

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present

Mr. Denesha led everyone in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Curran moved to approve the February 3, 2020 and February 24, 2020, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION:

Finance Committee: 2-24-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2020

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 22-28, 2020, AS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Agriculture Council of America (ACA) and the National Ag Day Program was started in 1973; the ACA is an organization uniquely composed of leaders in the agriculture, food, and fiber communities dedicated to increasing public awareness of the vital role agriculture plays in our society, and

WHEREAS, March is designated as Agriculture Month, and is celebrated for the importance that agriculture provides almost everything we eat, wear, and use on a daily basis in the United States, and this year, March 24th, is recognized as National Ag Day celebrating the variety and abundance provided by farms throughout the United States, New York, and St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, there are 33,400 farms in New York State and 6,900,000 acres of operated farmland with each American farmer feeding more than 165 people, and as the world population soars there is an even greater demand for food and fiber produced in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the agricultural industry in New York State contributes more than \$5.4 billion in agricultural sales to the New York economy each year, and

WHEREAS, with farmland occupying nearly one-quarter (1/4) of all land area in New York State agriculture promotes quality of life in many ways, including providing access to fresh, locally-sourced food, preserving open space, and maintaining a strong economy,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims March 22-28, 2020, as National Agriculture Week in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages all citizens of the County to participate in programs and activities on National Ag Day and throughout the year, to learn about and appreciate the role agriculture plays in all our daily lives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators encourages young people to understand how food and fiber products are produced, to value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy, and to consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 49-2020, seconded by Mr. Haggard, Ms. Arquiett, Ms. Terminelli, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Reagen.

2. Presentation by Patti Fisher, National Chair, Farm Bureau

Resolution No. 49-2020 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following correspondence was read aloud by the Deputy Clerk:

1. A resolution was received from the Village of Canton opposing any change in the County Sales Tax Apportionment to Local Municipalities.

2. Copies of two resolutions were received from Legislator Curran regarding the Town of Louisville and the Town of Massena requesting the New York Power Authority move forward to develop a partnership with the Town of Louisville, Town of Massena, and Village of Massena to continue the operation of the golf course as a public golf course in the Town of Louisville.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Dave Ellis of Hammond; Will Nigard of Oswegatchie; Will Gray of Brasher; Tammy Ellison; Patrick Green of Lisbon; Donald Nolan of Massena; and Seth Weiner of Canton all spoke in favor of the second amendment sanctuary county.

Anne McLaughlin of Canton said she is an advocate of the legalization of cannabis, and asked the Legislators to consider this.

Chair Lightfoot called a recess at 6:52 p.m., and resumed at 6:54 p.m.

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PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Finance Committee: 2-24-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2020

**APPLAUDING THE RECENT DECISION OF HAMILTON COUNTY COURT
JUDGE COFFINGER, THE NEWLY APPOINTED COURT PISTOL LICENSING
AUTHORITY FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, IN ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE
AND IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOL FOR THE REMOVAL OF
PISTOL LICENSE RESTRICTIONS**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, starting in 2009, St. Lawrence County Court Judge, as pistol licensing officer for St. Lawrence County, began placing certain restrictions on those licenses issued by the Court for concealed carry of a firearm, known as “Outdoor Sportsmen” restrictions, and

WHEREAS, these restrictions prohibited individuals who had validly issued licenses from carry their weapon concealed in any location other than to and from the home of the licensee and hunting, fishing, or berry-picking locations, and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators, since 2015, has raised numerous objections to the practice, passing not only a local law, but several resolutions, opposing the decision of the licensing authority, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Board of Legislators authorized the County Attorney to assist the State of Louisiana and sixteen other states in filing an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court seeking to challenge similar restrictions placed on pistol license holders in the City of New York, known as *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. City of New York, State of New York et. al* case, which occurred and a decision is currently pending in the matter, and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2020, Hamilton County Judge Coffinger assumed the responsibility of pistol licensing officer for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, on that same day, Judge Coffinger released a memorandum announcing that she would entertain applications for removal of previously imposed restrictions based upon the applicants ability to demonstrate appropriate gun safety education,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators applauds the recent decision of the newly appointed court pistol licensing authority for St. Lawrence County to establish a procedure and implement protocol for the removal of pistol license restrictions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Hamilton County Judge Tatiana Coffinger, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Patty Ritchie, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, and Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 50-2020, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Arquiett and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 2-24-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2020

**CALLING UPON THE PISTOL LICENSING AUTHORITY TO ALLOW FOR CROSS
REGISTRATION OF THOSE PERMITTED TO POSSESS FIREARMS IN
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY WITH ANY OTHER HOLDER WITH LICENSES
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Perkins, District 7 and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County residents have a proud history of gun ownership and stewardship, and

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WHEREAS, varying standards employed by Pistol Licensing Authorities across New York State has resulted in the perception by local pistol licensees that they have been subjected to inequitable limitations on their licenses, and

WHEREAS, pistol license holders have long used the ability to cross-register pistols on multiple licenses as a means of estate planning within families so that an elderly family member may pass the weapon to a licensed heir without undue legal complications, and

WHEREAS, this provided separate residence cross-registration permits pistol license holders with comfort in the notion that the validly licensed pistol will not be neglected or destroyed due to inability of another to take swift possession of the property upon their passing, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the guidance provided by the current Pistol Licensing Authority in the memorandum of January 1, 2020, it was announced that pistol license holders would no longer be permitted to cross-register a pistol on two separate licenses where both license holders lived in separate households, and

WHEREAS, additional considerations have been announced that would provide for pistol license holders to request amendments to their current licenses to remove sportsman's restrictions if a safety course is completed, and this would appear to provide reprieve from the previous standards employed, the requirement of a safety course applies a new challenge to pistol license holders not required in all other counties, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned examples of differing restrictions on pistol licensing standards highlight the difficulty with enforcing standards where no uniform standard across the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators is keenly aware of the challenges presented to any Pistol Licensing Authority when carefully considering eligibility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls upon the Pistol Licensing Authority to allow for cross registration of those permitted to possess firearms in St. Lawrence County with any other holder with licenses in the State of New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that restrictions or additional requirements be carefully considered by the pistol licensing authority when applied to cross registration or the implementation of a safety course upon a pistol permit applicant in St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 51-2020, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Leader, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Fay, Mr. Haggard, Ms. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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Services Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2020

RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 4-2020 “MODIFYING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR PASS THROUGH FUNDING TO APPROVED AGENCIES” AND MODIFYING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has received an updated OMH State Aid Letter regarding pass through funding for community agencies that includes stipends for available beds in the County and salary enhancement adjustments, and

WHEREAS, this is one hundred percent (100%) pass through funding for contract agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes rescinding Resolution No. 4-2020 “Modifying the 2019 Budget for Community Services for Funding Received from Office of Mental Health for Pass Through Funding to Approved Agencies” and authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2019 Budget for Community Services Budget, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4143224 465CC	A Catholic Charities	\$3,528
A4443224 465CC	A Catholic Charities	852
A4143224 465AR	A ARC Advances	3,799
A4243224 465AR	A ARC Advances	1,040
A4443224 465AR	A ARC Advances	649
A4243224 465TL	A NCTLS Advances	7,416
A4443224 465TL	A NCTLS Advances	6,388
A4143224 465RC	A People Advances	1,003
A4243224 465RC	A People Advances	835
A4243224 465RO	A Reachout Advances	40,312
A4343224 465RO	A Reachout Advances	9,006
A4143224 465SS	A Step By Step Advances	636
A4343224 465SS	A Step By Step Advances	7,612
A4243224 465UH	A United Helpers Advances	1,408
A4443224 465UH	A United Helpers Advances	<u>12,170</u>
		\$96,654

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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A4243224 465CC	A Catholic Charities	\$2,355
A4143224 465RO	A Reachout Advances	925
A4243224 465SS	A Step By Step Advances	<u>1,202</u>
		\$4,482

INCREASE REVENUE:

A4134905 56000	A SA CSS Mental Health	\$8,041
A4234905 56000	A SA CR Other Mental Health	47,454
A4334905 56000	A SA CPP Other Mental Health	16,618
A4434905 56000	A SA OFS Other Mental Health	<u>20,059</u>
		\$92,172

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 52-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS
FOR AN ANIMAL RABIES VACCINATION GRANT**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has received a special grant from New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets in the amount of \$12,500 (PP034725 56000 RAB) for April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, and the funding is in the 2020 Budget, and

WHEREAS, due to the continuing problem with rabies in St. Lawrence County and its surrounding neighbors, this grant was awarded to provide funds to assist with the cost of rabies vaccines, supplies for rabies clinics, and other fees associated with the rabies program, and

WHEREAS, these clinics provide rabies vaccination to animals to aide in the prevention of the spread of rabies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for an Animal Rabies Vaccination Grant, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 53-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Acres, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND SETTING 2020 RATES FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department contracts for early intervention program services and these contracts are necessary to provide services for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, contracted services include Occupational Therapy (OP), Physical Therapy (PT), Special Instruction Teachers (SI), Speech Language Pathology (SLP), Interpreter Services, and Audiology Therapy, and

WHEREAS, these services will be paid from the following accounts based on actual services provided: PE040594 430DS PROV; PE040594 48600 PROV; and PE040594 443CM PROV,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for Early Intervention Services for the Public Health Department, for the following rates, upon approval of the County Attorney:

<u>SERVICES:</u>	<u>RATE FOR CURRENT PROVIDERS:</u>	<u>RATE FOR NEW PROVIDERS:</u>
Developmental Core Evaluation (General)	\$175	\$155
Core Evaluation (Specialist)	\$108	\$100
Supplemental Evaluations	\$108	\$100
Interpreter Services	\$60	\$60
Direct Service Visit	\$60	\$45
Direct Service Visit (Speech)*	\$62	\$45
Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)/CPSE Meeting	\$42	\$30
IFSP Meeting w/Direct Service Visit (provided prior to or after the meeting)	\$60	\$50
Screening	\$175	\$130
Required Quality Assurance & Mandated Trainings	\$60	\$45
Parent/Child Play Group (minimum 2 children, \$12 each additional)	\$0	\$70
Travel Reimbursement for 2 hours travel per day	\$42	\$0
Mileage for Visits (Home or Community)	\$0	\$0.45/per mile

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Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 54-2020, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, Ms. Arquiatt, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
FOR THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is responsible for expenses associated with the Preschool Program, and

WHEREAS, there have been higher than anticipated expenses in the Preschool Program, and there has been an increase in revenue within the Preschool Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2019 Budget for Public Health for the Preschool Program as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PK040504 44401	P Pre K Special Travel	\$120,100
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INCREASE REVENUE:

PK034725 56000	P SA NYSOP 59.5%	\$71,460
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INCREASE REVENUE:

PK016895 550MA	P LR Pre K Fees Medicaid	\$48,640
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Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 55-2020, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 56-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
MONROE COUNTY FOR MORGUE AND LABORATORY SERVICES**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the responsibility of the Coroners' Program falls under the Public Health Department, and

WHEREAS, the current contracted Pathologist travels to three (3) individual hospitals within St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, during times the Pathologist is unavailable, there is a need to have an alternate location for morgue and laboratory services, and

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

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

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 56-2020, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITAL AND TWIN TIER PATHOLOGY
FOR MORGUE AND LABORATORY SERVICES**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the responsibility of the Coroners' Program falls under the Public Health Department, and

WHEREAS, the current contracted Pathologist travels to three (3) individual hospitals within St. Lawrence County, and

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WHEREAS, during times the Pathologist is unavailable, there is a need to have an alternate location for morgue and laboratory services, and

WHEREAS, Twin Tier Pathology, in Broome County, New York, also provides forensic pathology services, and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and Twin Tier Pathology has agreed to receive cases from St. Lawrence County in the absence of the current Pathologist and/or when a forensic autopsy is required (PC011854 45100 and PC011854 407MF),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and Twin Tier Pathology for morgue and laboratory services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 57-2020, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Services Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 58-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
FOR ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, due to higher than anticipated costs in services administration, training, child care, and general services for recipients and lower than anticipated costs in administration, family assistance, safety net, and juvenile delinquent care it is necessary to modify the 2019 Social Services Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2019 Budget for Social Services as follows:

