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FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
KEVIN ACRES, CHAIR
MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021
*****BOARD ROOM AND LIVE VIA YOUTUBE *****
*****5:30 P.M. *****

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 26**
- 3. NYPA RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES – Casey Mastro, Senior Key Account Executive**
- 4. ST. LAWRENCE ARTS COUNCIL – Maggie McKenna, Executive Director**
- 5. LEGISLATOR MARGARET HAGGARD**
 - A. Proclaiming September 12-18, 2021 as National Arts in Education Week in St. Lawrence County (Res)
- 6. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS**
 - A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Solid Waste Department for Overtime Expenses (Res)
- 7. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS**
 - A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways for Overtime and Machinery Rental (Res)
 - B. Approving Federal Aid Local Project Supplemental Agreement #1 for Right-of-Way Incidentals and Acquisition for County Route 35 (Slab City) Over Trout Brook Bridge Project, PIN 775394, BIN 3341700 (Res)
 - C. 2021 Project Update (Discussion)
- 8. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON**
 - A. Authorizing a Settlement Agreement between Johnson & Johnson and St. Lawrence County with Respect to an Action Relating to the Opioid Crisis (Res)
 - B. Adopting the Legal Arguments of the Amicus Brief Submitted by the State of Arizona on Behalf of Twenty-Five Similarly Situated States in the Matter of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. Et. Al V. Kevin P. Bruen, in his Official Capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police, Et Al. Currently Pending before the United States Supreme Court (Res)

9. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – RICK JOHNSON

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Usherwood Office Technology to Provide a Multi-Function Device (MFD) Lease and Management Program for St. Lawrence County (Res)

10. LEGISLATOR TONY ARQUIETT

- A. Dedication of a Plaque on the Jones Road Bridge in the Town of Hopkinton (Res)

11. LEGISLATOR BILL SHERIDAN

- A. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law C (No. __) for the Year 2021, “Setting the Salary for the County Attorney” (Res)
- B. Supporting Milfoil Reduction Efforts on Silvia Lake in the Town of Fowler and Modifying the 2021 Budget for St. Lawrence County (Res)

12. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE

- A. Annual Vacancy Analysis (Info)
- B. Board of Legislators
 - 1. Create and Fill a Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, Position No. 303200001

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

14. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. New Social Services Statistics (This item was moved from the Services Committee)

*****Note:** *Please allow a few minutes for the electronic transition to executive session****

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

*****Note:** *Please allow a few minutes for the electronic transition to open session****

16. ADJOURNMENT – If there is no further business.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2021 AS NATIONAL ARTS
IN EDUCATION WEEK IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

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

WHEREAS, arts education is comprising a rich array of core academic subjects including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design, and visual arts, and is an essential element to a balanced education essential for all students, and

WHEREAS, arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express ideas, and cross-cultural understanding which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom, and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts sector contributes to the economy and plays an important role in the economic health of communities, and

WHEREAS, where schools and communities are delivering high quality learning opportunities in and about arts for children, extraordinary results occur, and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that schools with large populations of students in poverty can be transformed into vibrant hubs of learning through arts education, and

WHEREAS, art is integral to the lives of many St. Lawrence County citizens and can improve the vitality of our communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators proclaims September 12-18, 2021 as National Arts in Education Week in St. Lawrence County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all citizens are encouraged to cultivate art appreciation, inspire creative expression, and take the time to recognize the importance of arts in education.

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Finance Committee: 8-23-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
FOR OVERTIME EXPENSES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in 2021 the Solid Waste Department will exceed its budget for overtime expenses due to staff shortages throughout the year, and

WHEREAS, the Budget Team continued the practice in the 2021 Budget of setting aside twenty-five percent (25%) of overtime requests prompting a dialogue with the Board of Legislators when the funds are to support operational needs, and

WHEREAS, there is \$27,943 in targeted contingency in the Enterprise Fund and an additional \$22,057 is necessary to meet service needs at the transfer stations around the County, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department has appropriations within its 2021 budget to offset this overage,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Solid Waste Department for overtime expenses, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WO081601 18000	W OPR Overtime	\$50,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WA017104 49700	W Admin Contingency Account	\$50,000
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Finance Committee: 8-23-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
FOR OVERTIME EXPENSES AND MACHINERY RENTAL**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

WHEREAS, overtime and machinery rental expenses for CHIPS Paving and Bridge Projects are projected to exceed the 2021 budget with the increase in projects as a result of additional CHIPS funding in 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Department would like to amend the budget to reflect actual operational expenses for 2021,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways for overtime expenses and machinery rental, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM351101 18000	H MR Overtime	\$24,208
HM551124 40600 B1	H B1 Machinery Rental	115,788
HM151124 40600 H1	H H1 Machinery Rental	<u>173,340</u>
		\$313,336

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM351101 13000	H MR Technical	\$24,208
HC051424 40600	H CSR Machinery Rental	200,000
HS051444 40600	H Snow Machinery Rental	<u>89,128</u>
		\$313,336

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPROVING FEDERAL AID LOCAL PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY INCIDENTALS AND ACQUISITION FOR COUNTY ROUTE 35 (SLAB CITY) OVER TROUT BROOK BRIDGE PROJECT, PIN 775394, BIN 3341700

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 Right-of-Way (ROW) Incidentals and Acquisition for County Route 35 (Slab City) over Trout Brook, PIN 775394, BIN 3341700 (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, fifteen-percent (15%) State "Marchiselli" funds, and five-percent (5%) local match, 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 the Right-of-Way (ROW) Incidentals and Acquisition,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approved Federal aid local project supplemental agreement #1 for Right-Of-Way Incidentals and Acquisition for County Route 35 (Slab City) over Trout Brook Bridge Project, PIN 775394, BIN 3341700, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to pay in the first instance one-hundred percent (100%) of the Federal and non-federal share of the cost of Right-of-Way (ROW) Incidentals And Acquisition for the Project of portions thereof, 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 Chair is authorized to execute 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

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

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

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**AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOHNSON & JOHNSON
AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO AN ACTION RELATING TO
THE OPIOID CRISIS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has the second-highest opioid related-inpatient hospital admissions rate in the State in the past four years, and drug-related hospital stays have risen more than sixty percent (60%) according to the New York State Department of Health, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Health figures indicate at least thirty-one (31) people have died from opiate or heroin overdoses in St. Lawrence County between 2010 and 2014, and the number appears to be rising, and

WHEREAS, in 2017, St. Lawrence County, through its law firm Simmons, Hanly, Conroy, P.C. joined a class action lawsuit with numerous other municipal entities against Pharmaceutical companies, drug manufacturers and distributors, which included Purdue Pharma, and

WHEREAS, Purdue Pharma, Abbott Laboratories, Johnson & Johnson (also known as “J & J” or “Janssen”), as well as others, were alleged to have created damages as a result of the usage and prescription of OxyContin to the general public, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has reached terms of an agreement with Purdue Pharma and has adopted Resolution No. 192-2021, which approved the proposed bankruptcy restructuring plan and authorized a vote in favor of the proposed settlement, and

