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TO: St. Lawrence County Legislators and Other Interested People
FROM: Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
DATE: September 9, 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, September 12, 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
Suspension of the Rules
Roll Call
Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence to Reflect upon the Anniversary of September 11th
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes
Accreditation of the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Civil Division
Presentation of a Resolution, Presentation, and Brief Recess for a Small Reception
Communications
Citizen Participation
Presentation of Resolutions
County Administrator's Report
Old/New Business
Committee Reports
Executive Session
Appointments
Chair's Appointments
Adjournment

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Finance Committee: 8-29-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2022, AS SHERIFF'S WEEK
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has been an integral part of the criminal justice system in New York State and in St. Lawrence County throughout history, having been established in the State's first Constitution of 1777 and continued in every succeeding Constitution, and having been one of the original Constitutional Offices guaranteed to the People upon the founding of our County, and

WHEREAS, despite changes in its function, status, and powers during its long history, the Office of Sheriff has maintained a continuous existence, preserved its distinguishing heritage, and continued to be an essential component of our criminal justice community, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has evolved into a modern, professional, full-service law enforcement agency, manned by fully trained police officers, using state-of-the-art technology, and applying the latest and most advanced theories and practices in the criminal justice field, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff is unique in the community, and the duties of the office go far beyond the traditional role of "Keeper of the Peace", and extend into many facets of public service, including maintaining the county jail, providing security in our courts, dispatching emergency services, and serving and executing civil process for our courts, and

WHEREAS, as a constitutionally empowered office directly responsible to the People, the ancient Office of Sheriff remains, even today, responsive and accountable to the public it serves, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to celebrate the historical contributions of the Office of Sheriff and the significant role that the Sheriffs play in our modern criminal justice system,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims September 18-24, 2022, as Sheriff's Week in St. Lawrence County.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 – 23, 2022
AS CONSTITUTION WEEK**

By Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Denesha, District 6;
Mr. Acres, District 8 and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, September 17, 2022, marks the two hundred and thirty-fifth (235th) anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention, and

WHEREAS, recognizing the enduring strength of our Constitution and reaffirming our commitment to the rights and obligation of citizenship of this great Nation, it is fitting to honor this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17th through 23rd as Constitution Week, and

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the Constitution, the summation of what the document contains and basis of the guiding principles of our Nation, was written by Gouverneur Morris, landowner, statesman, and for whom the villages of Gouverneur and Morristown in St. Lawrence County are named, and

WHEREAS, the first 10 amendments are known as the “Bill of Rights” and is a list of basic human rights guaranteed by law, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America gives every citizen a foundation for a free, prosperous and independent life, but each generation must work for and claim it; otherwise, through carelessness or indifference the rights and liberties we enjoy may vanish, and

WHEREAS, throughout this week let us honor the values the Framers stood by rededicating ourselves to carry forward the spirit first embodied in their achievements, and to pay tribute to those who shaped the land we love while working to secure everlasting peace, prosperity, and opportunity for all who call America home,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators proclaims the week of September 17 – 23, 2022, as Constitution Week and encourages St. Lawrence County citizens to reaffirm commitments to the rights and obligations of citizenship of the United States of America.

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Operations Committee: 8-8-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**ACCEPTING A HOWARD G. BUFFETT FOUNDATION GRANT FOR
A NEW YORK STATE LABOR TRAFFICKING PROGRAM AND
MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been awarded a Howard G. Buffett Foundation Grant that will cover costs associated with joining a Labor Trafficking Taskforce that serves New York State, excluding New York City, and

WHEREAS, the taskforce will include local law enforcement, victim serving agencies, legal services, and outreach entities, and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be administered by the Erie County Sheriff's Office with sub-award to local law enforcement and not-for-profit agencies to cover criminal investigations, prosecutions, outreach, legal advocacy, case management, emergency assistance, training coordination, and data analysis, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to build upon the previous successes of the Western District of New York (WDNY), who are focused solely on labor trafficking, and

WHEREAS, this task force will consist of care member agencies such as the Erie County Sheriff's Office, St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, Erie County District Attorney's Office, International Institute of Buffalo (IIB), Western NY Coalition of Migrant Serving Agencies (the Coalition) and Renewal House, and

WHEREAS, the goals of this grant are to conduct victim centered proactive labor trafficking investigations and prosecutions; to provide comprehensive case management and immigration legal services to identify victims; to conduct outreach services to vulnerable communities and to develop promising practices for identifying, responding to and servicing survivors of labor trafficking, and

WHEREAS, the grant is for a three (3) year period (2022-2024) in the amount of \$1,000,720 to be used to cover salary, benefits, and any other necessary equipment and contractual expenses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting a Howard G. Buffett Foundation Grant for a New York State Labor Trafficking Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the Sheriff's Office, as follows, and rollover remaining funds to future budgets until the grant is expended:

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 11000 HGBFS	CRIM HGBF Supervisory/Administration	\$208,697
S1Z31101 18000 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Overtime	219,142
S1Z31101 18600 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Training	4,817
S1Z31102 23000 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Automotive Equipment	77,292
S1Z31102 25000 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Technical Equipment	119,013
S1Z31104 42300 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Other Communications	3,024
S1Z31104 42800 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Other Supplies	7,601
S1Z31104 43007 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Other Fees	75,000
S1Z31104 44001 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Automobile Expenses	15,000
S1Z31104 44100 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF I/D Fuel Charges	16,500
S1Z31104 44500 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Other Travel	12,000
S1Z31104 81000 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Retirement	54,515
S1Z31108 83000 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Social Security	29,767
S1Z31108 84000 HGBFS	CRIM HGBF Workmens Compensation	10,903
S1Z31108 84500 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Life Insurance	779
S1Z31108 86000 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Health Insurance	140,094
S1Z31108 86500 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Dental Insurance	4,846
S1Z31108 89000 HGBF	S CRIM HGBF Vision Insurance	<u>1,730</u>
		\$1,000,720

