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FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
KEVIN ACRES, CHAIR
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022
*****BOARD ROOM AND LIVE VIA YOUTUBE *****
*****5:30 P.M. *****

****PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11.5, IN EFFECT UNTIL JUNE 14, 2022, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWS THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE****

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 25**
- 3. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS**
 - A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways for Revenue Received from Insurance Recovery for a Dump Truck (Res)
 - B. Modifying the 2022 Budget the Department of Highways for an Increase in the Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) (Res)
- 4. TREASURER – RENEE COLE**
 - A. Adopting the Mortgage Tax Report (Res)
 - B. 2021 Unaudited Results (Info)
- 5. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE**
 - A. Treasurer's Office
 1. Abolish a Collections Specialist and Create and fill a Senior Account Clerk, Position No. 100200042
 - B. Highway
 1. Fill an Assistant Civil Engineer, Position No. 313100001
 2. Fill a Field Operations Coordinator, Position No. 314200001
 - C. WIOA One-Stop Career Center
 1. Abolish a Principal Account Clerk and Create and Fill a Senior Account Clerk, Position No. 100200041
- 7. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS – RUTH DOYLE**
 - A. Update (Discussion)
- 8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE**
 - A. Proclaiming June as Dairy Month (Res)

- B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with the Children’s Home of Jefferson County (CHJC) for Office Space at the Human Services Center (Res)
- C. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law B (No. __) for the Year 2022, “Setting the Salary for the County Historian” (Res)
- D. Establishing a Standard Work Day for New York State Retirement System Reporting Purposes (Res)
- E. Modifying the Budget for the County Administrator’s Office for the Purchase of a Tractor for the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System (Res)
- F. Authorizing the Sale of a Parcel of Land to Michael J. Lennox and Billie Jean Lennox Located Near State Highway 68 (Res)
- G. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Amended Contract with Odin Environmental, LLC for Initial Environmental Investigation on Property Owned by the Estate of Lawrence Churchill, Andy Maslin & Donna Maslin, and White’s General Store (Res)

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board (Denesha)
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 (Curran)
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board (Terminelli)
- D. Gouverneur Fair Board (Smithers)
- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee (Smithers)
- F. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen)
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board (Arquiett/Perkins)
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) (Forsythe)
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce (Haggard)
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Acres/Burke)

10. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

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

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 12. ADJOURNMENT** – If there is no further business.

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Finance Committee: 5-23-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
FOR REVENUE RECEIVED FROM INSURANCE RECOVERY FOR A DUMP TRUCK**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, a Department of Highways dump truck was damaged when hit by a farm tractor and manure spreader on January 25, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways received an insurance recovery check in the amount of \$43,390 for the loss, and

WHEREAS, the Department incurred additional costs to repair the truck,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways for revenue received from insurance recover for a dump truck, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

HR026805 55000	H LR RM Insurance Recoveries	\$43,390
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HR051304 42202	H RM Equip Repair & Maintenance	\$43,390
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Finance Committee: 5-23-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
HIGHWAYS FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CAPITAL HIGHWAY
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIPS)**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways includes Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) road and bridge projects at a flat funding level from previous years, and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 New York State Budget includes funding for regular CHIPS, Extreme Winter recovery (EWR), PAVENY, and the new Pave Our Potholes (POP), totaling \$7,805,747, and

WHEREAS, this represents an increase of \$2,466,621 over the original 2022 CHIPS Budget and this is extremely meaningful to see the support from New York State to take care of the roads throughout St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways for an increase in the Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

HM035015 56000	H SA CHIPS Maintenance	\$2,466,621
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM151124 454PM H1	H H1 Paving Materials	\$1,940,874
HM551124 454BS B1	H B1 Miscellaneous Bridge Supplies	<u>525,747</u>
		\$2,466,621

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Finance Committee: 5-23-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

ADOPTING THE MORTGAGE TAX REPORT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mortgage Tax Report as submitted by the County Clerk and the County Treasurer is hereby accepted and the County Treasurer is authorized and directed to issue the amounts as set forth in the report to the various tax districts in this County.