WHEREAS, there remains pending the matter of County of St. Lawrence v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., under Index No. 400001/2017 in the Supreme Court, Suffolk County, regarding the opioid addiction crisis, in which the County of St. Lawrence is one of the named plaintiff in the action (the “Action”), and

WHEREAS, the Action alleges several causes of action against defendants Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (“J & J”) based on claims that J & J contributed to the opioid epidemic by falsely promoting prescription opioids it manufactured and sold and by falsely promoting the increased use of opioids directly and generally through various “front groups” and failing to implement measures to prevent diversion of prescription opioids in connection with distribution of its products, all of which contributed to a public health crisis around the United States, and in specific, in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, J & J has offered to settle the claims with the County of St. Lawrence by paying a sum of between approximately \$717,788.65 and \$307,565.44 over ten (10) years to be used for restitution and abatement and agreeing to not manufacture, sell or promote opioids, and

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of St. Lawrence to resolve this matter with respect to J & J without further litigation and enter into the proposed Agreement as it shall settle all allegations against J & J and avoid protracted litigation,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes a settlement agreement between Johnson & Johnson and St. Lawrence County with respect to an action relating to the opioid crisis, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the execution and delivery on behalf of and in the name of the County of St. Lawrence by the Chair, or his designee, of the proposed Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby authorized, and the Chair, or his designee, is hereby authorized, subject to County Attorney approval, and directed to execute the proposed Agreement in a form substantially similar thereto and execute such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement with J & J.

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ADOPTING THE LEGAL ARGUMENTS OF THE AMICUS BRIEF SUBMITTED BY THE STATE OF ARIZONA ON BEHALF OF TWENTY-FIVE SIMILARLY SITUATED STATES IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW YORK STATE RIFLE AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION, INC. ET. AL V. KEVIN P. BRUEN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE POLICE, ET AL. CURRENTLY PENDING BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the State of New York currently prohibits law-abiding citizens from a carrying a handgun outside the home without a license, and it denies licenses to every citizen who fails to convince the state that he or she has “proper cause” to carry a firearm, pursuant to Penal Law § 400.00, and

WHEREAS, it is apparent by the language of the statute regarding the pistol licensing officer that the operative provision of “proper cause” allows a licensing officer to subjectively determine whether a person has the ability to carry a weapon, without regard to right and arguably in violation of the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators supported the efforts of the State of Louisiana and 17 other states who filed amicus seeking to challenge provisions of the pistol licensing statutes in New York State through the legal action of the *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. City of New York, State of New York et. al.* (hereinafter referred to as ‘NYSRPA I’), and

WHEREAS, during the pendency of NYSRPA I, New York State modified the law to permit homeowners who had a premises license to carry to and from their second homes, rendering the legal action moot but leaving the ultimate issue as to the constitutionality of the New York State pistol licensing statutes unresolved, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators directed the St. Lawrence County Attorney to remain apprised of any further opportunities to challenge the pistol licensing scheme, whether through legislative change or litigation, that were to arise following the conclusion of NYSRPA I, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that direction, the St. Lawrence County Attorney, as a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar, has reviewed the briefs filed in the matter of *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. Kevin P. Bruen, In his Official Capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police et. al* (hereinafter referred to as ‘NYSRPA II’). currently pending before the United States Supreme Court on grant of petition of certiorari, and

WHEREAS, the principle issue before the United State Supreme Court on NYSRPA II is whether the pistol licensing process in the State of New York, by requiring a citizen to demonstrate ‘proper cause’, violates the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the review of the petitions of the respective parties, as well as the amicus briefs, filed by the respective amicus curiae, and

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WHEREAS, among the amicus briefs reviewed was a brief filed by the States of Arizona, Missouri, Alabama, Alaska, Florida, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming (hereinafter referred to as the 'States'), as Amici Curiae, supporting the petition of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, and

WHEREAS, the amicus brief filed by the various States through the State of Arizona, has asserted several legal arguments, among them: (1) That Empirical Research and the experience of the majority of the states of the United States of America demonstrates that New York State's restrictive licensing process fails constitutional scrutiny; (2) Shall-issue pistol licensing regimes do not increase crime but do increase victim safety; and (3) That the New York State "proper cause" requirement in Penal Law § 400.00 violates basic protections afforded to the citizens through the Constitutional protections afforded under the 2nd Amendment Right to Bear Arms, and

WHEREAS, the arguments posited by the State of Arizona (on behalf of the various States) are arguments that the Board of Legislators and many of their constituents of St. Lawrence County share, and

WHEREAS, based upon its interpretation of New York State law, the Courts of the State of New York have determined that Penal Law § 400.00 et al. is the "exclusive statutory mechanism for the licensing of firearms in New York State", and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Penal Law § 400.00(2), "A license for a pistol or revolver, other than an assault weapon or a disguised gun, shall be issued to (a) have and possess in his dwelling by a householder; (b) have and possess in his place of business by a merchant or storekeeper; (c) have and carry concealed while so employed by a messenger employed by a banking institution or express company; (d) have and carry concealed by a justice of the supreme court in the first or second judicial departments, or by a judge of the New York city civil court or the New York city criminal court; (e) have and carry concealed while so employed by a regular employee of an institution of the state, or of any county, city, town or village, under control of a commissioner of correction of the city or any warden, superintendent or head keeper of any state prison, penitentiary, workhouse, county jail or other institution for the detention of persons convicted or accused of crime or held as witnesses in criminal cases, provided that application is made therefor by such commissioner, warden, superintendent or head keeper; (f) have and carry concealed, without regard to employment or place of possession, by any person when proper cause exists for the issuance thereof...", and

WHEREAS, in New York State, a license to carry a firearm must be issued by the local licensing authority which is defined under Penal Law §265.00 (10), "Licensing officer" means in the city of New York the police commissioner of that city; in the county of Nassau the commissioner of police of that county; in the county of Suffolk the sheriff of that county except in the towns of Babylon, Brookhaven, Huntington, Islip and Smithtown, the commissioner of police of that county; for the purposes of section 400.01 of this chapter the superintendent of state police; and elsewhere in the state a judge or justice of a court of record having his office in the county of issuance, and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has long been concerned with the manner in which Pistol Licensing occurs in St. Lawrence County, specifically with respect to the arbitrary and capricious manner in which licenses are issued from County to County within the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Supreme Court of the United States issued the landmark ruling in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, which announced the Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and

WHEREAS, the *Heller* Court held that the individual right to bear arms, as codified in the Constitution, was a pre-existent right, not dependent on the permission of the government, as that right, through codification, “shall not be infringed,” and