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1033895 56000 HGBF	S State Revenue HGBF	\$1,000,720
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Operations Committee: 8-8-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Defenders Association (NYSDA) developed software that permits indigent defense providers to monitor and track data in a uniform and consistent manner across New York State called Public Defender Case Management System (PDCMS), and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 94-2013, authorized the first contract with NYSDA wherein licenses, maintenance, and support are provided to St. Lawrence County Indigent Defense Providers for the use of the PDCMS, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 205-2021 authorized a contract for the licenses, maintenance, and support associated with the use of the PDCMS for the period of August 22, 2021 through August 21, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Indigent Defense Providers and NYSDA would like to extend the contract through August 21, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the \$9,000 cost associated with the licenses, maintenance, and support has been, and should continue to be, funded by State grant money received through annual distribution of the Indigent Legal Services Fund (IA011704 43007),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Defenders Association for the Public Defender Case Management System, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Operations Committee: 8-8-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE DISPATCHING SERVICES, KNOWN AS SECONDARY PUBLIC SAFETY ACCESS SERVICES (S-PSAP) FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCIES IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, in 1990, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators created an ad hoc committee to investigate the need and feasibility of having an emergency telephone system, and

WHEREAS, following a six month review, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 215-1990, recommending an enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone System for the operation of public safety answering points which included “that there be one central Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) with six one-button transfer stations (Villages of Canton, Gouverneur, Massena and Potsdam, City of Ogdensburg and State Police),” and

WHEREAS, since 1999, the State of New York has carried out the directives of the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 through the designation of county governments as the responsible 911 call operators, and

WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the responsibilities of that designation as well as follow through on the recommendations of the ad hoc legislative committee of 1990, St. Lawrence County created the Office of Emergency Services which oversees the operations of the 911 Center for St. Lawrence County to act as the primary public safety access point (PSAP), and

WHEREAS, since the 911 Center opened in St. Lawrence County, calls are answered from every part of the County and are subsequently dispatched to secondary public safety answering points (S-PSAP) or local dispatch, and

WHEREAS, there are fourteen (14) agencies who provide law enforcement in the County, several of whom operate S-PSAPs, including the original five (5) municipalities identified in Resolution No. 215-1990, and

WHEREAS, for many years, the County has provided both PSAP Services and S-PSAP Intermittent Dispatch Services to three (3) law enforcement agencies: the Village of Canton, the Village of Norwood, and the Town of Norfolk, and

WHEREAS, varying degrees of call volume and demand associated with the provision of S-PSAP Dispatch Services mandate that expectations are clear and that appropriate policies are established in order to avoid disrupting services provided to all other municipalities within the County, and in order to establish the various liabilities shouldered by the municipal entities, and

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WHEREAS, in 2018, following the issuance of a New York State Restructuring Board Report, the Village of Potsdam considered a transfer of the responsibility for S-PSAP Dispatching Services for law enforcement to St. Lawrence County in an effort to help stabilize the fiscal health of the Village, and

WHEREAS, following a review by the Village of Potsdam, a determination was made not to move forward, at that time, with a pilot or with a request for the transfer of responsibility, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City of Ogdensburg received similar advice from a report issued by the New York State Restructuring Board with a goal of improving their fiscal health and the City has expressed an interest in transferring this responsibility to the County, and

WHEREAS, with that goal in mind, a pilot was completed in July 2021 analyzing a singular shift detail with call volume by the County of the S-PSAP operations of the City of Ogdensburg, and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Complex is being prepared for renovations that include a new updated 911 Center which is meant to provide sufficient capacity to add municipalities as the interest for transferring responsibilities for dispatch services is addressed while remaining true to the original recommendations of the 1990 ad hoc legislative committee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with municipalities to provide dispatching services, known as Secondary Public Safety Answering Services (S-PSAP), for emergency services agencies in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that existing services with the Village of Canton, the Village of Norwood, and the Town of Norfolk be codified in agreements that provide clear expectations of each agency, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any requests for new agreements be evaluated by the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services with said review to include an evaluation of existing technological capacity in order to determine if the needs of the citizens, their communities, and the County can be sufficiently met while maintaining both officer and public safety.

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Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OF THE NORTH COUNTRY, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF THE CONSUMER DIRECTED PERSONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 365-f and 367-p (c) of the Social Services Law, St. Lawrence County and the Community Health Center of the North Country, Inc. seek to provide options to Medicaid recipients in St. Lawrence County who want to participate in a Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS, Community Health Center of the North Country, Inc. would like to continue to provide services for the Department of Social Services using a Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS, the effective dates of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Social Services and the Community Health Center of the North Country, Inc. will be January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Health Center of the North Country, Inc. for the provision of the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program in the Department of Social Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

SETTING BUSINESS HOURS FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM (OTP) CLINIC

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services established and opened an Opioid Treatment Clinic on July 18, 2022, and

WHEREAS, NYCRR Title 14 “Department of Mental Hygiene” Chapter XXI “Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Service” Part 822 “General Service Standards for Substance Use Disorder Outpatient Programs” requires the OTP Clinic to be open at least six (6) days per week and provide flexible dosing hours that meet patient needs to provide access for patients with varying schedules for visits and medication dispensing, and

WHEREAS, the Department hours proposed would be in the best interest of the citizens of St. Lawrence County and would meet regulations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators sets the business hours for the St. Lawrence County the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Clinic, as follows:

Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Clinic Hours

Monday:	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday:	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday:	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Thursday:	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday	7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	7 a.m. – 12 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that business hours are subject to change if determined it would be in the best interest of the citizens of St. Lawrence County.