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAS60104 46500	D SG Other Payments	\$15,641
DAT60104 44500	D TRNG Other Travel	2,600
DAT60104 499TF	D TRNG Local Share Training Fee	787
DSG60704 465YA FFTF	D FFTF Youth Advocacy Program	45,386
DSC61094 465BC CCEA	D EAF Board & Care	65,000
DSC61094 465IB CCEA	D EAF Institution Board	433,816
DSC61194 465YA RTA	Raise the Age – YAP	1,990
DSG60704 46500 DVIO	D Domestic Violence Indirect	<u>4,186</u>
		\$569,406

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60104 46500 FFTF	D Family First Trans Payments	\$45,386
DPS61404 46100	D HR Directs	55,000
DSJ61234 465IB CCJD	D JD/PINS Institution Board	45,000
DSJ61234 465IB EAJD	D EAF JD/PINS Institution Board	165,000
DSJ61234 465IS EAJD	D EAJ JD/PINS Institution Tuition	<u>30,000</u>
		\$340,386

DECREASE REVENUE:

DAG36105 56000 FFTF	D SA Family First Tran Fund	\$45,386
DPS36405 56000	D SA Safety Net	<u>15,950</u>
		\$61,336

INCREASE REVENUE:

DPS18405 55000	D LR Safety Net	\$85,408
DSC18195 55000	D LR Child Care	155,479
DSG36105 56000 FFTF	Family First	45,386
DSC36195 56000 RTA	RTA Foster Care	1,990
DSG36705 56000	D SA Services for Recipients	<u>2,093</u>
		\$290,356

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 58-2020, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) recuse (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 59-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
FOR BUILDING AND TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service awarded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) High Performance Bonus Award funds to the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) for best payment accuracy and most improved payment accuracy during federal fiscal year (FFY) 2015, and

WHEREAS, in order to use the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance allocation of SNAP Bonus Funds for needed improvements to the Smith Building, as well as technology upgrades, it is necessary to modify the 2020 Budget for Social Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for Social Services for building and technology improvements, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60104 43007 FSBA	D FSBA Fees for Services-Non E	\$23,742
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DAG46115 57000 FSBA	D FA FSBA Revenue	\$23,742
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Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 59-2020, seconded by Mr. Acres and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) recuse (Haggard).

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Services Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 60-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAMS, INC. FOR THE YAP SCHOOL BASED PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services has allocated funding to St. Lawrence County through the 2020 Sexually Exploited Youth/Safe Harbour Program to help meet the needs of youth survivors, and those at risk of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, and

WHEREAS, the funding period for the Sexually Exploited Youth/Safe Harbour Program is from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, and will provide monies to support public awareness, identify youth who are risk, distribute outreach materials, make referrals for identified victims, and provide training for service providers addressing human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. is willing to provide services for the 2020 Sexually Exploited Youth/Safe Harbour Program using the YAP School Based Program in the Massena School District with an expected cost not to exceed the amount of \$25,000, and

WHEREAS, the YAP School Based Program works intensely to identify youth who are at risk of child welfare system involvement due to school related issues such as truancy, excessive absenteeism, frequent suspensions and detentions, poor performance, and lack of school connections, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services has advised Social Services of the availability of an allocation that can be used to enter into the agreement between Department of Social Services and St. Lawrence County Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. for services to carry out the YAP School Based Program, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Department of Social Services and St. Lawrence County Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. enter into a written agreement setting forth their respective duties concerning the Check and Connect Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the St. Lawrence County Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. for the YAP School Based Program, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for the Department of Social Services, as follows, and roll over any remaining funds until fully expended:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DSG73104 465YA SAFE	Safe Harbour Youth Advocacy Program	\$25,000
DAG73104 46500 SAFE	Safe Harbour	<u>18,350</u>
		\$43,350

INCREASE REVENUE:

DSG38205 56000 SAFE	D SA Safe Harbour	\$25,000
DAG38205 56000 SAFE	D SA Safe Harbour	<u>18,350</u>
		\$43,350

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 60-2020, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Sheridan moved to modify the resolution to remove “Check and Connect” in the title and throughout the resolution, and replacing it with “YAP School Based”, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Resolution No. 60-2020 was adopted by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) recuse (Haggard).

Services Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR OFFICE FOR THE AGING
FOR NUTRITION AND PERSONAL CARE CHARGES**

By Mr. Sheridan, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging has exceeded its budget for nutrition and personal care charges, and

WHEREAS, there are remaining funds in other accounts in the Office for the Aging budget to cover these overages,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2019 Budget for the Office for the Aging for nutrition and personal care charges, as follows:

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

ON067724 45200	O Nutrition Food & Supplies Expense	\$550
OA067724 43007	O PFA Other Fees & Services	<u>12,000</u>
		\$12,550

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

OP067724 41901	O POE Central Printing	\$500
OP067724 42000	O POE Office Supplies & Expense	750
OP067724 47801	O POE Other External Data Proc	2,000
OP067722 22000	POE Office Equip	3,050
ON067722 26000	O Nutrition Other Equipment	<u>6,250</u>
		\$12,550

Mr. Sheridan moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-2020, seconded by Mr. Haggard and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 62-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE
PROVISION OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FUNDS FOR THE
CONTRACT PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2020**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, 2018 is the eighth year of the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services' five (5) year transition to competitive grant funding formula base for Indigent Legal Services Funding, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 53-2012 provided the transition process and authorized the rollover of funds until expended for the Indigent Legal Services Funds, and

WHEREAS, this contract will provide additional funding to St. Lawrence County above what has been received to provide funding to improve representation for the indigent population in St. Lawrence County that requests or is appointed counsel for legal matters that qualify,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for three (3) years for a total of \$511,305, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-2020, seconded by Ms. Arquiett and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) recuse (Haggard).