WHEREAS, despite the clear language of *Heller* and contemporaneous decision in *McDonald v. City of Chicago, Illinois*, States such as New York have continued to require its citizens to apply for permission to possess a pistol, rather than start from the operative clause presumption, that the right is fundamental and individual, and may not be restricted in that fashion, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York pistol licensing process, as contained in Penal Law §400.00, and as applied by the Licensing Officers listed in Penal Law § 265.00, violates the plain language of *Heller* and of *McDonald*, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators, since 2015, has passed a local law and several resolutions seeking to challenge the placement of restrictions by local licensing authorities on the issuance of pistol licenses for pistol license applicants, recognizing the constitutional supremacy of the *Heller* decision over the legal restrictions imposed by the local licensing authority and licensing scheme established by the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, in light of the Supreme Court of the United States’ decision to grant certiorari to the *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. Kevin P. Bruen, in his Official Capacity as the Superintendent of New York State Police et al.* case, the Board of Legislators believes there may be an opportunity to join the action in support of the amicus for the purposes of asserting the rights of the citizen’s the Board represents, and

WHEREAS, the privileges and immunities of the citizens of the United States of America and of the State of New York are to be ardently protected and secured by the respective governmental bodies of all such bodies, and

WHEREAS, the due process of law must be provided to each and every such citizen especially to matters of constitutional and ancient rights and liberties, and

WHEREAS, the ancient right and liberty to keep and bear arms is such a right and liberty, as being specifically recognized and duly adopted by the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States deserving to be so fully secured and protected, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has undertaken to review the lawfulness and validity of the New York State Pistol Licensing process and it being the determination of this representative body being a legislature of the People of St. Lawrence County, State of New York the same being created under the Constitution of the State of New

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York as ratified by the People of the State of New York that the pistol licensing requirement of a demonstration of 'proper cause' constituting an unlawful and invalid infringement upon the ancient and constitutional right and liberty of the citizens of the United States to keep and bear arms as announced in the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators adopts the legal arguments of the amicus brief submitted by the State of Arizona on behalf of twenty-five similarly situated states in the matter of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. Kevin P. Bruen, in his official capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police, et. al. currently pending before the United States Supreme Court, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State of Arizona Solicitor General for review and support of the Amicus Curiae Brief filed by the State of Arizona on behalf of the various States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Attorney shall render aid, where possible and practicable, to the various States listed as Amici Curiae in the pending United States Supreme Court case of the New York Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. Kevin P. Bruen, in his Official Capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police, et al.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH USHERWOOD OFFICE TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE A MULTI-FUNCTION DEVICE (MFD) LEASE AND PRINT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County entered into a contract with Usherwood Office Technology five (5) years ago to provide MFD units (print, scan, copy, fax) for all County departments with related services, and

WHEREAS, Usherwood Office Technology has provided excellent service and extra value for the county in the implementation and support of these units, including helping to eliminate fax machines in all areas where these units are deployed in keeping with the “long-term value” clause in the 2016 MFD resolution, and

WHEREAS, keeping Usherwood Office Technology as the vendor affords St. Lawrence County a unique opportunity in that not all units will need to be replaced yet will be fully covered, driving down costs for a yearly savings of approximately \$25,738 while adding a net of plus three (3) units to the 62 unit inventory,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Usherwood Office Technology to provide a Multi-Function Device (MFD) and Print Management Program for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of the contract will begin the date of installation, and run for forty-eight (48) months, for a base cost of \$6,220 per month (CD016804 42102 MSPC), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if machines fail during the term, they will be replaced at no additional cost.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**DEDICATION OF A PLAQUE ON THE JONES ROAD BRIDGE
IN THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON**

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

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2020, Dennis I. Binan tragically passed away from an accident in the Town of Hopkinton, and

WHEREAS, with a great love for the outdoors, he spent many hours snowmobiling, four-wheeling, boating, and camping, and his passion for hunting led him to become the President of the Flower Hill Hunting Club in Parishville, and

WHEREAS, as a token of respect to the work he accomplished and sorrow that he is no longer with us, the Board of Legislators would like to dedicate a plaque to be placed on the Jones Road Bridge in memoriam of a departed friend, Dennis I. Binan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED that the Board of Legislators dedicates a plaque on the Jones Road Bridge in the Town of Hopkinton.

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Finance Committee: 8-23-2021

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C
(NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2021, "SETTING THE SALARY FOR
THE COUNTY ATTORNEY"**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law C (No. __) for the Year 2021 will "Set the Salary for the County Attorney," and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has been tasked with taking on additional responsibilities for the Legal Unit of the Department of Social Services and not been absolved of any other duties, and

WHEREAS, an increase in salary is appropriate to recognize the additional work involved and should be retroactive to May 3, 2021, and

WHEREAS, should there be a reduction in responsibility in the future, the salary would be reviewed again for an appropriate compensation level and recommendation, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that said Local Law adoption be preceded by a public hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law C (No. __) for the Year 2021 will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2021,
"SETTING THE SALARY FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY"**

BE IT ENACTED by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators as follows:

Section 1. For the Year 2021, the salary for the following title shall be increased to the amount listed below and the increase will be retroactive to May 3, 2021.

County Attorney	\$158,000
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Section 2. Should there be a reduction in duties such that the responsibility for the Legal Unit in the Department of Social Services is relocated, a review of the compensation will occur and the salary will be returned to the prior level.

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**SUPPORTING MILFOIL REDUCTION EFFORTS ON SYLVIA LAKE IN
THE TOWN OF FOWLER AND MODIFYING THE 2021 BUDGET
FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, invasive species are non-native plants and animals from other parts of the world that can threaten native wildlife and ecosystems causing ecological havoc in some of our most sensitive habitats by pushing many of the native plants and animals to the brink of extinction, and

WHEREAS, the negative consequences of invasive species are far-reaching, costing the United States billions of dollars in damages every year, and once invasive species become established and spread, it can be extraordinarily difficult and costly to control or eradicate them, and

WHEREAS, the best approach for dealing with invasive species is to create effective mechanisms to prevent their introduction in the first place, create monitoring systems for detecting new infestations, and move rapidly to eradicate newly detected invaders, and

WHEREAS, Eurasian water-milfoil has been identified in Sylvia Lake, in the Town of Fowler, and is quickly becoming a problem as it spreads rapidly forming mats of vegetation on the water surface, and these mats interfere with recreational activities such as boating, tourism, fishing, waterfowl hunting, and outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, Sylvia Lake has 3.9 miles of shoreline and is fed largely by spring waters, and is as deep as 142 feet in the northern lobe and near 70 feet in the southern portion, but parts of the Lake such as the South Short, Inlet Bay and some other areas are much more shallow with muddy floor sediment that provides ideal conditions for thick growth of milfoil, and

WHEREAS, the Sylvia Lake Association has tried hard over the years to slow the spread of milfoil on the Lake by utilizing manpower and ingenious post-conventional methodologies, and although a Milfoil Task Force has been formed they feel they are losing the battle in their efforts to smother the invasive weeds, especially near the South East inlet to the Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has had discussions with Eco professionals from Cornell, St. Lawrence, and the NYS DEC with a goal of aquatic invasive management, and a Milfoil Management Fund has been created accepting donations to try to raise the substantial amount of funding needed to manage the invasive species, and

WHEREAS, Eurasian water-milfoil can negatively affect the water bodies it invades in several ways due to its tendency to branch profusely and form a dense canopy over the surface of the water shading out native vegetation, along with the creating a good habitat for mosquitoes, and

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WHEREAS, the plant is not a valuable food source for waterfowl unlike some of the native submersed aquatic plants and the plant biomass can become so dense that predator fish will lose their foraging space and will be less effective at controlling prey species resulting in an imbalance fish community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators supports milfoil reduction efforts on Sylvia Lake in the Town of Fowler, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2021 Budget for St. Lawrence County, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$15,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1080904 46500	B Environmental Control	\$15,000
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St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

Board of Legislators



Type: Create & Fill

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

Subunit (If Applicable):

Date Submitted: 8/2/2021

Reason Vacated:

Position Number: 303200001

Date Vacated:

Position # Abolished:

Position Will Be: Part-time

Last Fill Date:

Hours Per Week: 21

Appointee Will Be: Provisional

Budget

Fill Request Timeline: Immediately

Temporary Position? No

Salary of Person Leaving:

Revenue Generating: No 0 %

Benefits: Yes \$16,478

Reimbursed by State
or Federal Funds: No 0 %

Base Salary: \$34,223

Budget Mod Attached, If Required?

