tribal governments, states, counties, cities, towns, and villages by the Federal Government with guidance to be provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury who would prepare and approve authorized uses for these funds, and

WHEREAS, of the funds, counties and cities were allocated a total of \$130B with \$65B set aside specifically for counties, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County received notification that its allocation would be \$20.9M, and that half of the funds (\$10.4M) would be received in what would be called the first tranche in mid-2021, and the second tranche (\$10.5M) would be distributed in mid-2022, with the understanding those funds be appropriated by the end of 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Treasury issued an ‘Interim Final Rule’ on May 5, 2021, which provided guidance for acceptable uses of the ARPA Funds and solicited comments through July 16, 2021, to better understand the impact of the tentative guidance as they prepared the Final Rule which was expected to be released by the beginning of 2022, and

WHEREAS, comments were submitted by St. Lawrence County to assist in the completion of the Final Rule of use of the ARPA Funds, and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2021, Chair Sheridan appointed a Committee of Legislators chaired by the Legislator from District 8 and Chair of the Finance Committee Kevin Acres, and comprised of Legislators Jim Reagen, District 1; Dan Fay, District 9; and Tony Arquiett, District 13, for the purpose of meeting to prepare recommendations for the use of these funds to the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, a survey was conducted via the County Website from November 9th through November 30th, 2021, to solicit ideas and suggestions for uses of the ARPA Funds, and

WHEREAS, the Final Rule for appropriate uses of the American Rescue Plan Funds was released on January 6, 2022 with an effective date of April 1, 2022,

WHEREAS, the Committee met on an ongoing basis to review the Interim Final Rule, review the survey results, consider options that would benefit County residents, and is now prepared to make recommendations to the Board of Legislators,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators accepts the ARPA Committee recommendations for the \$20.9M American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds as follows:

- \$5M for Emergency Communications Equipment
- \$4M for Economic Development and Tourism
- \$3M for Broadband Development and Installation
- \$3M for Utilities: Water & Sewer Development & Repair
- \$5M for County Capital Projects
- \$.9M for Ash Tree Removal and Reforestation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Emergency Services in St. Lawrence County are in the midst of massive improvements and as a part of this transformation, a new radio system is being installed and these funds will assist in the necessary funding required to assist local municipalities with equipment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that economic development and tourism are essential to improving the services and activities available in St. Lawrence County and the ARPA Committee recognizes the need for services and infrastructure in the following ways; Childcare Provide Training (\$200K); EMT Training (\$100K); CDL Licensure training (\$287K); Cornell Cooperative Extension (\$50K); Clifton-Fine Hospital (\$300K); Gouverneur & St. Lawrence County Fair (\$50K); and an additional \$3M to be distributed through the SLCIDA to organizations who were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are looking to improve their services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a great deal of work has been accomplished in the area of improving broadband access in St. Lawrence County and in order to continue those efforts, the ARPA Committee recommends \$3M be appropriated for matching funds and/or investment to develop and extend that availability throughout the County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ARPA Committee recognizes the importance of stable infrastructure and recommends \$3M for projects that support the economic recovery and stability of water and sewer projects in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Lawrence County Government is working to improve facilities infrastructure by renovating the Public Safety Complex on Court Street, repurposing the Old Jail Facility on Judson Street, relocating county departments to improve efficiencies and services to the public, the ARPA committee recommends \$5M to support these projects, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ash trees in St. Lawrence County have been impacted by the devastating Emerald Ash Borer requiring attention to county roadways and right-of-ways, the ARPA Committee recommends \$900K for removal of these trees on County lands and reforestation to provide for the future, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED other projects the ARPA Committee would like to see included with funds include employee wellness, ballistic vests for the Probation Department, and a watercraft for use by the Emergency Services Department, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that further resolutions will be prepared for consideration by the Board of Legislators for the creation of the necessary accounts, transfers of funds, and for the approval of a firm to manage these funds for the County.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ATLANTIC TESTING LABORATORIES FOR A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SURVEY AND PROJECT MONITORING FOR COUNTY BUILDINGS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, changes in scope of County services has altered the operational and space needs of County departments that occupy the Public Safety Complex, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has reviewed the recommendations for the best use of space in the building, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has determined that in order to meet the needs of the public, now and in the future, upgrades and efficiencies can best be achieved through a reconfiguration of certain County departments requiring renovation of the building, and

WHEREAS, the results of a hazardous materials survey will be required to allow for abatement design by a project architect prior to construction bidding, and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals was issued and Atlantic Testing Laboratories was chosen as the firm of best value to carry out the hazardous materials assessment and project monitoring, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the required services at the Public Safety Complex, there is an opportunity to utilize the project monitoring services for ongoing project at the former County Jail, consistent with the request for proposals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Atlantic Testing Laboratories for a Hazardous Materials Survey and Project Monitoring for County Buildings, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the County Administrators Office, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700 B SPEC Contingency Account \$23,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199509 90600 T IFT GF Transfer to CP \$23,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG619974 43007 PSC Public Safety Complex Facility \$23,000