Operations Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 63-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A GUN SAFETY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

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

WHEREAS, starting in 2009 St. Lawrence County Court Judge, as pistol licensing officer for St. Lawrence County, began placing certain restrictions on those licenses issued by the Court for concealed carry of a firearm, known as "Outdoor Sportsmen" restrictions, and

WHEREAS, these restrictions prohibited individuals who had validly issued licenses from carrying their weapon concealed in any location other than to and from the home of the licensee and hunting, fishing, or berry-picking locations, and

WHEREAS, since 2015, the Board of Legislators has raised numerous objections to the practice, and passed not only a local law, but several resolutions opposing the decision of the licensing authority, and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2020, Hamilton County Judge Coffinger assumed the responsibility of pistol licensing officer for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, on that same day, Judge Coffinger released a memorandum announcing that she would entertain applications for removal of previously imposed restrictions based upon the applicants ability to demonstrate appropriate gun safety education, and

WHEREAS, limitations on the availability of classes within St. Lawrence County for pistol license holders has proven to create a difficulty for certain citizens to obtain the appropriate classes required as a pre-requisite to the removal of the license restrictions, and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the memorandum released by Judge Coffinger, the Sheriff's Office has been identified as a party capable of providing the appropriate gun training and safety course, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has indicated his willingness to provide gun safety courses to residents for a nominal fee by trained and licensed gun safety instructors who have a proud history of gun ownership and stewardship, and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the appropriate course the Sheriff's Office will require additional funding to subsidize the educational program in the form of overtime pay and fringe benefits for Officers teaching the classes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the creation of a gun safety educational program for St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2020 Budget for the Sheriff's Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031101 18000	S CRIM Overtime	\$4,200
S1031104 42000	S CRIM Office Supplies	200
S1031108 81000	S Retirement	552
S1031108 83000	S Social Security	294
S1031108 84000	S Workmen Compensation	<u>115</u>
		\$5,361

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1015105 55000	S LR CRIM Sheriff Fees	\$5,361
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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-2020, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Leader, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Acres, Mr. Fay, Mr. Haggard, Ms. Arquiatt, Mr. Burke, Mr. Arquiatt, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 64-2020

MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ACCEPT A 2020 POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES (PTS) GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been awarded a Police Traffic Services (PTS) Grant in the amount of \$2,368 through the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for a contract period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, and

WHEREAS, this 2020 PTS Grant provides funding to cover overtime costs related to increasing seat belt usage and reducing dangerous driving behaviors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to accept a 2020 Police Traffic Services (PTS) Grant from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 18000 GTSC	S CRIM PTS Grant Overtime	\$2,376
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INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z33895 56000 GTSC	S SA CRIM State Aid	\$2,376
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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2020

MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, insurance recovery costs, in the amount of \$8,981, were collected for a damaged patrol vehicle and put in the 2019 Budget for the Sheriff's Office (S1026805 55000), and

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WHEREAS, in 2019, \$9,525 was received from a surplus auction on the sale of used vehicles (T2026505 550SA), and

WHEREAS, there were unspent funds in the automotive equipment line (S1031102 23000) of the Sheriff's 2019 Budget that went to Fund Balance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the purchase of a vehicle for the Sheriff's Office, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$40,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$40,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031102 23000	S CRIM Automotive Equipment	\$40,000
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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-2020, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 66-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TO PURCHASE TWO LIVESCAN SYSTEMS**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office owns and operates two separate New York RIC LiveScan Systems that are located at the Criminal Office and Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, these LiveScan Systems are a powerful biometric information acquisition and identification system used to capture demographic data, fingerprints, palm prints, mugshots, signatures and scars, marks and tattoos of arrestees, and also provide state-wide information sharing enabling participating law enforcement and criminal justice agencies to search data across jurisdictional boundaries to support investigative operations, and

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WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Sheriff's Office to replace both LiveScan Systems in 2020 as they have an "end of life" date which will take effect January 2, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the County has assigned \$25,000 in the 2020 Contingency toward the purchase of new LiveScan Systems, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has unspent funds in the 2019 Budget that could be transferred to the 2020 Budget to help offset the costs of the new LiveScan Systems,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to purchase two LiveScan Systems, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$30,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$30,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$25,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031102 25000	S CRIM Technical Equipment	\$55,000
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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 67-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE YEAR 2019

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice requires that the Sheriff's Office file an annual Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report to be eligible to submit requests for federally forfeited property or proceeds, and

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WHEREAS, the Agreement is entered into by the United States Department of Justice, the County of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report for the Sheriff's Office for the Year 2019, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 68-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FOR OVERTIME FOR THE CORRECTIONAL DIVISION**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Correctional Division of the Sheriff's Office has exceeded the budget in the overtime account for 2019, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 425-2019 and Resolution No. 452-2019 each modified the Budget to account for overtime due, in part, to local hospital admissions, out-of-County hospital admissions, detox admissions, one on one observations, and accrual usage, and

WHEREAS, there are remaining funds in other accounts in the Sheriff's Office Budget to cover the overage in overtime, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2019 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for overtime for the Correctional Division, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4031504 45100	S Jail Medical Supplies	\$13,105
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4031501 18000	S Jail Overtime	\$13,105
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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-2020, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 69-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice requires that the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office file an annual Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Certification Report to be eligible to submit requests for federally forfeited property or proceeds, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement is entered into by the United States Department of Justice, the County of St. Lawrence, and the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office (J4011654 49900 DEA),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorize the Chair to sign a Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report, and any subsequent amendments, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 69-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Operations Committee: 2-10-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2020

AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK TO ASSESS A FEE FOR CONVEYANCE NOTICES UNDER REAL PROPERTY LAW §291

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the State of New York has recently passed legislation effective March 12, 2020, amending Real Property Law §291 to require that the County Clerk mail a written notice to the owner of record of a conveyance recorded in the Clerk's Office, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Law §290, a conveyance is defined as, "...every written instrument, by which any estate or interest in real property is created, transferred, mortgaged or assigned, or by which the title to any real property may be affected, including an instrument in execution of a power, although the power be one of revocation only, and an instrument postponing or subordinating a mortgage lien; except a will, a lease for a term not exceeding three years, an executory contract for the sale or purchase of lands, and an instrument

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containing a power to convey real property as the agent or attorney for the owner of such property,” and

WHEREAS, the additional notice requirements will require the County Clerk’s Office to expend time and resources on the mailing of the notices, and

WHEREAS, the Real Property Law §291 states that the Clerk of the County is entitled to charge a reasonable fee to cover the cost of mailing, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of County Clerks has recommended that the reasonable fee be charged at ten dollars (\$10) for the notice for each recording of a conveyance (K1112555 55000),

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Office of the County Clerk to assess a fee for conveyance notices under Real Property Law §291.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 70-2020, seconded by Mr. Burke, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes, and five (5) no votes (Acres, Forsythe, Leader, Lightfoot, and Sheridan).