Grade: 29

Net County Cost: \$50,701

Detailed Justification

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

This position would allow upcoming capital projects to be overseen and allow Buildings and Grounds staff to supplement as needed.

There are a number of anticipated renovation projects that will be underway over the next twelve (12) months in County Facilities. The Buildings and Grounds Committee is supportive of the creation of a dedicated staff member to oversee the projects and budget for the Public Safety Complex.

**\$31.34 per hour

Department Head:

Approved?

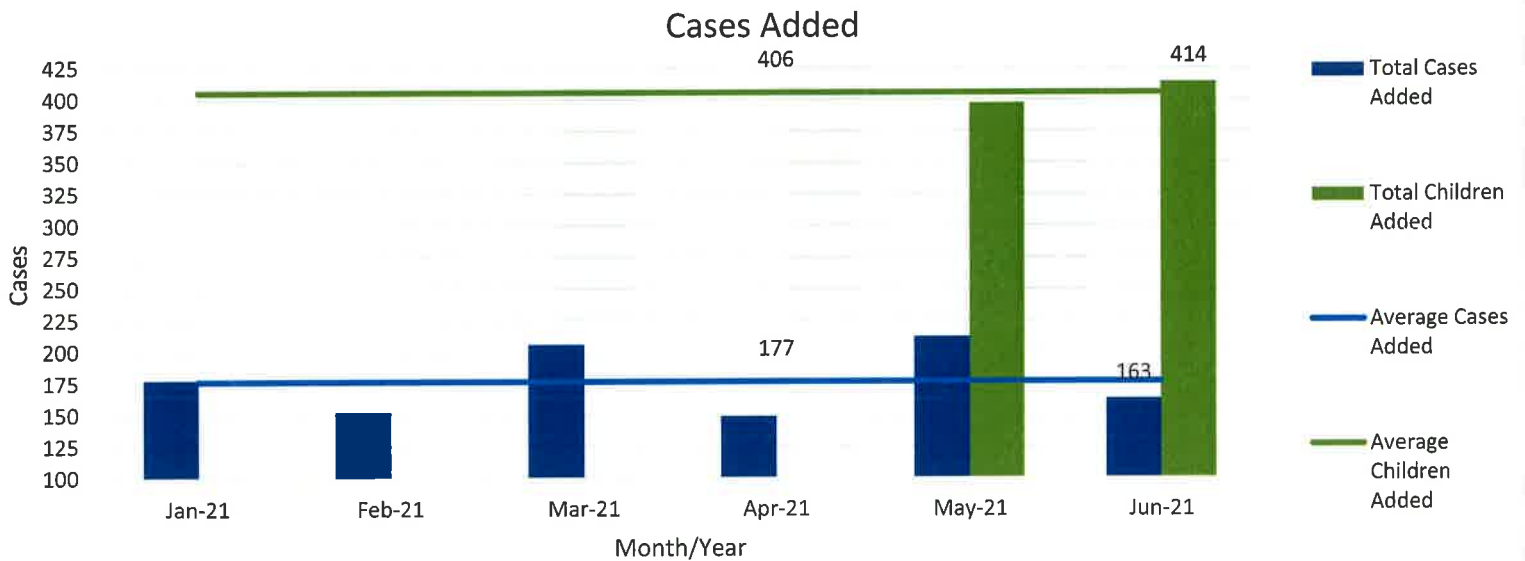
Yes No

County Administrator:

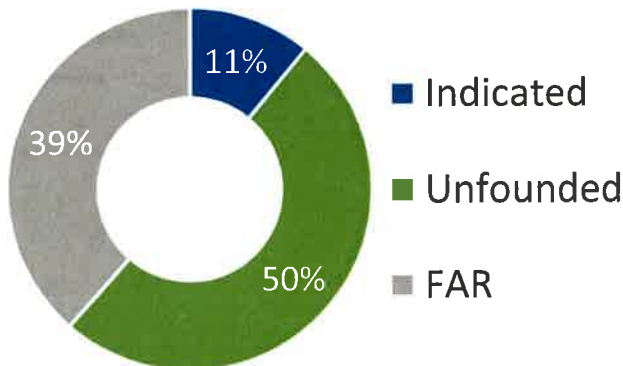
Resolution #:

Social Services Monthly Update – June 2021

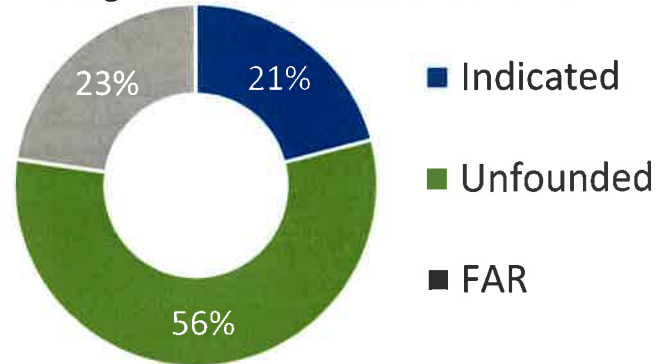
Child Protective Services



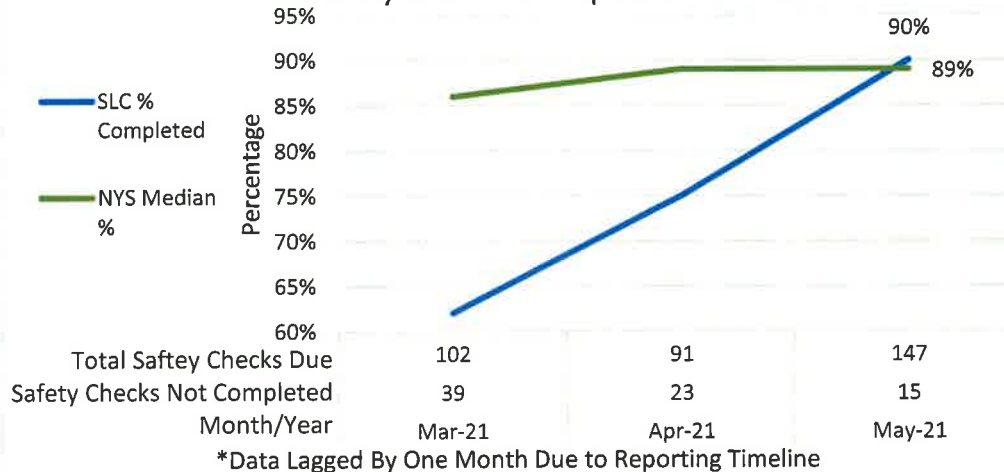
Indicated, Unfounded, & FAR

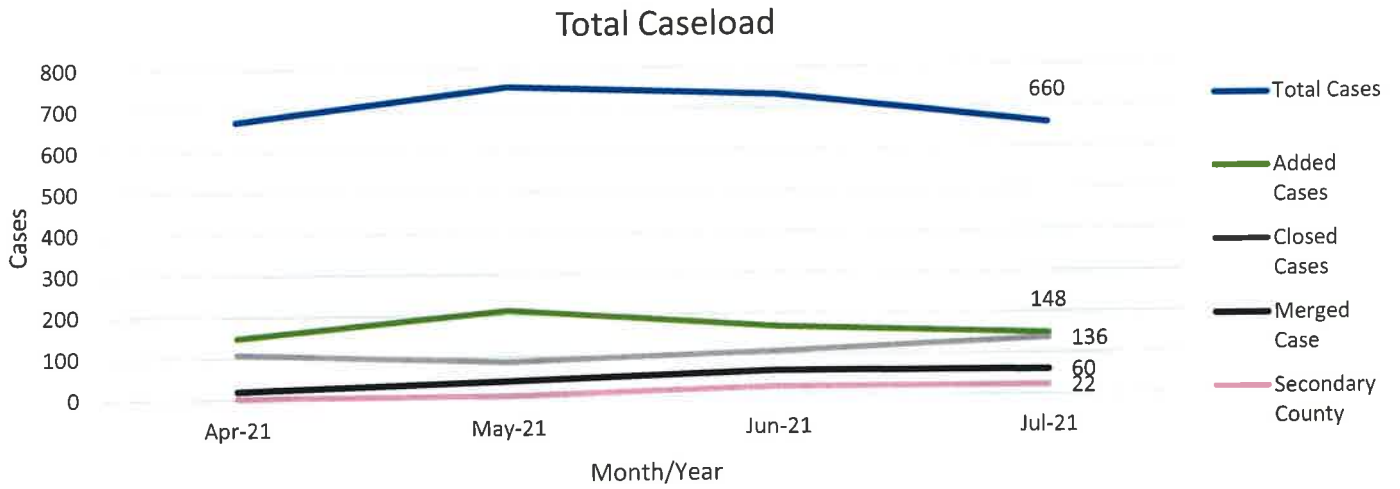
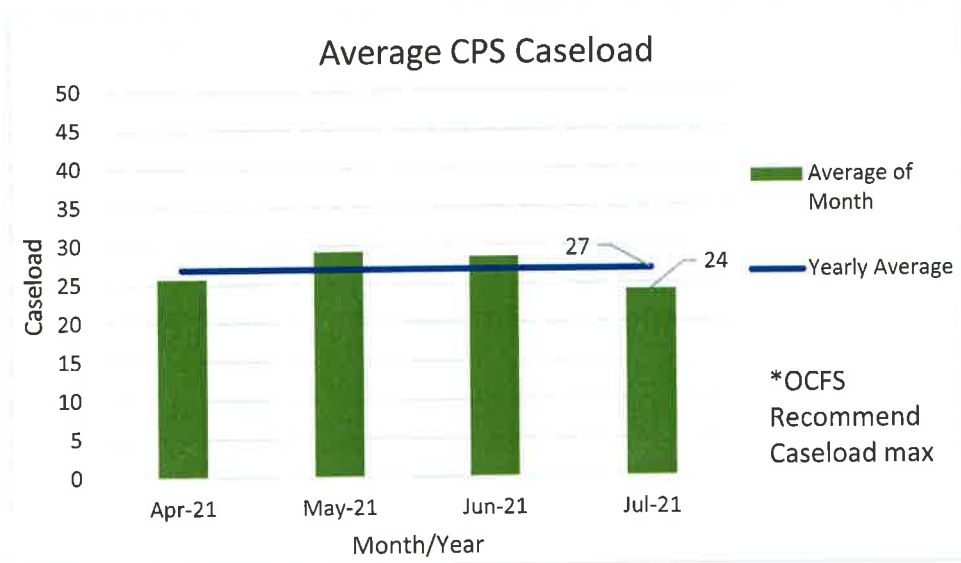