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Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR FUNDING FROM OASAS
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT (SAPT) BLOCK GRANT
COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM FUNDS
AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received funding modifications from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the SAPT Block Grant Program annually provides funds to states and territories to help plan, implement, and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance abuse and promote public health, and

WHEREAS, the SAPT Block Grant is managed by OASAS in New York State and is to be used for developing a new Opioid Treatment Programs that is to be integrated with existing 822 outpatient services in order to provide person-centered comprehensive treatment and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Services, and

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

WHEREAS, Community Services will use SAPT Funds for the integration of the Canton Addiction Services 822 Outpatient Clinic with the creation of an Opioid Treatment Program with the primary purpose of expanding Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) access, including MOUD, to the underserved individuals in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, this one-time only funding of \$250,000, including \$5,909 in indirect cost, is for the infrastructure and integration of the Canton Addiction Services and OTP Clinics to utilize during the award period of July 22, 2022 and March 14, 2023, and \$75,000 will be used for renovations including paint, flooring, reception windows, exam room modifications, and emergency lighting; \$22,270 will be used for medical and office needs including purchasing a perpetual Adobe software license, battery backup for the OTP computer, toxicology tests, artwork, training for staff, shelving, cabinets, lockboxes for client medications; \$90,000 will be used toward the purchase of a back-up generator; \$17,800 for the purchase of an echocardiogram (EKG) machine, a defibrillator, enhanced security equipment; and \$39,021 will be used on staffing for the Clinics, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 184-2022 authorized updates to facilities utilizing DSRIP Funds and contingency, upon receipt of the funds provided through SAPT Block Grant, these funds will be used instead for the project,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for funding from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program Funds, 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 Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1Z42501 11000 SP	A SAPT Direct Service Worker	\$25,000
A1Z42502 21000 SP	A SAPT Furnishings	165,000
A1Z42502 25000 SP	A SAPT Tech Equipment	7,800
A1Z42504 41102 SP	A SAPT Educational Workshops	6,000
A1Z42504 42000 SP	A SAPT Office Supplies and Expenses	11,170
A1Z42504 42004 SP	A SAPT Computer Software	450
A1Z42504 45100 SP	A SAPT Medical Supplies	4,650
A1Z42504 423SS SP	A SAPT Security System	10,000
A1Z42508 81000 SP	Retirement	3,150
A1Z42508 83000 SP	Social Security	1,720
A1Z42508 84000 SP	Workmen Compensation	631
A1Z42508 84500 SP	Group Life Insurance	46
A1Z42508 86000 SP	Hospital & Medical Insurance	8,095
A1Z42508 86500 SP	A Dental Insurance	279
A1Z42508 89000 SP	Vision Insurance	100
		<u>\$244,091</u>

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1Z44865 57000	A SAPT SP Block Grant Integration	\$244,091
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

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Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN TWO CONTRACTS WITH NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE 2022-2023 TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM AND CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY GRANTS

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee has determined that the St. Lawrence County Traffic Safety Grant will be funded at \$84,876, with an additional Child Passenger Safety Grant for training and fitting stations in the amount of \$10,520 for a total budget of \$95,396, and

WHEREAS, funding from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee was requested and approved for the time period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 (A7233895 56000),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Chair to sign two contracts with the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to accept the 2022-2023 Traffic Safety Program and Child Passenger Safety Grants, and any other documents necessary to carry out the terms of the grants and the services associated with it, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND CONSULTANTS FOR THE OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION GRANT FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for the Overdose Data to Action Grant (OD2A) (9/1/2022 – 8/31/2023) which is part of the Emergency Preparedness Program, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 242-2021 authorized accepting \$72,000 in funding from the New York State Department of Health to address the opioid epidemic in the community (PPZ44895 57000 OP), and

WHEREAS, this funding will be used for interventions, to increase access to Naloxone and Fentanyl test strips for community members at high-risk of experiencing an overdose, to provide education on substance use, overdose prevention, stigma, and mental health, and

WHEREAS, harm reduction kits containing supplies to prevent and reverse overdose will include Narcan, Fentanyl test strips, CPR masks, gloves, and educational materials will be available to individuals utilizing treatment and recovery services throughout St. Lawrence County, including inmates upon release from the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, training will be provided to the St. Lawrence County Jail staff regarding harm reduction, the importance of the use of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), and to reduce stigma regarding treatment to increase compassion and care within the facility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with contractors, subcontractors and consultants for the Overdose Data to Action Grant (OD2A) for the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH KNOWLEDGE
CAPITAL ALLIANCE FOR VMSG DASHBOARD PERFORMANCE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is pursuing national accreditation, and

WHEREAS, accreditation assists a department in identifying their strengths and weaknesses, strengthens quality improvement and performance management processes, builds confidence of the public in public health departments, improves staff competencies, increases ability to identify gaps in employee training and workforce development, and bolsters financial status, and improved utilization of resources, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accredits public health departments to strengthen public health infrastructure and transform governmental public health based on ten (10) domains, and

WHEREAS, PHAB Domain 9 includes two standards: Standard 9.1: Use a performance management system to monitor achievement of organizational objectives and standard 9.2: Develop and implement quality improvement processes integrated into organizational practice, programs, processes, and interventions, and

WHEREAS, the Knowledge Capital Alliance VMSG Dashboard Performance Management System is in use by health departments across the United States in their pursuit of PHAB Accreditation and Reaccreditation and/or providing optimal service levels to their communities, and

WHEREAS, the VMSG Dashboard Performance Management System is continuously updated to meet and exceed PHAB requirements and standards for public health accreditation, as well as providing a high level of automation to the accreditation process, and

WHEREAS, Knowledge Capital Alliance quotes the VMSG Dashboard Performance Management System license for twenty-five (25) users to be \$2,500 annually (PP040104 42004),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Knowledge Capital Alliance for VMSG Dashboard Performance Management System, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Services Committee: 8-15-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CALLING ON THE NEW YORK STATE CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL TO CRAFT A FINAL SCOPING DOCUMENT THAT REFLECTS THE DIFFERING CLIMATE ZONES AND WEALTH IN THE STATE AND THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN TO REDUCE OR BAN ANY ENERGY SOURCES UNTIL RELIABLE ENERGY SOURCES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVEN SAFE AND AFFORDABLE ARE IN PLACE

By Mr. Lightfoot, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1; **Mr. Sheridan, District 4;**
Mr. Denesha, District 6; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the NYS Climate Action Council recently completed a public hearing process to gather comments on a draft scoping plan that sets a path forward for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in New York State, and

WHEREAS, that process showed there is considerable concern around the State regarding the impact the goal of full electrification will have on the ability to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy to State residents, and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Council currently has a subgroup developing guidelines for consideration by the Council on the use of fuels such as hydrogen, renewable natural gas, and other biofuels, such as renewable diesel and renewable jet fuel, to meet the Climate Act emission limits, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has the resources necessary to generate alternative fuels such as renewable natural gas and green hydrogen that could benefit the economy of the region and provide residents with safe, reliable, and locally-produced thermal energy sources rather than shipping renewable power generated locally out of the region, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County dairy farmers produced 812 million pounds of milk in 2020, ranking the County fourth in the Northeast Milk Marketing Area which extends from New Hampshire to Maryland, and according to the Northeast Statistical Handbook, 253 dairy farms operate in the County, the second highest number of farm operations in the Marketing Area, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County dairy farmers, milk processors, and support industries make significant contributions to the economy of the region, and farmers in St. Lawrence County are facing increasing pressures related to inflation, commodity prices and additional regulations, and