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RESOLUTION NO. 71-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, JASON PFOTENHAUER, TO
SERVE AS THE SECTION 3 COORDINATOR FOR HUD-FUNDED HOUSING
PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has regularly applied for and received funds from the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) to provide for housing activities under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and

WHEREAS, the County intends to continue to apply for these funds, and

WHEREAS, each time the County applies for these funds, it is required to identify its Section 3 Coordinator, and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 as amended, requires that economic opportunities generated by HUD financial assistance for housing and community development programs be directed to low- and very-low income persons, and business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low income persons,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Director of Planning, Jason Pfothenauer, to serve as the Section 3 Coordinator for HUD-funded housing projects and community development programs.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 71-2020, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Ms. Curran and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 72-2020

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, JASON PFOTENHAUER, TO SERVE AS FAIR HOUSING OFFICER FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County has regularly applied for and received funds from the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) to provide for housing activities under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and

WHEREAS, the County intends to continue to apply for these funds, and

WHEREAS, each time the County applies for these funds, it is required to identify its Fair Housing Officer, and

WHEREAS, the County established a Fair Housing Task Force in 1991, and assigned the Planning Office to staff the Task Force,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Director of Planning, Jason Pfothenauer, to serve as Fair Housing Officer for St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 72-2020, seconded by Mr. Acres, Mr. Fay, and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 73-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2019-2020 5311 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FORMULA GRANT APPLICATION FOR RURAL AREAS

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, 2019-2020 Federal Transit Administration Formula Grants for Rural Areas are available through the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) to fund rural transportation services, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County and the NYS DOT have entered into a continuing multi-year agreement for rural transportation services and reimbursement of the Federal and applicable State shares, and

WHEREAS, the County contracts with third party vendors to provide rural transportation services and satisfy the local share on behalf of the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2019-2020 5311 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula Grant Application for Rural Areas, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon the grant be awarded, the Board of Legislators will consider a resolution to accept the grant, modify the budget, and authorize the Planning Office to engage in requisite activities to provide grant administration and program delivery services, and to close out this grant as may be required, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon the grant being awarded, the Board of Legislators will consider resolutions authorizing the Chair to sign contracts with third party vendors to provide rural transportation services on its behalf, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon the grant being awarded, and the grant administration and program delivery continue into subsequent fiscal years, the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to roll-over any remaining funds to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 73-2020, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Ms. Curran and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 74-2020

**RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO IMMEDIATELY
AMEND THE BAIL AND DISCOVERY REFORM LAWS THAT HAVE ENDANGERED
THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK AND REVERSED DECADES OF BIPARTISAN
PROGRESS IN REDUCING CRIME**

By Mr. Denesha, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15 and Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

WHEREAS, protecting the people from harm by enforcing the rule of law is the foundational role of government, and

WHEREAS, County governments are vested by the State of New York with the responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us, including the socioeconomically disadvantaged, the disabled, the elderly, and children, and

WHEREAS, no group is more vulnerable than the victims of crime, and a just society demands that crime victims should be recognized as key participants within the criminal justice system and be treated with dignity, fairness, and respect, and

WHEREAS, in the final stages of adopting its FY 2020 Budget, the State of New York enacted sweeping criminal justice reforms including the elimination of cash bail for many specific enumerated crimes and the imposition of stringent discovery mandates on police and prosecutors, and

WHEREAS, under bail reform, that took effect on January 1, 2020, judges were stripped of their discretion to set bail for many specific enumerated crimes, which means those suspected of committing these crimes can no longer be held in jail after their arrest, regardless of the strength of the case against these defendants, or the length of the potential sentence faced by these defendants, or the extent of the harm allegedly caused by these defendants, and instead these defendants will be released back into the general public, and

WHEREAS, these crimes include those that result in the deaths of innocent people, including several subcategories of homicide and manslaughter, resulting in those responsible for these deaths being released back into the community of grieving families, and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Making a Terroristic Threat and Money Laundering in Support of Terrorism in the third and fourth degree, resulting in those alleged to have supported terrorism in this manner, or who have threatened to commit acts of terrorism, being released immediately from police custody, and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child; Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child; Failure to Register as a Sex

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Offender; and Patronizing a Person for Prostitution in a School Zone, resulting in suspected child predators being released and returning to our communities, and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Aggravated Assault Upon a Person Less than Eleven Years Old; Reckless Assault of a Child by a Daycare Provider; Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance to a Child; Abandonment of a Child; and Criminal Possession of a Weapon on School Grounds, resulting in those suspected to have physically harmed or endangered children in this manner being free from custody, and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Endangering the Welfare of a Vulnerable Elderly Person or an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person, resulting in the potential for further endangerment of seniors and these defenseless individuals, and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Aggravated Cruelty to Animals; Torturing Animals and Injuring Animals, resulting in the immediate release of those suspected of deliberately injuring, torturing and killing animals, and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Assault in the Third Degree, Aggravated Vehicular Assault, and other crimes of physical violence against people, and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Burglary of a Residence, resulting in the immediate release of these individuals back into the neighborhoods they are suspected of targeting, and

WHEREAS, these crimes include Bail Jumping and Unlawfully Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle, resulting in release on recognizance of the very individuals who have demonstrated a propensity to evade the law, and

WHEREAS, all of the offenders mentioned heretofore are at risk of not showing up for court, thereby placing a burden on public employees who, under this law, are required to send multiple court appearance reminders to these offenders, as well as police officers and district attorneys who must commit resources to tracking and pursuing those who evade prosecution, and

WHEREAS, all offenders who are currently being held in custody for non-qualifying crimes including those mentioned heretofore were eligible for release from custody on January 1, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the discovery mandates imposed by the State of New York will require police and District Attorney to turn over voluminous trial-related materials to defense attorneys within 15 days, creating a mandate that will inevitably not be achieved in some cases and may result in the inability of the People to properly prosecute cases against criminal defendants, and

WHEREAS, discovery reform will also result in an opportunity for defendants to gain access to crime scenes that may include a victim's residence and contact information, thereby giving defendants accused of burglaries, assaults, rapes and other crimes committed in victims' homes the right to return to those same homes, and

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WHEREAS, discovery reform will also require prosecutors to turn over the names and contact information of the victims and the witnesses to the defendant in the same fifteen (15) day time period, and

WHEREAS, the issues mentioned heretofore will undeniably impact past, present, and future victims of crime in a negative manner, and in so doing, the bail and discovery reforms adopted by the State of New York will themselves further victimize these innocent individuals, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators urging the State of New York to immediately amend the Bail and Discovery Reform Laws that have endangered the people of New York and reversed decades of bipartisan progress in reducing crime, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators asks all counties in New York State to urge their state representatives to take immediate action on the foregoing issues, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Patty Ritchie, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, and New York State Association of Counties.