Average Indicated, Unfounded, & FAR

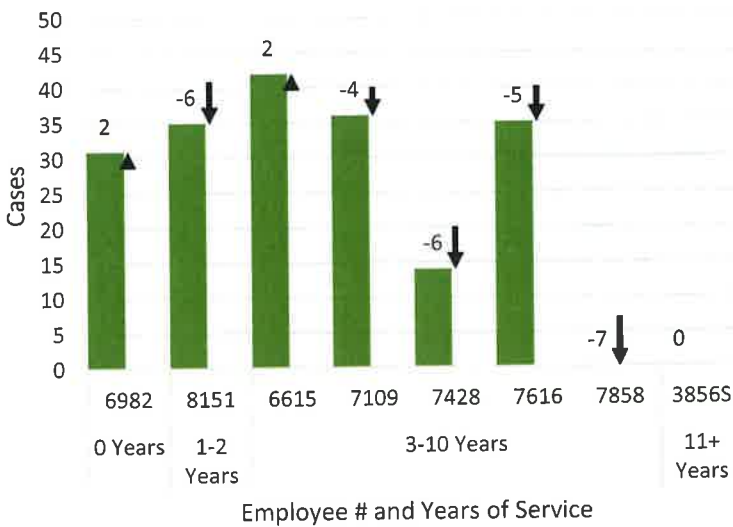


Safety Checks Completed on Time

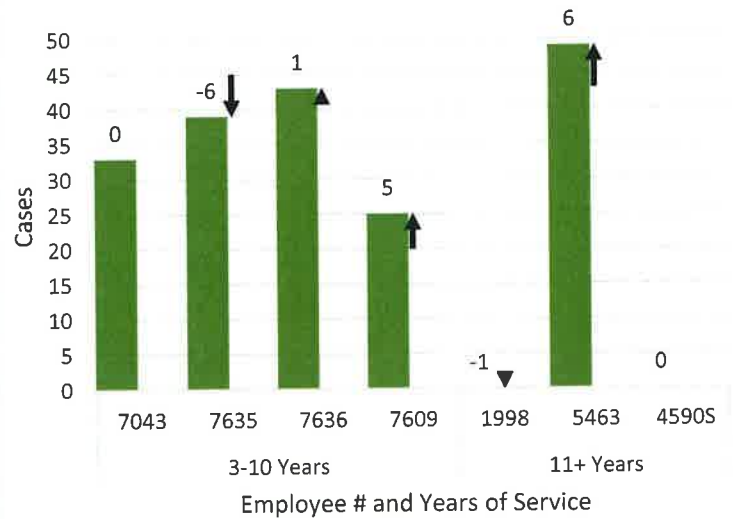




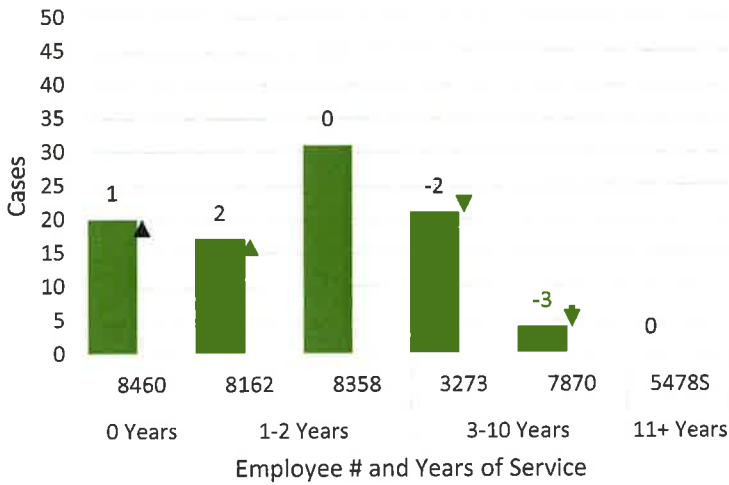
Cases Per Month by Supervisor #: 3856



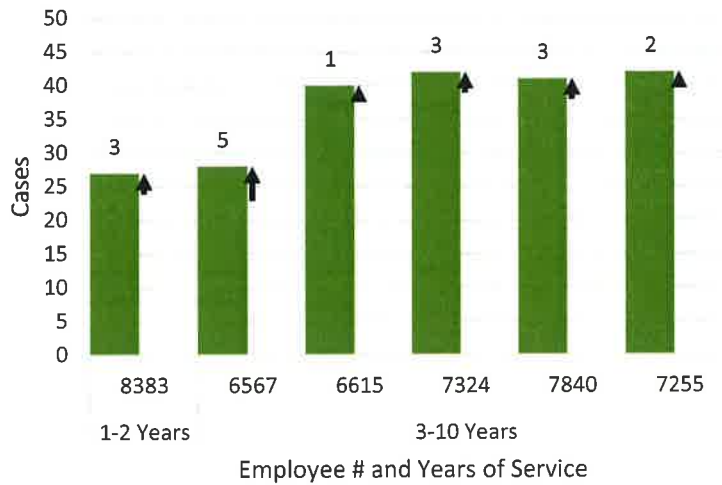
Cases Per Month by Supervisor #: 4590



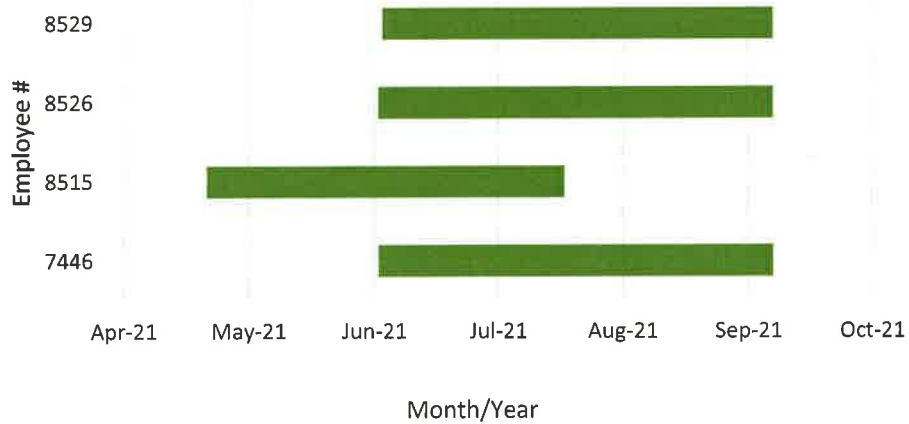
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Cases Per Month by Supervisor #: Vacant