<u>Town/Village</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brasher	\$14,608.63
Canton:	
Village of Canton	11,783.24
Village of Rensselaer	510.64
Town of Canton	41,470.80
Clare	28.72
Clifton	3,297.55
Colton	41,679.64
Dekalb:	
Village of Richville	386.97
Town of Dekalb	10,322.44
DePeyster	2,160.66
Edwards	6,791.16
Fine	13,820.72
Fowler	17,259.56
Gouverneur:	
Village of Gouverneur	11,072.79
Town of Gouverneur	30,758.61
Hammond:	
Village of Hammond	340.05
Town of Hammond	15,261.30
Hermon	4,249.00
Hopkinton	8,222.28
Lawrence	12,924.65
Lisbon	26,509.27
Louisville:	
Village of West Massena	3,061.53
Town of Louisville	33,226.67

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Macomb	6,651.89
Madrid	8,997.04
Massena:	
Village of Massena	15,769.54
Town of Massena	34,474.60
Town of Morristown	29,390.77
Norfolk:	
Village of Norwood	166.29
Village of Massena	3.03
Town of Norfolk	24,620.58
Ogdensburg	57,724.26
Oswegatchie:	
Village of Heuvelton	1,682.78
Town of Oswegatchie	30,667.53
Parishville	13,372.65
Piercefield	5,831.58
Pierrepont	28,572.87
Pitcairn	5,045.05
Potsdam:	
Village of Potsdam	15,469.14
Village of Norwood	3,441.18
Town of Potsdam	62,005.76
Rossie	4,066.27
Russell	10,760.19
Stockholm	21,974.35
Waddington:	
Village of Waddington	3,584.96
Town of Waddington	14,008.06
Totals	\$708,027.25

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

Treasurer



Type: Abolish & Create

Senior Account Clerk

Subunit (If Applicable):

Date Submitted: 4/26/2022

Reason Vacated: Retirement

Position Number: 100200042

Date Vacated: 06/13/2022

Position # Abolished: 099800001

Position Will Be: Fulltime

Last Fill Date:

Hours Per Week: 35

Appointee Will Be: Permanent

Budget

Fill Request Timeline: Immediately

Temporary Position? No

Salary of Person Leaving: \$54,249

Revenue Generating: No 0 %

Benefits: \$30,423

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

Base Salary: \$40,244

Budget Mod Attached, If Required?

Grade: 19

Net County Cost: \$84,672

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 is a position assigned to the payroll office. The employee is responsible to entering all payroll changes, adding employees, deduction updates and payments, pay code updates, researching wages for retirement calculations, verifies payroll entries, and other payroll duties. Answering employee inquiries, in person and via telephone and email. This position is critical to meeting the demands and deadlines of bi-weekly payroll.

Abolish Collection Specialist/Create Senior Account Clerk

Department Head:

Approved?

Yes No

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

Highway



Type: Fill

Assistant Civil Engineer

Subunit (If Applicable):

Date Submitted: 3/28/2022

Reason Vacated: Resignation

Position Number: 313100001

Date Vacated: 4/8/2022

Position # Abolished:

Position Will Be: Fulltime

Last Fill Date: 4/2/2012

Hours Per Week: 40

Appointee Will Be: Provisional

Budget

Fill Request Timeline: Immediately

Temporary Position? No

Salary of Person Leaving: \$61,792

Revenue Generating: No 0 %

Benefits: Yes \$34,653

Reimbursed by State
or Federal Funds: No 0 %

Base Salary: \$50,242

Budget Mod Attached, If Required?

Grade: 25

Net County Cost: \$96,445

Detailed Justification

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

The Assistant Civil Engineer position develops informational material including plans, specifications, reports and cost estimates for use in completing applications for State and Federal funds for highway and safety programs; makes field tests of materials; operates surveying instruments; acts as chief of a survey party in engineering surveys; makes necessary computations for field parties; inspects general construction projects for compliance with plans and specifications; drafts topographical, detail plan, and cross section maps and charts; computes rough estimates on studies of proposed facilities; computes estimates of quantities of materials and work progress for contractors' payments; performs general engineering office work; sets final grades and lines for construction of approved projects.