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 74-2020, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Leader, Mr. Acres, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Haggard).

Finance Committee: 2-24-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 75-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AGREEMENTS FOR STATE RESILIENCY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (REDI) GRANT FUNDS FOR THE NORTHUMBERLAND STREET BRIDGE PROJECT, BIN 3341380, SJ.03, IN THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN AND MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo launched the Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) in May of 2019 in order to meet the needs of New Yorkers living in the eight (8) counties impacted by Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River flooding, and

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WHEREAS, under REDI, St. Lawrence County was awarded \$2,100,000 in project costs (HM299509 90600) for the Northumberland Street Bridge, BIN 3341380 in the Town of Morristown, asset SJ.03, and

WHEREAS, the project will be financed through REDI grant assistance at ninety-five percent (95%) of project costs in the amount of \$1,983,000 (HM035915 56000), a local project cost match of five percent (5%) in the amount of \$105,000, and grant cost of \$12,000 for the initial engineering report, and

WHEREAS, this project constitutes an "action" as delineated in 6 NYCRR Part 617, which requires that the County comply with the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and

WHEREAS, discussions with State staff assigned to assist with this REDI project have identified that this project will require a specified SEQRA path, as an Unlisted Action, with St. Lawrence County initially progressing as Lead Agency under Coordinated Review, and

WHEREAS, the SEQRA process may require additional resolutions in the future to document findings of the review process, and

WHEREAS, in order to advance the project, a Certificate of Municipal Site Control and Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Morristown are required for maintenance jurisdiction determinations with the Town of Morristown, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Morristown shall not bear any financial responsibility associated with this project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign agreements for State Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Grant funds for the Northumberland Street Bridge Project, BIN 3341380. SJ.03, in the Town of Morristown, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2020 Budget for the Department of Highways, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM299509 90600	H CR Transfers to Capital Fund	\$2,100,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

HM035915 56000	H SA Highway Capital Projects	\$1,983,000
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DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

03TG0910 50300 Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriations \$117,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to execute all necessary agreements, certifications, and reimbursement requests for State Aid on behalf of St. Lawrence County in connections with the advancement or approval of the project, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 75-2020, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran

Mr. Lightfoot asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Resolution No. 75-2020 was adopted unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 2-24-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 76-2020

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
J.E. SHEEHAN CONTRACTING, CORP., FOR REHABILITATION OF THE
TALCVILLE ROAD BRIDGE OVER OSWEGATCHIE RIVER, BIN 3221090**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators authorized Capital Bridge Projects in the 2020 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for the rehabilitation of the Talcville Road Bridge over the Oswegatchie River, BIN 3221090, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for this project has been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with J.E. Sheehan Contracting, Corp., for rehabilitation of the Talcville Road Bridge over Oswegatchie River, BIN 3221090, upon approval of the County Attorney, as follows:

Contractor:	J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corp.
Contract Title:	Talcville Road Bridge over the Oswegatchie River BIN 3221090, Town of Edwards
Contract Amount:	Not to Exceed \$ 461,290 HM551124 465CO B29

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute all necessary contracts and documents to progress the project, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 76-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) abstention (Perkins).

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RESOLUTION NO. 77-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS, INC., FOR THE COUNTY ROUTE 17 CULVERT PROJECT, TOWNS OF DEKALB AND RUSSELL, PIN 775379

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2020 Budget provided for the approval and funding of 2020 Capital Bridge Projects, Highway Reconstruction Projects, and Highway Paving Projects, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited bids for the replacement of three (3) culverts on County Route 17, No. 17-6-1.09 and No. 17-6-0.90, Town of Dekalb and No. 17-4-2.45, Town of Russell, PIN 775379, and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for this project has been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barrett Paving Materials, Inc., for the County Route 17 Culvert Project, Towns of Dekalb and Russell, PIN 775379, upon approval of the County Attorney, as follows:

Contractor:	Barrett Paving Materials, Inc.
Contract Title:	County Route 17 Culvert Project Culverts: 17-6-1.09, 17-6-0.90 and 17-4-2.45 PIN: 775379, Towns of Dekalb and Russell
Contract Amount:	\$1,369,725.60 HM651204 465CO 1902

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute all necessary contracts contingent upon the contractor complying with all required contractual documentation, upon concurrence of NYS DOT, and upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 77-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Finance Committee: 2-24-2020

RESOLUTION NO. 78-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN ROADSIDE MOWING CONTRACTS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2020 Budget provided for the approval and funding of the 2020 roadside mowing, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways will contract with five (5) towns for roadside mowing on 62.30 miles of 572 miles of County Roads (HM351104 430RM),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign roadside mowing contracts, as follows, upon approval of the County Attorney:

Towns:	Clifton Fine Hopkinton Piercefield Stockholm
Contract Title:	Roadside Mowing
Contract Amount:	\$266/mile

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 78-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 79-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 WITH BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION (CI) SERVICES FOR COUNTY ROUTE 17 CULVERT PROJECT, PIN 775379

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 87-2019, authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for consulting services for the County Route 17 Culvert Project, PIN

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775379 (the "Project"), and Resolution No. 86-2019 authorized the Construction/ Construction Inspection phase of the Project, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects, and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. is currently providing consulting services for this Project and is qualified to provide construction inspection services, and

WHEREAS, with concurrence from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT), a supplemental agreement is required to provide construction inspection services for this Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for Construction Inspection (CI) Services for County Route 17 Culvert Project, PIN 775379, upon the approval of the County Attorney, as follows:

Consultant: Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C.
Contract Title: County Route 17 Culvert Project
PIN: 775379, Towns of Dekalb and Russell
Construction Inspection Fee: \$112,000
HM651204 465CO 1902

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 79-2020, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 80-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE WILDLIFE SERVICES FOR A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM TO REDUCE ROADWAY DAMAGE CAUSED BY BEAVER