WHEREAS, a number of St. Lawrence County businesses and agribusinesses are now working with developers and the SLC Industrial Development Agency to generate renewable natural gas that could drive down greenhouse gas emissions related to thermal heating supply sources, and will assist in addressing environmental issues on the farms along with producing a new revenue stream for agriculture producers, and

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EREAS, St. Lawrence County is the coldest climate zone in New York State and residents could face serious consequences if the State takes actions that lead to a less reliable energy grid during winter months when it is common for temperatures to drop below zero, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has a poverty rate higher than the national and state averages meaning rising energy costs have had a significant negative impact on low and middle-income residents living in the County, and

WHEREAS, the 2018 American Community Survey revealed thirty-six percent (36%) of St. Lawrence County residents heat their homes with utility gas, twenty-eight percent (28%) with fuel oil or kerosene, fourteen percent (14%) with wood, nine percent (9%) percent with LP gas, and just eleven percent (11%) with electric, and

WHEREAS, a study conducted for the National Home Builders Association said the cost of retrofitting a home currently heated by natural gas to transition it to electrification with a climate such as that in St. Lawrence County would likely cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000, a cost that represents twenty percent (20%) to thirty percent (30%) of the value of nearly half of the housing units in the County creating a heavy financial burden on St. Lawrence County homeowners, and

WHEREAS, any mandates recommended by the New York State Climate Action Council that require full electrification or reduced heating options available to St. Lawrence County will have a negative impact on the ability of St. Lawrence County residents to heat their homes with safe, reliable, and affordable energy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls on the New York State Climate Action Council to craft a final scoping document that reflects the differing climate zones and wealth in the State and that no action be taken to reduce or ban any energy sources until reliable energy sources that have been proven safe and affordable are in place, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Climate Action Council take action to make alternative fuels such as RNG and green hydrogen part of the effort of New York State to reach its de-carbonization targets and encourage the State Legislature to amend the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act to reflect the role these alternative fuels can play in meeting the climate action goals of New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Patricia Ritchie; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; Assemblyman Mark Walczyk; Doreen Harris, Co-Chair Climate Action Council Member; and Basil Seggos, Co-Chair Climate Action Council Member.

Note: Changes made during Committee are reflected in bold.

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Services Committee: 7-18-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO END THE WAIT LIST FOR CLINIC APPOINTMENTS AND REQUIRING SAME DAY SERVICES BE AVAILABLE FOR ADDICTION OR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WHEN A REQUEST IS RECEIVED

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators recognizes the need for timely evaluation and treatment of mental health and addiction services in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the importance of ensuring that access to care is available for any individual who would like to receive care is of critical importance to the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, current staffing levels for clinicians in the behavioral health environment create additional challenges for providing immediate access to services, the County Mental Health and Addiction Services are recruiting for four (4) clinical positions currently vacant, and

WHEREAS, the network of care in the County is a complex environment that will require adaptation to meet the requirements set forth in this resolution, and

WHEREAS, a new approach will be taken when a call or request comes in for services, if County Clinics cannot provide a same day appointment with a behavioral health clinician, the Board of Legislators would like to ensure that access to care is made available immediately to the individual requesting assistance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports the efforts of Community Services to end the wait list for clinic appointments and requires same day services be available for addiction or mental health services when a request is received, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intent of this resolution is intended to ensure that going forward when a patient calls Community Services seeking treatment for mental health or an addiction, that access to ~~a same day appointment~~ **the first available appointment possible** be provided **and further directs the Community Services Director, who serves as the St. Lawrence County LGU, to implement a community services bulletin board accessible to the public of all services available with availability of appointments** ~~or sought from an organization who can competently assist them, it will always remain patient choice for following through with the appointment.~~

Note: Changes made at Committee are reflected in bold.

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Finance Committee: 8-29-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN PERMANENT EASEMENTS WITH NATIONAL GRID ON THE PARCEL AND THE ADJOINING PROPERTY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF UTILITIES FOR THE COUNTY HIGHWAY FACILITY IN THE TOWN OF POTSDAM

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways is constructing an Outpost that contains both sand/salt and motor equipment storage facilities in the Town of Potsdam, and

WHEREAS, a parcel of land in the Town of Potsdam, Tax Map No. 75.002-1-5, is the location of the new Potsdam Outpost, and

WHEREAS, a parcel of land in the Town of Potsdam, Tax Map No. 75.002-1-24, has a permanent easement granted to the County for the purpose of accessing the new Potsdam Outpost, and

WHEREAS, prior to operating, the County must grant a permanent easement to National Grid over Tax Map No. 75.002-1-5 and adjacent parcel, Tax Map No. 75.002-1-24, for the purpose of constructing utility installation to the facility, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 184-2021 authorized the Chair of the Board of Legislators to sign all necessary documents for the purchase of property rights for the Potsdam Outpost,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign permanent easements with National Grid on the parcel and the adjoining property for construction of utilities for the County Highway Facility in the Town of Potsdam.