Trainee Period

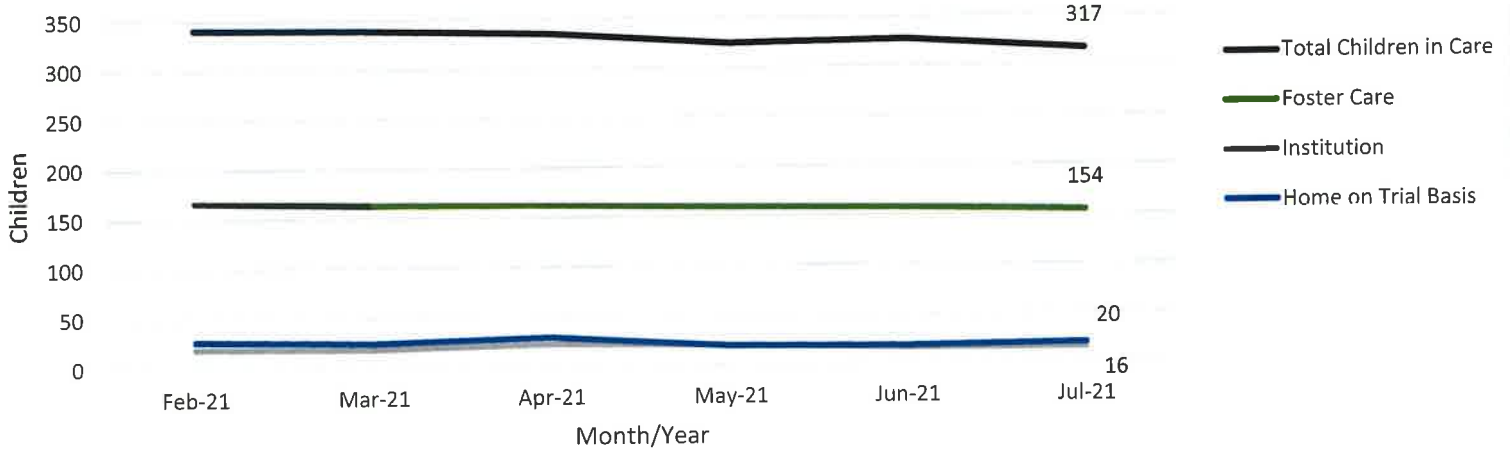


Cases Closed



Preventive Services

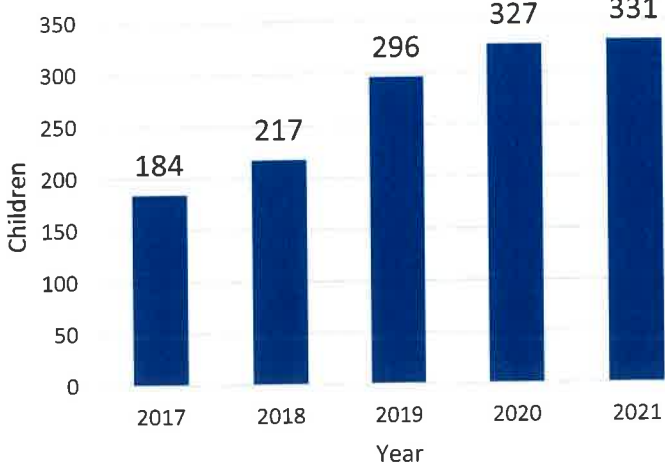
Children In Care



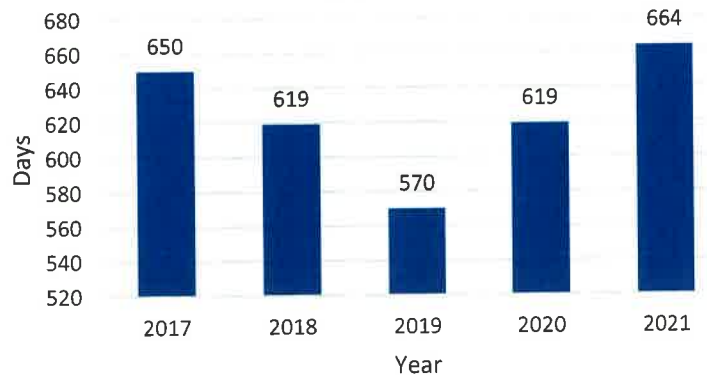
Net Change to Children in Care



Average Number of Children in Care



Average Days Children Have Been in Care*

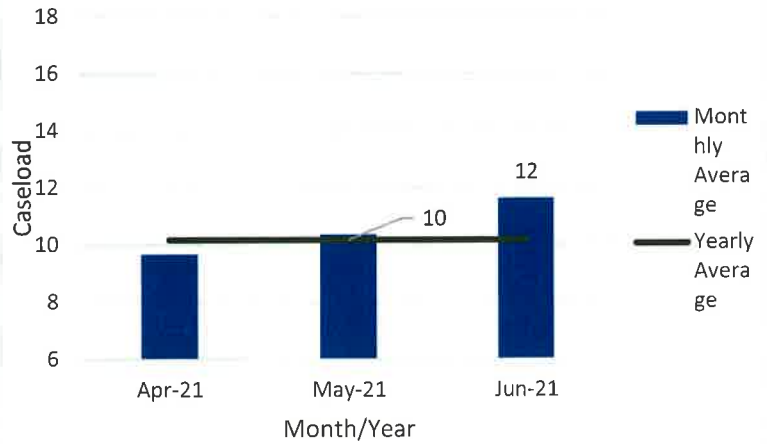


*Seeking additional clarification on State reporting vs County totals.

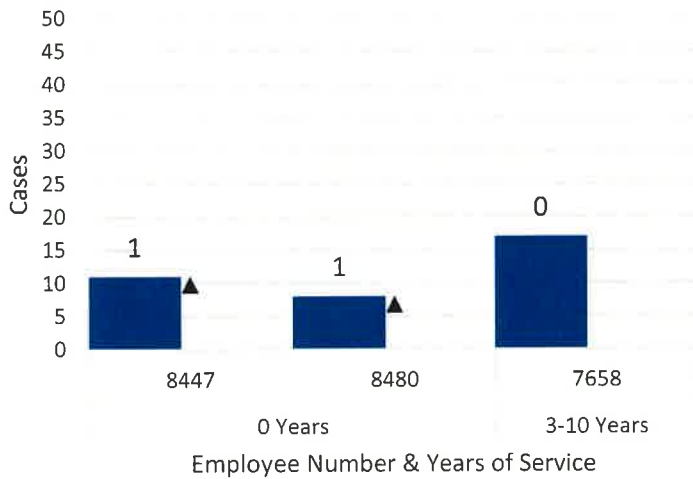
Annual Average Number of Children in Home Receiving Services