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Department of Highways to maintain safe roadways in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, beaver activity has caused significant damage to County roads, including flooding of roads, erosion of roadbeds, blocked road culverts, and other related property damage

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as well as indirect threats to human health and safety, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has requested assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (APHIS WS) to reduce damage caused by beavers at a cost not to exceed \$7,000 (HM351104 43007), and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Inter-governmental Agreement is to establish and administer a cooperative program between the Department of Highways and APHIS WS to reduce roadway damage along with the risk to human health and safety from beavers, and

WHEREAS, to mitigate damage caused by beaver, APHIS WS may install and maintain water control structures to reduce flooding and prevent beaver dams from restricting water flows where appropriate, as well as reduce local, site specific beaver numbers at locations where beaver activities are causing or threatening to damage roads or other properties managed or identified by the Department of Highways, and

WHEREAS, the terms of this agreement will be March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services Wildlife Services for a cooperative program to reduce roadway damage caused by beaver, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 80-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 81-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE
FOR ADDITIONAL SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office has received more sales tax revenue than budgeted for the fiscal year 2019, or than in Resolution No. 470-2019, and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is necessary in order to pay the municipalities and the City of Ogdensburg for their additional shares,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2019 Budget for the Treasurer’s Office for additional sales tax distribution, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T3019854 465ST	T Distribution of Sales Tax	\$108,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T3011105 55000	T LR Sales and Use Tax	\$108,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 81-2020, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Burke, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 82-2020

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE ESTATE OF DANIEL P. HALEY AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, GRANTING THE COUNTY ACCESS TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 142 ST. LAWRENCE AVENUE, WADDINGTON, NEW YORK, OWNED BY THE ESTATE OF DANIEL HALEY; C&S COMPANIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AND TANK REMOVAL ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE ESTATE OF DANIEL HALEY; AND THE VILLAGE OF WADDINGTON TO SHARE THE COST OF THE LIMITED PHASE II ASSESSMENT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15

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 Daniel P. Haley, known as 142 St. Lawrence Avenue, in the Village of Waddington, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York (Tax Map No. 21.024-4-3) (hereinafter referred to as the “Haley House”), and

WHEREAS, delinquent real property taxes are due and owing in the amount of \$14,557.43, together with fees, penalties, and interest in the amount of \$17,317.46 for a total of \$31,874.89, and

WHEREAS, the Haley House consists of a historical structure in dilapidated condition as well as historical reference to an underground fuel oil tank, and

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WHEREAS, the County wants to have an environmental investigation conducted on the Haley House property to obtain information about the environmental conditions there, including the nature and extent of subsurface contamination, if any, so that the County can make an informed decision concerning the property prior to a judgment of foreclosure being entered, and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid litigation between the parties, an agreement between the heir(s) of the Estate of Daniel P. Haley and the County is necessary to allow access to the Haley House by the County and its affiliates or agents in order to perform an environmental investigation, and

WHEREAS, such an agreement between the Haley Estate heir(s) and the County would allow the County to make a determination as to any potential environmental liability associated with the Haley House prior to a Judgment of Foreclosure, and

WHEREAS, in addition, the County, through its outside environmental counsel, has requested a proposal for a scope of work involving a limited site environmental investigation of the parcel, removal of the underground petroleum tank, and preparation of a written report describing the environmental conditions at the property, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and Environmental Counsel, Bowitch & Coffey, P.C., have reviewed the proposal and recommend awarding the contract to C&S Companies, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Waddington has indicated that it may authorize funds to share in the cost of the Limited Phase II assessment as well as the petroleum tank removal,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement between the estate of Daniel P. Haley and St. Lawrence County granting the County access to property located at 142 St. Lawrence Avenue, Waddington, New York, owned by the estate of Daniel P. Haley, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with C&S Companies for environmental investigation and tank removal on property owned by the estate of Daniel P. Haley, in the amount of \$9,200 (T1013254 43007) for environmental investigation, with an additional \$500 for the potential of an underground petroleum tank removal, if needed, and upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the Village of Waddington to share in the costs associated with the Phase II assessment, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 82-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins.

Ms. Curran asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

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Resolution No. 82-2020 was adopted unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 83-2020

**MODIFYING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
FOR ADMINISTRATION, TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE, AND SERVICES**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, due to higher than anticipated costs in Child Care, higher than anticipated revenue in Family Assistance and Child Care, and lower than anticipated costs in Administration and Temporary Assistance it is necessary to modify the 2019 Budget for Social Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2019 Budget for Social Services for Administration, Temporary Assistance, and Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DSC61094 465IB CCEA	D EAF Institutional Board	\$36,396
DSC61194 465IT	D CSE Institutions	<u>96,000</u>
		\$132,396

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAC60104 49900	D SCU Miscellaneous Expense	\$16,593
DAF60104 499FR	D FS Overpayment Repayments	571
DAP60101 11000	D TA Direct Service Workers	55,000
DAP60101 14000	D TA Clerical	26,000
DAP60104 499CN	D TA Client Notices	3,200
DAP60104 499DC	D TA Legal Svc for Disabled	13,500
DPA61424 46100	D EAA Directs	2,000
DPA61424 46500	D EAA Indirects	12,000
DPF61094 46100 ADC	D ADC Directs	175,000
DPF61094 46100 EAF	D EAF Directs	4,500
DPF61094 46500 ADC	D ADC Indirects	44,500
DPF61094 46500 EAF	D EAF Indirects	<u>14,000</u>
		\$366,864

DECREASE REVENUE:

DPA36425 56000	D SA Emergency Aid for Adults	\$6,930
DPF46095 57000	D FA Family Assistance	<u>231,810</u>
		\$238,740

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INCREASE REVENUE:

DPF18095 55000	D LR Family Assistance	\$613
DSC18195 550CE	D School District CSE Payments	<u>3,659</u>
		\$4,272

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 83-2020, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) recuse (Haggard).