Department Head: *Donald R. Chamberlain*

Approved?

Yes No

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

Highway



Type: Fill

Field Operations Coordinator

Subunit (If Applicable):

Date Submitted: 4/26/2022

Reason Vacated: Promotion

Position Number: 314200001

Date Vacated: 5/14/2022

Position # Abolished:

Position Will Be: Fulltime

Last Fill Date: 01/21/2003

Hours Per Week: 40

Appointee Will Be: Provisional

Budget

Fill Request Timeline: Immediately

Temporary Position? No

Salary of Person Leaving: \$85,998

Revenue Generating: No 0 %

Benefits: Yes \$48,228

Reimbursed by State
or Federal Funds: No 0 %

Base Salary: \$67,174

Budget Mod Attached, If Required?

Grade: IV40

Net County Cost: \$134,226

Detailed Justification

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

The Field Operations Coordinator position is responsible for administering the Federal Bridge program, providing construction engineering planning, inspection, review and other related tasks; completes annual pavement evaluation; DEC permitting for herbicide application. If this position is not filled, the County would incur greater costs in hiring consultants. A large portion of salary and fringe costs are reimbursed from late spring to early fall for Federal Pass-through bridge projects.

Department Head:

Donald R. Chabon

Approved?

Yes No

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

One-Stop Career Center



Type: Abolish & Create

Senior Account Clerk

Subunit (If Applicable):

Date Submitted: 4/18/22

Reason Vacated: Resignation

Position Number: 100200041

Date Vacated: 2/4/22

Position # Abolished: 100300009

Position Will Be: Fulltime

Last Fill Date: 4/19/21

Hours Per Week: 35

Appointee Will Be: Permanent

Budget

Fill Request Timeline: Immediately

Temporary Position? No

Salary of Person Leaving: \$45,614

Revenue Generating: No 0 %

Benefits: Yes (56.08%) \$25,580

Reimbursed by Local, State or Federal Funds: Yes 100 %

Base Salary: \$40,244

Budget Mod Attached, If Required?

Grade: 19

Net County Cost: \$0

Detailed Justification

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

The need is for a person who can assist with payroll, audits, reconciliations, tracking accounts, preparation of figures and reports used for budget preparation, monthly reporting to the New York State Department of Labor, etc. Funding availability for administrative staff has decreased as a result of restrictions on the percentage of funding that can be used for administrative expenses and changes in the way certain programs can be administered. Therefore, we would like to abolish the Principal Account Clerk position and request a Senior Account Clerk.

As a result of retirements, past and upcoming, job duties have shifted and will continue to shift to ensure that all benchmarks and required outcomes are being met. This will require the fiscal office to take on additional duties and responsibilities, making it necessary to have another person who can perform the required accounting tasks and maintain the level of accuracy and detail that is required.

If this position is not filled, situations such as late reporting, missed outcomes and/or benchmarks, noncompliance of policies and procedures and inaccurate tracking of WIOA funds could happen. The consequences if these situations happening could include delayed cash flow, recaptured funds, disallowed costs and/or having to refund NYS Department of Labor.

Department Head: *Benny Taylor*

Approved?

Yes No

County Administrator:

Resolution #:

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Finance Committee: 5-23-2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

PROCLAIMING JUNE AS DAIRY MONTH

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, since 1937, National Dairy Month has been celebrated in June to recognize the important role of the dairy industry, with this year marking the eighty-fourth anniversary of National Dairy Month, and

WHEREAS, milk and dairy foods provide health benefits and valuable nutrients, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County dairy farmers produced 881 million pounds of milk in 2021, ranking the County fourth in the Northeast Milk Marketing Area which extends from New Hampshire to Virginia, and

WHEREAS, May 2021 milk production ranked St. Lawrence County 62nd out of the top 100 dairy counties in the United States, and

WHEREAS, according to the Northeast Statistical Handbook, 222 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 region's economy, and

WHEREAS, the value of dairy products in 2017 exceeded \$139 million and accounted for seventy-three percent (73%) of the total value of all agricultural products generated by St. Lawrence County farmers, and