September 12, 2022

Finance Committee: 8-29-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COUNCIL, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AN ANTENNA ON THE TOWER IN SOUTH COLTON

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways presently has an antenna on the WPBS/WNPI Tower located in South Colton off the East Hill Road, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 409-2018, authorized an agreement with WPBS/WNPI, licensed as St. Lawrence Valley Educational Television Council, Inc., to maintain an antenna on the tower in South Colton, and this two (2) year agreement (2019 and 2020) had an option for two (2) one-year extensions (2021 and 2022), and

WHEREAS, the new contract term will be from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, with the option of two (2) one-year renewals extending it to December 31, 2026,

WHEREAS, the annual cost is \$18,596 for 2023 and \$19,526 for 2024 (HM351104 42100), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to sign the Chair to sign a contract with St. Lawrence Valley Educational Television Council, Inc. for the purpose of maintaining an antenna on the tower in South Colton, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Finance Committee: 8-29-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH J. J. KELLER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR AN ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING (ELDT) TRAINER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways utilizes various pieces of motor equipment in its daily operations, and New York State Commercial Driver’s Licenses (CDL) Class A & B are required to operate the equipment, and

WHEREAS, the impact of the current labor shortage has made it increasingly difficult to hire and retain licensed individuals, and

WHEREAS, J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc. (J. J. Keller) has submitted a proposed agreement to provide St. Lawrence County with an Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Trainer Certification Program for entry-level driver training for Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) A & B,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc. for an Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Trainer Certification Program, and

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM351104 41102 H MR Educational Workshops \$1,900

INCREASE REVENUE:

HM026505 55000 H LR Sale of Scrap & Excess \$1,900

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Highways will develop and implement a program to train drivers who work for the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways.

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Finance Committee: 8-29-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RECYCLING STATION TRANSFER FACILITY AT THE OGDENSBURG TRANSFER STATION AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR SOLID WASTE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 374-2021 authorized the Chair to sign a contract for professional engineering services for the design of a recycling transfer facility at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department solicited bids for the construction of a recycling transfer station at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidders for this project have been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for the construction of a recycling station transfer facility at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station, upon approval of the County Attorney, and does hereby approve the following contracts to:

General Contractor: Luck Bros, Inc.
Contract Amount: Not to Exceed \$1,551,500

Electrical Contractor: Watson Electric
Contract Amount: Not to Exceed \$95,100

Contract Title: St. Lawrence County Ogdensburg Transfer Station Improvement Project WT081604 465CO

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

DECREASE RETAINED EARNINGS:

05TG0909 50300 Retained Earnings \$1,646,600

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

05TG0599 50300 EL Fund Balance, Appropriated \$1,646,600

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WT081604 465CO W TRS Subcontractors \$1,646,600

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Finance Committee: 8-29-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR BIDDING, CONSTRUCTION, AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE OGDENSBURG TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR SOLID WASTE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 374-2021 authorized the Chair to sign a contract for professional engineering services for the design of a recycling transfer facility at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station, and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. (B&L) has prepared a supplemental proposal to provide bidding assistance, construction administration, and general engineering services associated with the construction of the Ogdensburg Transfer Station Improvement Project for a fee not to exceed \$28,850,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for bidding, construction, and inspection services for the Ogdensburg Transfer Station Improvement Project, upon approval by the County Attorney,

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

DECREASE RETAINED EARNINGS:

05TG0909 50300	Retained Earnings	\$28,850
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

05TG0599 50300	EL Fund Balance, Appropriated	\$28,850
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WT081604 465CO	W TRS Subcontractors	\$28,850
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PART 360 PERMIT RENEWAL FOR THE MASSENA TRANSFER STATION AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR SOLID WASTE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in accordance with 6 NYCRR 360.16 & 360.19, St. Lawrence County is required to renew the Transfer Station Operational Permit, and

WHEREAS, the current Part 30 DEC Permit for the Massena Transfer Station is set to expire on November 1, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. (B&L) has prepared a proposal to provide engineering services to assist the County in preparing the required application documents for the Part 360 Permit Renewal at the Massena Transfer Station for a fee not to exceed \$6,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for engineering services for Part 360 Permit renewal for the Massena Transfer Station, upon approval by the County Attorney,

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WA017104 49700	W Admin Contingency Account	\$6,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

WT081604 430ED	W TRS Engineering & Design	\$6,000
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Finance Committee: 8-29-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FOR OVERTIME EXPENSES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has exceeded the overtime budgets for 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Division experienced a significant uptick in the number of employees in the Academy with eight officers at the beginning of 2022 which leaves each shift in need of overtime to cover the workload, and

WHEREAS, the Correctional Division saw a reduction in available staff to work of almost thirty (30%) percent and there are minimum staffing requirements that obligate the Sheriff to ensure that shifts and posts are covered, and

WHEREAS, annually twenty-five (25%) percent of overtime appropriation requests are placed in the contingency account, and this year there is \$30,750 available for the Criminal Division and \$60,000 available in the Correctional Division to support this request, and

WHEREAS, traditionally the Sheriff reviews all existing accounts for available funds to cover the areas coming in higher than anticipated,

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031101 18600	S CRIM Training	\$18,000
S1031101 19000	S CRIM Temp Part-Time	22,400
S4031501 19511	S JAIL Pre-shift Briefing	37,000
B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	<u>43,300</u>
		\$120,700

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031101 18000	S CRIM Overtime	\$40,000
S2031101 18000	S CIVIL Overtime	700
S4031501 18000	S JAIL Overtime	<u>80,000</u>
		\$120,700

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Finance Committee: 8-29-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2021, Resolution No. 335-2021 the Board of Legislators named St. Lawrence County Canton Addictions Services Clinic the sub-award recipient to develop and operate the Opioid Treatment Program for the COSSAP Program and OASAS has issued the OTP clinic PRU 53606, and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2022, the Opioid Treatment Program began seeing clients and dispensing medication and the first month reached forty-one (41) clients and now requires additional medication and supplies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Opioid Treatment Program for Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1442304 45100	A OTP Medical Supplies & Expenses	\$30,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A1416305 55000	A OTP Clinic Revenue	\$30,000
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT APPROPRIATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE REMOVAL OF ASH TREES WITH THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2022, Resolution No. 181-2022 adopted the recommendations made by the ARPA Committee regarding the uses of the \$20.9M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds provided to St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of public safety and preemptively mitigating impacts of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) for accessibility along County roads for the citizens of St. Lawrence County, funds were appropriated to provide for removal of ash trees within the highway bounds of County routes as identified by the County Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, of the funds appropriated, \$900,000 has been allocated for the removal of dead and dying ash trees within highway bounds as identified by the Highway Department to the St. Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District (SLC SWCD), with confirmation by the Conservation District Forester, and