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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6650319 90100

T IFT CP Transfer from GF

\$23,000

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Finance Committee: 4-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BROOKS WASHBURN ARCHITECTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR FORMER SHERIFF’S HOUSE AND THE FORMER ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY JAIL AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the former St. Lawrence County Jail closed in 2009 when the new correctional facility opened, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the former jail and Sheriff’s House has been vacant since its closure and continues to fall into disrepair with state of the building’s exterior envelope allowing for water penetration into the building interior, causing continual building damage, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 202-2016 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Atlantic Testing Laboratories for Hazardous Materials Survey of the former St. Lawrence County Jail, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee recommends securing the structural integrity of the building to prevent further deterioration, which will improve upon the work of the hazardous materials survey, and

WHEREAS, a competitive process was conducted through a request for proposals issued for architectural services to secure the exterior envelope and for the submission of change of occupancy permits necessary for future intended uses of the buildings and Brooks Washburn Architects was chosen as the firm of best value to carry out the services, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in targeted contingency for capital projects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Brooks Washburn Architects for architectural services for the former Sheriff’s House and the former St. Lawrence County Jail, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the County Administrators Office, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700 B SPEC Contingency Account \$30,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199509 90600 T IFT GF Transfer to CP \$30,000

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG619974 43007 OJL BLDG Renovations Facility Improvements	\$30,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6650319 90100	T IFT CP Transfer from GF	\$30,000
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH GP FLOORING SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FLOORING AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR RENOVATIONS OF THE HUMAN SERVICES CENTER

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, there is a need for updates to the Community Services Department, Department of Motor Vehicles, and space currently sub-leased to an outside agency, and

WHEREAS, an invitation to bid was conducted for flooring and state contract discounted pricing was utilized for cubicles and chairs, and

WHEREAS, in the Community Services Department, renovations would consist of replacement of flooring (\$100,387), cubicles in the inner-office area (\$44,022), and waiting room and conference room chairs (\$13,662), and

WHEREAS, in the Department of Motor Vehicles, renovations would consist of replacement of flooring (\$10,982), and

WHEREAS, in the space currently sub-leased to an outside agency, renovations would consist of replacement of flooring (\$21,060), and

WHEREAS, funding for this project is available through the appropriation of unrestricted DSRIP funds and targeted contingency,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the GP Flooring Solutions for the purchase and installation of flooring, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for renovations of the Human Services Center, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1134905 56000 DSRP	A SA Mental Health	\$78,899
A1334905 56000 DSRP	A SA Other Mental Health Programs	3,006
A3134905 56000 DSRP	A SA CSS Mental Health	<u>76,166</u>
		\$158,071

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$32,042
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142502 21000 DSRP	A CACD Furniture & Furnishings	\$78,899
A1342502 21000 DSRP	A OGCD Furniture & Furnishings	3,006
A3143202 21000 DSRP	A MHOC Furniture & Furnishings	76,166
BG016202 21000 HSC	BLDG Furniture & Furnishings	<u>32,042</u>
		\$190,113

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Finance Committee: 4-25-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH UNITED HELPERS CARE, INC. FOR SPACE LOCATED AT 100 FORD STREET, OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution Nos. 66-2021, 104-2021, and 169-2021, “Authorizing Filling of Vacancies” demonstrated an investment by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators in the Department of Social Services and the communities it serves by creating a total in excess of twenty (20) new positions in Children’s Services, and

WHEREAS, with this investment, there was a need for additional office space for the Department and an opportunity to create efficiencies through a pilot program of placement of staff in key locations across the County testing the effectiveness of a satellite type office structure designed to root employees in the community and bring employees closer to clients and families, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 309-2021, authorized the Chair to sign an agreement with United Helpers, Inc. for space located at 100 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, securing a location for the pilot program, and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2022, the County Administrator presented a SWOT analysis to the Board of Legislators on the pilot program, highlighting an internal appraisal, existing and evolving strategy, and critical success factors, and

WHEREAS, the SWOT analysis concluded with the immediate recommendation to grow the Satellite Office in Ogdensburg to occupy the entire suite in which it is currently located, and

WHEREAS, the additional square footage to obtain the entire suite totals approximately 1,250, bringing the total County footprint in the building to approximately 3,350 square feet, and