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19, the annual St. Lawrence County Dairy Princess Parade and Festival, scheduled each year in June, has been postponed to August 13th – 14th,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators does hereby proclaim June as Dairy Month.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF JEFFERSON COUNTY (CHJC) FOR OFFICE SPACE AT THE HUMAN SERVICES CENTER

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County leases space at the Human Services Center, 80 State Highway 310, Canton, from the Canton Human Services Initiative, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 81-2012 authorized the Chair to sign a month to month rental agreement with the Children's Home of Jefferson County (CHJC), and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 37-2013, the Board of Legislators agreed to rent additional space to the Children's Home of Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, CHJC would like to continue to lease office space at the Human Services Center, and

WHEREAS, the proposed office space is on the first floor of the building and is calculated to be approximately 2,882 square feet of office space with an additional 1,018 square feet of common area, and

WHEREAS, the term of the lease would be June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023, with the potential for four (4) additional one-year lessee options,

WHEREAS, the initial rental rate per square foot will be \$15.06 per square foot (T8012895 55000) in the lease and any future years would increase to a rate per square foot that is consistent to that which is charged to County Departments occupying the Human Services Center, pending that lessee options are exercised,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease agreement with the Children's Home of Jefferson County (CHJC) for office space at the Human Services Center, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B
(NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2022, "SETTING THE SALARY FOR
THE COUNTY HISTORIAN"**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law B (No. __) for the Year 2022 will "Set the Salary for the County Historian," 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 B (No. __) for the Year 2022 will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2022,
"SETTING THE SALARY FOR THE COUNTY HISTORIAN"**

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

Section 1. The annual salary for the County Historian shall be set at \$10,000.

Section 2. The full amount of the salary shall be paid during the year 2022 in monthly payments.

Section 3. This local law shall take effect by adoption of this resolution by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators and upon filing with the Department of State.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**ESTABLISHING A STANDARD WORK DAY FOR
NEW YORK STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM REPORTING PURPOSES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System established 315.4, a new regulation on retirement reporting for elected and appointed officials which became effective August 12, 2009, and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2015 there were revisions made to the regulations to help ensure elected and appointed officials receive appropriate service credit, and

WHEREAS, all newly elected or appointed positions that report to the New York State Retirement System are required to complete a 90-day log providing daily time worked and attest to its accuracy, and

WHEREAS, only officials who do not participate in the St. Lawrence County time-keeping system is required to be included on the standard workday resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators establishes a standard work day for New York State Retirement System reporting purposes for the following elected and appointed officials:

Title	Name	Standard Workday	Term	Social Security Number (last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (Check only if member is Tier 1)	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted (Check only if official did not submit ROA)
District Attorney	Gary Pasqua	7 hours	1/1/2022-12/31/2025	7799	42460030		24.99	
Coroner	June Wood	6 hours	1/1/2022-12/31/2025	1401	40293243		4.98	

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S
OFFICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TRACTOR FOR THE
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 225-2021 authorized the Treasurer to create the Recreation Trails Fund Reserve (01TG0899 50300 TRAIL) for the exclusive use of establishment, maintenance, and operations of the St. Lawrence County Trail System, and

WHEREAS, 2021 was the first season of trail passes that supports the fund, and the total passes sold totaled \$70,947 which will exclusively be used to maintain and improve the trails, and

WHEREAS, as supported by the St. Lawrence County Trails Advisory Board, a tractor is needed to maintain the Multi-Use Trail System, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Recreation Trails Fund Reserve, which total \$40,466 and will be sufficient to support this purchase,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer modify the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for the purchase of a tractor for the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System, as follows:

DECREASE ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0899 50300 TRAIL	Recreational Trail Fund	\$36,954
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriations	\$36,954
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BF079892 24000 TRAIL	B Trail Highway & Street Equip	\$36,954
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A PARCEL OF LAND TO MICHAEL J. LENNOX
AND BILLIE JEAN LENNOX LOCATED NEAR STATE HIGHWAY 68**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, County of St. Lawrence (“County”) is the record owner of a parcel of land acquired for the original construction State Highway 68 in the Town of Pierrepont and located in St. Lawrence County (hereinafter referred to as the “Site”), and