WHEREAS, the list of towns, priority based, where EAB has been located and how it has spread throughout the County include: Hammond, Morristown, Oswegatchie, Lisbon, Waddington, Louisville, Massena, Rossie, Macomb, DePeyster, Madrid, Norfolk, Brasher, Gouverneur, Dekalb, Canton, Potsdam, Stockholm, Lawrence, Fowler, Hermon, Russell, Pierrepont, Parishville, Hopkinton, Pitcairn, Edwards, Fine, Clare, Colton, Clifton, and Piercefield, and

WHEREAS, recognizing that homeowners utilize wood as a heat source, ash trees of a minimum Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) of 10" and determined to be of firewood quality by the Conservation District Forester, or hired contractors, may be left for landowners use provided they complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SLC SWCD, and

WHEREAS, a planting of native trees will be included with the budget for this project to offset the loss of ash trees cut, and will be facilitated by the SLC SWCD which will include site preparation and plug plantings on County Forestland parcels, and

WHEREAS, the plantings will be mutually beneficial to replacing removed trees and improving forest stand health of County parcels in need of improvements, and

WHEREAS, the SLC SWCD Board of Directors is supportive of the removal recommendations for trees impacted by the EAB and mitigated plantings for St. Lawrence County, and

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WHEREAS, additionally the SLC SWCD Board of Directors is supportive of the removal of hazard trees that are also located in the Highway Bounds of County Routes and recommended that they be included in this project and that will be presented in a separate resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract appropriating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the purpose of the removal of ash trees with the Soil and Water Conservation District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that removal of ash trees damaged by the EAB and within the County highway bounds has the potential to be County-wide benefit and the goal of the ARPA Committee was to broadly apply funds for an overall County benefit, and

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

BF940895 57000 ARP6	B ARP 6.1 Revenue Ash Tree	\$900,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BF987304 46500 ARP6	B ARP 6.1 Forestry Ash Tree	\$900,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any funds not spent in 2022 be rolled over until fully expended, in accordance with the U.S. Treasury Final Rule.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL WORK OF HAZARD TREE REMOVAL ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASH TREE REMOVAL PROJECT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been made that Ash Trees impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) identified by the Conservation District Forester in County Highway Bounds be removed as a public safety project to protect the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, counties around New York State impacted by the EAB have been pursuing the removal of impacted Ash Trees through a variety of strategies and at different paces for several years, and

WHEREAS, the County will be contracting for the Ash Tree Removal Project with the Soil & Water Conservation District and they will facilitate the work associated with the removal of Ash Trees in County Highway Bounds as identified by the Conservation District Forester, and

WHEREAS, in consideration and review of the Project, the Board of Directors for the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) also recommended that hazard trees in the same areas as marked by the Conservation District Forester be removed as a part of the Project, and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of the County to provide county roadways free of hazard trees will continue beyond the availability of the recommended Ash Tree Project and both will require appropriations on an annual basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator's Budget for the purpose of removing hazard trees during the Ash Tree Removal Project;

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$200,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BF087304 46500	B Forestry Other Payments	\$200,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report to the Board of Legislators will be provided following the completion of hazard tree and Ash Tree removals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds not utilized in 2022 be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE
FOR ADVERTISING EXPENSES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, traditionally newspapers have been designated on a rotational, annual basis by the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 65-2022 designated newspapers for various publication purposes for the year 2022 and transitioned from the rotational designation previously employed in favor of broadening advertising in an effort to reach all County citizens and businesses, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 138-2022 authorized the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for advertising expenses in the County Administrator’s Office in the Purchasing Office for an additional \$4,500, and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office is required to advertise legal notices for certain County solicitations of bids and requests for proposals and total solicitations have nearly doubled when compared to the prior two years,

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$7,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BR013454 43005	PURCH Advertising Fees	\$7,000
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Finance Committee: 8-29-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2022, “AUTHORIZING THE USE OF VIDEO OR SIMILAR SERVICE FOR REMOTE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS OF PUBLIC BODIES ACTING IN THE NAME OF ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1 OF THE LAWS OF 2022 FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK”

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in New York State the conduct of meetings of public bodies and governmental entities is governed by the Open Meetings Law, and

WHEREAS, when the Open Meetings Law was passed in 1976, the declared legislative intent stated that it is essential that public business be performed in an open and public manner and that the citizens be fully aware of and able to observe the performance of public officials with citizens having the right to attend and listen to the deliberations and decisions that go into the making of public policy, and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2022, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into Law Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 amending Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021 to authorize any public body (as that term is defined by § 102(2) of the OML) “to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed,” and

WHEREAS, as a threshold matter, the new law does not change or curtail what has always been required of public bodies complying with the Open Meetings Law; however, this law expands the ability of public bodies to meet using remote access technology, and

WHEREAS, the new Law requires that “public body may, in its discretion, use videoconferencing to conduct its meetings pursuant to the requirements of this article . . . where . . . the governing board of a county, city, town or village has adopted a local law, or a public body has adopted a resolution, or the senate and assembly have adopted a joint resolution, following a public hearing, authorizing the use of videoconferencing,”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law C (No. __) for the Year 2022 will be held on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 5:45 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

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**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C (NO. ___) FOR THE YEAR 2022,
“AUTHORIZING THE USE OF VIDEO OR SIMILAR SERVICE FOR REMOTE
ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS OF PUBLIC BODIES ACTING
IN THE NAME OF ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1
OF THE LAWS OF 2022 FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK”**

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

Section 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

A. The people’s right to witness and observe the governmental decision-making process in action is basic to our society. Access to public portions of meetings of public bodies must be protected and maintained.

B. We adopt these guidelines in order to provide direction concerning the procedures by which public meetings of this public body may be photographed, recorded and broadcast.

Section 2. RECORDING AND BROADCASTING PUBLIC PORTIONS OF MEETINGS

A. The public portion of any meeting of a public body may be photographed, recorded and broadcast.

B. A public body may adopt reasonable rules governing the location of equipment and personnel used to photograph, record or broadcast the public portion of a meeting in order to ensure that the use of such equipment does not detract from or interfere with the deliberative process.

C. There is no privacy interest in statements made during public portions of meetings of public bodies. Distaste or embarrassment shall not constitute a basis for prohibiting or limiting the photographing, recording or broadcasting of those present at a meeting.