WHEREAS, the amended Agreement will run July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025, with an option for two (2) additional one-year extensions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amended agreement with United Helpers Care, Inc. for space located at 100 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon conclusion of the remaining term through September 30, 2022, the initial rental rate will be \$12.48 per square foot and will run October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the Department of Social Services, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	\$197
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	654
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	<u>2,104</u>
		\$2,955

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DMM61004 46500	D Medicaid to State	\$4,286
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAS60104 40700	D SG Building and Property Rent	\$7,241
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CLEARGOV, INC. FOR A DIGITAL BUDGET BOOK SOFTWARE PLATFORM AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, St. Lawrence County publishes both tentative and adopted budget books, and

WHEREAS, ease of access to information and providing transparent access are essential to ensure public funds are utilized in an appropriate manner, and

WHEREAS, ClearGov’s Digital Budget Book is a website-based software platform that utilizes templates and dynamic data-driven charts and tables, and

WHEREAS, the Digital Budget Book software is highly customizable and delivers budget books in an easy-to-navigate website that engages citizens with interactive content and can be transformed to a printed physical book with ease, and

WHEREAS, the software is designed to create staff efficiencies by transforming traditionally labor intensive manual processes into those that are substantially automatic, while reducing the opportunities for potential errors, and

WHEREAS, the initial service period will run from June 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026, with annual subscription fees as follows: 2022 \$5,732 (Pro-Rated); 2023 \$11,736; 2024 \$13,100; 2025 \$13,100; and 2026 \$13,100,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with ClearGov, Inc. for a digital budget book software platform, effective June 1, 2022, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700 B SPEC Contingency Account \$5,732

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL010104 42004 B LB Computer Software \$5,732

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Acres, District 8

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
Community Services/ Chemical Dependency	Chemical Dependency Counselor	510400009	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services/ Addiction Services	Chemical Dependency Case Aide	510200001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services/ Addiction Services	Peer Advocate*	505900002	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Social Services/ TA/SNAP	Senior Social Welfare Examiner	814100001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/ Child Support	Support Investigator	813000002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services/ Information Technology	Coordinator of Social Services IT	812000001	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Board of Election	Election Clerk	027900002	PT	Permanent	Immediate
Probation	Keyboard Specialist	003100067	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000010	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Operator	310000025	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Mechanic Helper	308000002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Motor Equipment Mechanic Helper	308000003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Deputy County Highway Superintendent	318600002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Assistant Highway Administration Manager*	318100002	FT	Provisional	Immediate

*new position

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 501300003, Chemical Dependency Case Aide, be abolished in Community Services, and

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

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH
THE CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR USE OF PARKING LOTS
AT THE COUNTY COMPLEX**

By Ms. Haggard, District 10

WHEREAS, annually, the Canton Chamber of Commerce has requested the use of the H.B. Smith Building Parking lot and the Courthouse Parking Lot for the annual Dairy Princess Parade to be held on June 4, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Canton Chamber of Commerce would hold the County harmless from any and all liability arising from the use of the parking lots,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the Canton Chamber of Commerce for use of the Parking Lots at the County Complex for the annual Dairy Princess Parade, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL A.9901 AND SENATE BILL S.8846 TO CODIFY THE CURRENT SALES TAX SHARING ARRANGEMENT FOR THE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT (1%) OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG FOR SALES TAX COLLECTED WITHIN THE TAXING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

By Mr. Reagen, District 1 and Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, in 2021, the City of Ogdensburg began the process to collect its own or preempt a portion of the County sales tax for the first time since 1999, which gave the City one-half of the first three percent (3%) that is collected within the taxing jurisdiction of the City, but does not make any provision for the portion of the additional one percent (1%) without additional State legislation, and

WHEREAS, the County is actively assisting the City by voluntarily extending the terms and conditions beyond the expiration of the amended agreement for the three (3) additional months (December 1, 2021- February 28, 2022) to provide Ogdensburg with the opportunity to complete the necessary notifications and preparations to collect their own sales tax revenue, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators would like to continue to assist the City of Ogdensburg in this effort, and

WHEREAS, the City has continued to assist the City of Ogdensburg by voluntarily sharing one-half (1/2) of the portion of sales tax collected on the additional one percent (1%) within the taxing jurisdiction of the City of Ogdensburg with the City on a quarterly basis that is similar to the first three percent (3%) allowed by law, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County supports codifying this arrangement into State Law to provide sustainable, financial assistance to the City of Ogdensburg and its residents,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators supports Assembly Bill A.9901 and Senate Bill S.8846 to codify the current sales tax sharing arrangement for the additional one percent (1%) of sales and compensating use tax within the City of Ogdensburg for sales tax collected within the taxing jurisdiction of the City of Ogdensburg, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Katherine Hochul, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, NYS Department of Taxation and Finance, and the City of Ogdensburg.