WHEREAS, the Site is more fully identified as follows:

- Current or Prior Owners – St. Lawrence County
- Location – State Highway 68, Town of Pierrepont, New York
- TM# 104.004-1-61.1, and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, Michael J. Lennox and Billie Jean Lennox acquired land adjacent to a parcel owned by the County, and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Lennox and Billie Jean Lennox had a residential structure and garage constructed at the time of the acquisition of their primary parcel, and

WHEREAS, recently, Michael J. Lennox and Billie Jean Lennox secured the services of a land surveyor who determined that the structures were inadvertently built upon the land owned by St. Lawrence County acquired by the County in the original construction of State Highway 68, and

WHEREAS, since the construction of State Highway 68, changes in lane construction and design have rendered the parcel no longer necessary for the continuance of the roadway in that segment, and

WHEREAS, the County has received a request from Michael J. Lennox and Billie Jean Lennox to sell .83 acres of land which comprises the property area in which the residential structure and garage were constructed upon in error, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to assist Michael J. Lennox and Billie Jean Lennox to secure proper title to the land underneath their residential structure and their garage, the Board of Legislators, in consultation with the St. Lawrence County Highway Superintendent, have authorized the conveyance of only that portion of land required to permit the quieting of title in Mr. and Mrs. Lennox as well as their successors, assigns, and heirs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the sale of a parcel of land to Michael J. Lennox and Billie Jean Lennox located near State Highway 68, upon review and approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute documents necessary for the conveyance of .83 acres of property known as State

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Highway 68, Pierrepont, New York with a Tax Map # of 104.004-1-61.1, upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH ODIN ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC FOR INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE ESTATE OF LAWRENCE CHURCHILL, ANDY MASLIN & DONNA MASLIN, AND WHITE'S GENERAL STORE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County commenced an In Rem real property tax foreclosure proceeding for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against property owned by the Estate of Betty Davis known as the Davis Site, in the Town of Fowler, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 187.047-1-27) and against properties owned by Melvin Bice known as the Bice Site, in the Town of Russell, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map Nos. 163.082-2-20 and 163.082-2-21) and against property owned by Grant's Gas & Grocery known at the Grant's Site in Town of Potsdam, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 75.002-2-6), and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2021, the Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 165-2021 wherein the County retained the services of Odin Environmental, LLC to perform environmental exploration on the Grant's Site, the Davis Site, and the Bice Site to determine whether environmental remediation was required in order to take title to the properties, and

WHEREAS, the County has also commenced In Rem real property tax foreclosure proceedings for delinquent taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law against property owned by the Estate of Lawrence Churchill known as the Churchill Site, located at 2604 State Highway 812 in the Town of Dekalb, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 115.004-1-23.1), against property owned by Andy Maslin & Donna Maslin known as the Maslin Site, located 5262 County Route 14 in the Town of Waddington, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 22.058-1-4.2), and against property owned by Whites General Store or the White's Site, located at 4840 State Highway 56 in the Town of Colton, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 105.030-2-20 and 105.030-2-21.2) and has also secured legal authority to perform environmental explorations at the Churchill Site and Maslin Site and the White's Site, and

WHEREAS, the Properties are each known to have had historic storage and sale of gasoline and other petroleum product and are believed to be potentially contaminated with petroleum discharged from historic petroleum storage tank systems at each parcel, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to amend the existing contract with Odin Environmental, LLC to have an environmental investigation conducted on the Churchill Site, the Maslin Site, and the White's Site to obtain information about the environmental conditions, including whether or not there is subsurface petroleum contamination of the soil and groundwater and, further, the general nature and extent of any discovered contamination, so that the County can make an informed decision concerning the Properties prior to a judgment of foreclosure being entered, and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amended contract with Odin Environmental, LLC for Initial Environmental investigation on property owned by the estate of Lawrence Churchill, Andy Maslin & Donna Maslin, and White's General Store, upon the approval of the County Attorney.