Section 3. RULES FOR RECORDING AND BROADCASTING PUBLIC PORTIONS OF MEETINGS

A. Operation of equipment to photograph, record or broadcast a meeting is permitted unless it is obtrusive, disruptive, or interferes with the deliberative process or the right of persons in attendance to observe or listen to the proceedings.

B. Use of equipment necessary to photograph, record or broadcast is permitted without notice to or express permission from the public body or those in attendance at the meeting.

C. Use of equipment necessary to photograph, record or broadcast is permitted in a supervised or unsupervised manner.

D. Use of special lighting or large equipment necessary to photograph, record or broadcast a meeting is permitted unless it is obtrusive or disruptive.

E. Personnel who operate equipment necessary to photograph, record and/or broadcast a meeting shall be permitted to move about the room, as long as such movement does not disrupt or interfere with the deliberative process.

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F. Use of equipment necessary to photograph, record and/or broadcast a meeting shall not be limited to a location from which such equipment is not reasonably capable of photographing, recording and/or broadcasting.

G. Persons operating equipment necessary to photograph, record and/or broadcast shall be given a reasonable opportunity to modify their actions in order to avoid interference with the deliberative process.

Section 4. PUBLIC NOTICE

These rules governing the operation of equipment necessary to photograph, record or broadcast a meeting shall be posted in a designated location. Written copies of such rules shall be provided upon request, free of charge, to those in attendance at or who seek to attend a meeting.

Section 5. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of these guidelines or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the validity of the other provisions of these regulations or the application thereof to other persons and circumstances.

Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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Finance Committee: 8-29-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A SHERIFF'S MARKED VEHICLE RESERVE
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING THAT ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
PATROL VEHICLES ARE REPLACED ON A SCHEDULE THAT
ENSURES PUBLIC AND OFFICER SAFETY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in 2018 the County began to change its fiscal approach with goals of improving the fiscal health and stabilizing the finances, this included a number of strategies one of which was creating reserves and a commitment by the County Administrator to fund them annually with approval of the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, this strategy provided for the initial creation of two reserves (Capital Reserve and Employee Benefit Accrued Liability) in 2018 and more recently (2019) a Self-Insurance and (2022) a Blighted Properties reserve, and

WHEREAS, each reserve that the Board of Legislators has created with a specific purpose and function in mind has been funded on an annual basis to ensure continued fiscal stability for the County, and

WHEREAS, at this time, a reserve is recommended for the replacement of Sheriff's marked patrol vehicles titled Sheriff Marked Vehicle Reserve (01TG0899 50300 SHV) to ensure that a schedule is created and followed for both public and officer safety, and

WHEREAS, since 2008, the County transitioned to a model of leasing fleet vehicles for staff to utilize, however the leasing of marked patrol vehicles was unsuccessful due to the impact of daily activities on the residual value of patrol vehicles, and

WHEREAS, it is also recommended that the auction proceeds from Sheriff's vehicles would be directed into the reserve annually as well,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the creation of a Sheriff's Marked Vehicle Reserve for the purpose of ensuring that St. Lawrence County marked patrol vehicles are replaced on a schedule that ensures public and officer safety, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial investment in this reserve will be \$200,000 and will be funded through the results of 2022.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES

By Mr. Fay, District 9 and Ms. Fiacco, District 11

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
Public Health	Senior Account Clerk*	100200043	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Public Health	Community Health Nurse*	502000030	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Homemaker	805000002	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Homemaker*	805000006	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Planning	Planner II	400600003	FT	Provisional	Immediate
Sheriff	Correctional Officer	603000022	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Real Property	Coordinator of Real Property Tax Services III*	108400002	FT	Provisional	Immediate
County Attorney	Assistant County Attorney	021900006	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Administrator	Custodian	303000007	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Administrator	Custodian	303000009	FT	Permanent	Immediate
County Administrator	Custodian	303000015	FT	Permanent	Immediate

*new position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 100400008, Account Clerk Typist, be abolished in Public Health, and Position No. 815000063, Caseworker, be abolished in Social Services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 108400002, Coordinator of Real Property Tax Services III, be abolished upon the retirement of the current Coordinator of Real Property Tax Services III, 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. _____

**ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
REGARDING THE 2022 ANNUAL VACANCY REVIEW ANALYSIS
INCLUDING RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 291-2008 AND
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 304-2012**

By Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, the Vacancy Review Committee was reestablished in 2015 and has a membership consisting of two (2) Legislators (rotating each month), the County Administrator, Human Resources Director, Assistant Administrator, and Payroll Staff, and since that time vacancies have been presented to that committee with the Board of Legislators receiving recommendations on a monthly basis, and

WHEREAS, this has been a successful process and through recommendations of the Committee a number of strategies have been employed over the years to assist the County in filling and/or delaying the fill of positions, utilizing vacancies to appreciate savings, and only creating positions when others have been abolished, and

WHEREAS, annually, the County Administrator has been presenting an analysis to the Board of Legislators that captures the policy of the Board of Legislators has been fulfilled and alternatively presenting recommendations when a change in policy managing positions would be in the best interest of the County, and

WHEREAS, this year, as a part of the review there are six (6) recommendations made to the Board of Legislators as a result of reviewing the challenges in the ability to retain existing talented staff, fill positions, and recruiting talented staff in the future,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators accepts the recommendations of the County Administrator regarding the 2022 Annual Vacancy Review Analysis and grants authorization for the following:

- Rescind Resolution No. 291-2008 - this action would officially end the hiring freeze established in 2008;
- Amend Resolution No. 304-2012 - to strike the last “Be It Further Resolved that any future salary increases will be applied to the schedule on an alternating percentage and lump sum basis.” I would recommend this action be stricken and return to allow the provision of the percentage to be applied annually as authorized in Resolution No. 78-2000;
- Commission a Compensation Study to be prepared by an outside organization through an RFP/RFQ Process initiated by the County Administrator of County employees to include; Management/Confidential, CSEA, and all additional active titles;

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- Negotiate with the Unions for a Memorandum of Agreement to improve the existing benefit known as 'vacation buy back' to increase access which would provide for employees to utilize this benefit without taking the mandatory required five (5) consecutive days off, instead include two requirements: (1) maintain a minimum balance of 100 hours, and (2) it must be taken in the increments that the employee works (35 or 40 hours), without a limit on annual access;
- Continue the practice and amend the 2021 recommendation of allowing temporary positions at the discretion of the County Administrator to assist with operational needs and allow part-time management/confidential staff to access benefits and pro-rated accruals;
- Continue the practice and amend the 2021 recommendation for planning for the transition in key roles that require a substantial training period that are allowed to overlap once notice of retirement/resignation has been officially provided, and allow the positions that are created for the purpose stated in the 2021 recommendation to have benefits and accruals upon original hire date, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations be implemented upon adoption of this resolution and the adjustment to the benefit be implemented upon successful negotiation with the Unions impacted by this change.