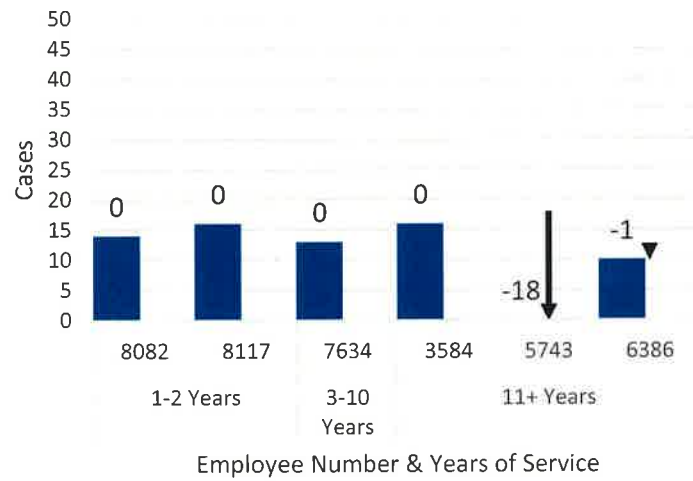
Average Preventive Caseload



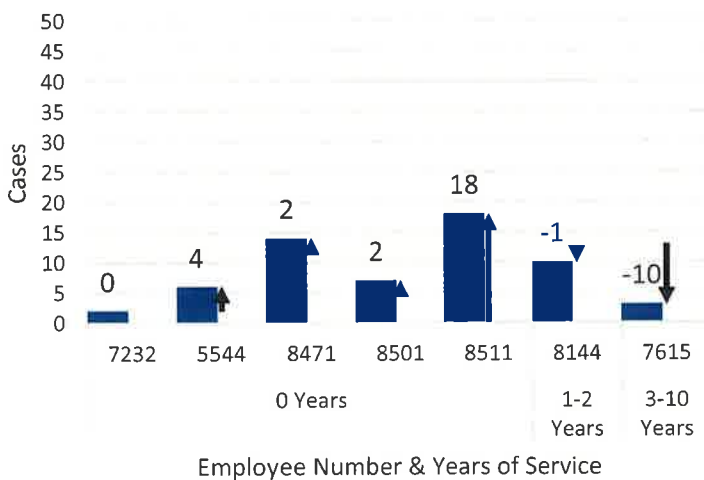
Cases Per Month by Supervisor: 6053



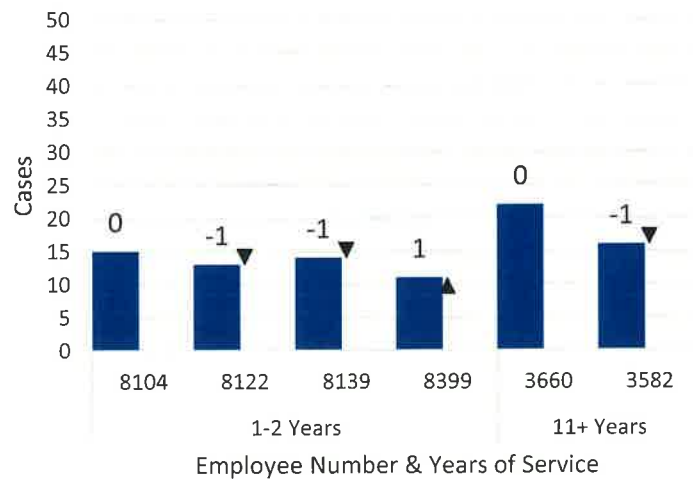
Cases Per Month by Supervisor: 660



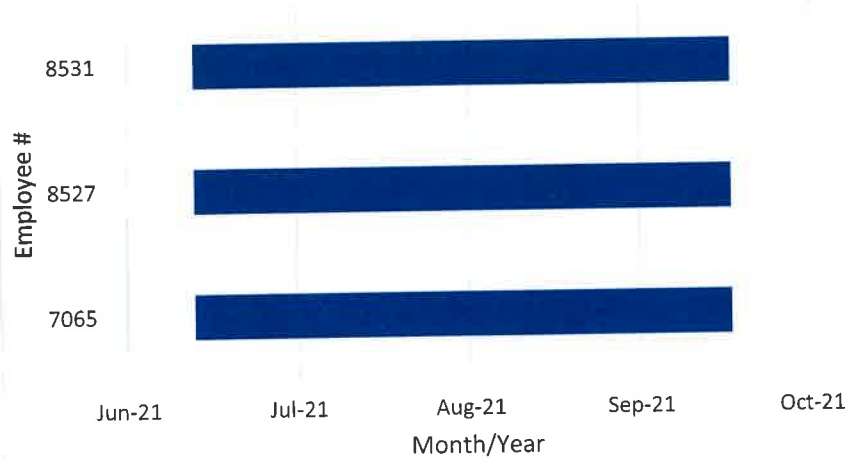
Cases Per Month by Supervisor: 2942



Cases Per Month by Supervisor: 5748



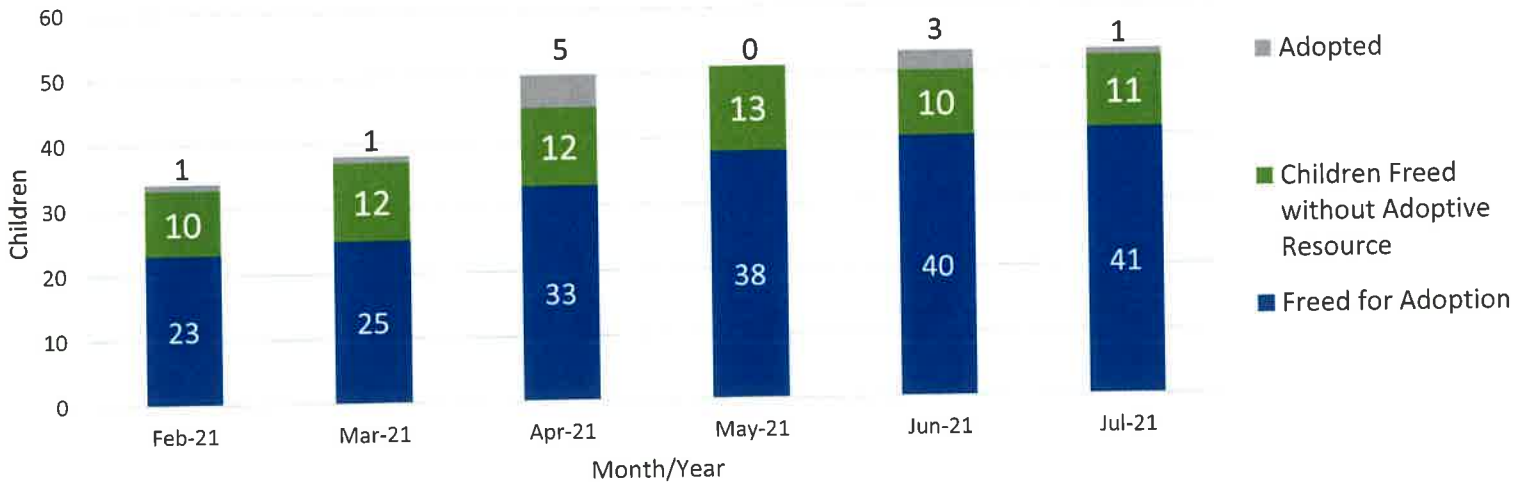
Trainee Period



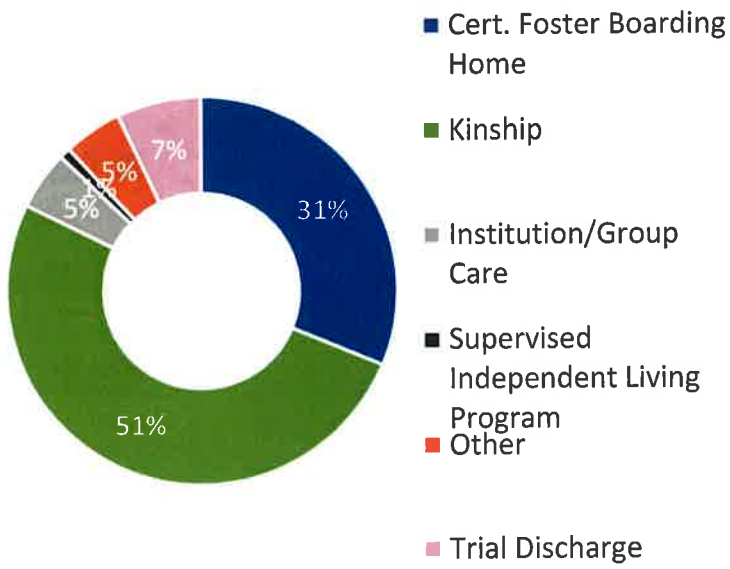
Cases Closed



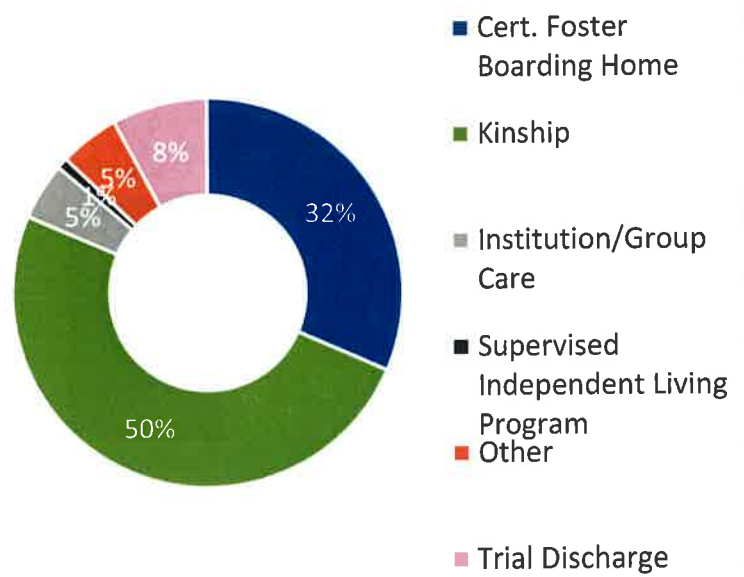
Adoption Activity



Foster Care Placements



Average Foster Care Placements



Eligibility Programs