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IN OPPOSITION OF THE RECENTLY ENACTED “CONCEALED CARRY IMPROVEMENT ACT” AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR LEGAL CHALLENGES

By Ms. Curran, District 15 and Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Supreme Court of the United States issued the landmark ruling in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, announcing 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 permission from 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 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, in 2019, the Board of Legislators supported the efforts of the State of Louisiana and seventeen (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.*, and

WHEREAS, during the pendency of *NYSRPA v. NYC*, 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 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 v. NYC*, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that direction, the County Attorney, as a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar, 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 ‘*Bruen*’) pending before the United States Supreme Court and recommended the Board of Legislators join the efforts in support of the amicus filed by numerous states in opposition to the legal position of New York State on pistol licensure, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators passed Resolution No. 256-2021 adopting the arguments of the State of Arizona and sixteen (16) other states opposed to the New York State licensure requirement in amicus filed in the United States Supreme Court pertaining to the *Bruen* litigation, and

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WHEREAS, on June 23, 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in *Bruen*, striking down the New York State ‘proper cause’ requirements for the issuance of a pistol license, and

WHEREAS, building on *District of Columbia v. Heller* and the decision in *McDonald v. City of Chicago, Illinois*, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Bruen* that the Second Amendment’s protection of “the right to keep and bear arms” extends to individual self-defense outside the home, and

WHEREAS, while that may seem obvious and uncontroversial given the text of “to bear arms,” some lower courts, specifically in New York State, provided limited constitutional protections to the right by effectively treating it as a privilege - the en banc Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals even going so far as to hold that there is no right to carry arms outside the home at all, and

WHEREAS, *Bruen* further held that the ability of an individual to obtain a carry license cannot be conditioned on his or her ability to convince a government official that he or she faces some “special need for armed self-defense” which is different from the defense needs of the general populace, and

WHEREAS, New York State had denied the Second Amendment right to carry to the majority of its citizens by applying an amorphous, discretionary test requiring the applicant to show a special need to carry a firearm, and

WHEREAS, the *Bruen*, *Heller*, and *McDonald* holdings alone would go far to overcome the treatment of the Second Amendment as a “disfavored right” and “constitutional orphan” by the lower courts, and

WHEREAS, at a stroke, the Court invalidated the outlier “may-issue” approach and effectively required them to replace those restrictive regimes with “shall-issue” systems, and

WHEREAS, in response to the *Bruen* decision, the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul concluded a two-day extraordinary session on July 1, 2022 that led to Governor Hochul signing the “Concealed Carry Improvement Act” so titled by its proponents, and

WHEREAS, New York State immediately moved to circumvent the decision to deprive its citizens of any effective right to self-defense in public in one major way, by exponentially expanding the places [“Sensitive places”] in which a person with a valid license cannot carry a firearm for self-defense, and

WHEREAS, “Sensitive places” is a euphemism for government-created gun free zones despite the Court in *Bruen* recognizing there were relatively few sensitive places during the 18th and 19th centuries where carry could be altogether prohibited, and

WHEREAS, the Court pointed to only three specific, historically supported, government-related locations where firearms were restricted: “legislative assemblies, polling places, and courthouses,” yet New York has enacted a law taking things much further than the government-specific locations identified by the Court, and

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WHEREAS, two days after the *Bruen* decision, the United States Supreme Court reversed and remand four other cases involving the Second Amendment; these four cases involving high capacity magazine bans, semi-automatic weapon restrictions, and restrictions similar to those of New York, and

WHEREAS, the decisions called into question the entire pistol restriction regime in New York State, including the SAFE Act as well as identifying exactly what the State of New York could not do and yet New York State engaged in the very conduct prohibited by the decision of the United States Supreme Court, and

WHEREAS, the Concealed Carry Improvement Act includes alarming provisions that flout the recent United States Supreme Court precedent by requiring concealed carry permit applicants to display good moral character; subject their social media accounts for review; submit to in-person interviews with law enforcement; provide four character references; undergo 18 hours of combined training, an increase from the existing four-hour requirement; and recertify every three (3) years instead of the prior recertification period of every five (5) years, and

WHEREAS, the actions of the State of New York in not only refusing to abide by the decision of the Supreme Court but in actively seeking to reject it by passing a set of laws clearly in opposition to the rulings, challenges the constitutional authority of one of the three primary branches of federal government and poses a significant constitutional crisis not regularly seen in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, protects the inalienable and individual right of the people to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, since 2015, the Board of Legislators has passed a local law adopting the arguments of two Supreme Court amicus brief, and has passed several resolutions supporting the fundamental and individual right to bear arms under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators is aware of at least seven lawsuits filed around the State of New York, both in federal court and state court, challenging the Concealed Carry Improvement Act, and

WHEREAS, the various lawsuits present numerous opportunities for St. Lawrence County to either join pending litigation or commence its own challenging the various provisions of the Concealed Carry Improvement Act,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators expresses its profound opposition to the Concealed Carry Improvement Act and asserts that it is an unconstitutional enactment in direct contravention of the United States Supreme Court ruling in *NYSRPA v. Bruen et al.*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators directs the County Attorney to review the legal challenges filed against the Concealed Carry Improvement Act and make recommendations to the Board of Legislators as to whether the County may join legal process in opposition to the Act, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the County Attorney determine that joining a suit or commencing a suit in the name of St. Lawrence County is appropriate, the County Attorney may do so in the name of St. Lawrence County to assert the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 14th Amendment rights of its citizens, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the County Attorney determine that additional legal partners would enhance or strengthen the arguments that could be put forth, the County Attorney is authorized to secure support and commitments from those parties to assist in this endeavor, and

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