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RESOLUTION NO. 84-2020

**REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR
ADOPT LEGISLATION TO PERMIT ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY HOME RULE
TO EXTEND THE SALES TAX RATE AS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED FROM
3% TO 4%**

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County, by authority of Chapter 191 of the Laws of 2013, increased the sales tax rate for the period beginning December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2015 then was granted an extension from December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2017 and most recently granted an extension from December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2020, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to enabling legislation, St. Lawrence County adopted implementing resolutions imposing the increase of 3% to 4% effective December 1, 2017 and is requesting an additional extension to allow the additional 1% be collected through 2023, and

WHEREAS, traditionally a two year extender has been granted to counties, however in 2017 an additional year was added to the extension to make it three years and this was extremely helpful for fiscal planning in St. Lawrence County and if permanency is not considered as a part of the review in 2020, and additional three years would be the request of the County, and

WHEREAS, New York State has imposed mandates that have financial consequences, which includes Medicaid, special education programming, and retirement that severely strains county resources and have the potential to consume county budgets, and

WHEREAS, the County is required by law to fund the State imposed financial mandates and due to the continuation of the mandated program and the current state of the economy, it is necessary for the County to maintain its sources of revenue, and

WHEREAS, locally preferred county services including law enforcement, bridge and road maintenance, public health services are important to the well-being of all people living and working in, visiting, or traveling through St. Lawrence County, and

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WHEREAS, it is the request of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators that the sales tax rate be extended to provide for the four percent (4%) to be collected,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby requests the New York State Legislature and Governor adopt legislation to permit St. Lawrence County to extend the sales tax rate as previously authorized from 3% to 4% to be extended for an additional period continuing at least until November 30, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Patty Ritchie, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Elizabeth O’C Little, Assemblywoman Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman D. Billy Jones, and Assemblyman Robert Smullen requesting home rule legislation which will permit St. Lawrence County to continue the sales tax rate from 3% to 4%.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 84-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Haggard, Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Arquiett, and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-2020

AUTHORIZING FILLING OF VACANCIES AND MODIFYING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Acres, District 8 and Mr. Haggard, District 10

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 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:

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<u>Department/Unit:</u>	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Position No.:</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Sheriff	Correctional Sergeant / Correctional Facility	603200007	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Sheriff	Correctional Corporal / Correctional Facility	603300003	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Account Clerk	100100035	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Account Clerk (new)	100100040	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Community Services	Physician Assistant / DSRIP Clinic (new)	516500002	PT	Permanent	Immediate
Office of the Aging	Temporary Program Coordinator (new)	803000007	FT	Temporary	Immediate
Social Services	Principal Account Clerk/Accounting	100300005	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Social Services	Case Worker / CPS	815200015	FT	Contingent-Permanent	Immediate
Solid Waste	Heavy Equipment Operator	309800006	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Heavy Equipment Operator	310100018	FT	Permanent	Immediate
Highway	Heavy Equipment Operator (new)	310100024	FT	Permanent	Immediate

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following positions be abolished: Position No. 003100085, Keyboard Specialist; Position No. 501800004, Nurse Practitioner; and Position No. 309100002, Welder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Position No. 803000007, Temporary Program Coordinator, will be abolished once the current Coordinator retires, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2020 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1342501 14000	A OGCD Clerical	\$530
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142501 14000	A CACD Clerical	\$530
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointing authorities are authorized to fill the positions as provided for in the resolution.

Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 85-2020, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 86-2020

**SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S7280 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A9107, THE
EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS PRIVACY AND PROTECTION ACT**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, protecting the people from harm by enforcing the rule of law is the foundational role of government, and

WHEREAS, county governments are vested by the State of New York with the responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us, including the socioeconomically disadvantaged, the disabled, the elderly, and children, and

WHEREAS, no group is more vulnerable than the victims of crime, and a just society demands that crime victims should be recognized as key participants within the criminal justice system and be treated with dignity, fairness, and respect, and

WHEREAS, in the final stages of adopting its 2020 Budget, the State of New York enacted sweeping criminal justice reforms including the elimination of cash bail for many specific enumerated crimes and the imposition of stringent mandates related to materials called “discovery” on police and prosecutors, and

WHEREAS, these discovery mandates imposed by the State of New York will require police and district attorneys to turn over voluminous trial-related materials to defense attorneys within fifteen (15) days following the arrest, creating a mandate that will inevitably not be achieved in some cases and may result in the inability of the people to properly prosecute cases against criminal defendants, and

WHEREAS, discovery mandates may also result in an opportunity for defendants to gain access to crime scenes that may include the residence and contact information of a victim, thereby giving defendants accused of burglaries, assaults, rapes, and other crimes committed in homes of victims the right to return to those same homes, and

WHEREAS, discovery mandates will also require prosecutors to share the names and contact information of the victims and the witnesses to the defendant in the same fifteen (15) day time period, and

WHEREAS, the current law protects law enforcement personnel by allowing their personal identifying information to be excluded from discovery documents and records, but does not include protections for first responders, who may provide critical services at crime scenes, and

WHEREAS, ambulance services personnel, advanced life support first response services, certified first responders, firefighters, emergency medical technicians or advanced emergency

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medical technicians, who are employed by or enrolled members of any such service should also have their personal identifying information protected from discovery, so they are not subject to retaliation or witness tampering, and

WHEREAS, Senator Joe Griffo, Senator Patty Ritchie, Senator James Tedisco, Assemblyman D. Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, and Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, among others, have introduced legislation which would protect the privacy of all emergency first responders from having their personal information shared during discovery, and

WHEREAS, the issues involved here will undeniably impact past, present, and future victims of crime in a negative manner, and in so doing, the discovery mandates adopted by the State of New York will further victimize these innocent individuals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators supports Senate Bill S7280 and Assembly Bill A9107, the Emergency First Responders Privacy and Protection Act, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Patty Ritchie, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, and Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush,

Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 86-2020, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 87-2020

MODIFYING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE

By Mr. Acres, District 8

WHEREAS, the cost for Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defense has exceeded the 2019 Budget appropriations, and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing indigent defense continues to increase with eligibility standards and it is the intent of the County to access some of the proposed funding to address the cost associated with criminal cases,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2019 Budget for Indigent Defense, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$3,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

IA011704 430CC	IA AC Criminal Cases	\$3,000
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Mr. Acres moved to adopt Resolution No. 87-2020, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) recuse (Haggard).

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doyle introduced Alexa Backus, the new Director of the Youth Bureau.

Ms. Doyle reported two transfers of funds: \$240 for Public Health for travel expenses for the Pre-K Program, and \$27 for Weights and Measures for quotes.

The applications for funding regarding the 2020 Census has been submitted.

Public Health has released a press release on coronavirus.

The Labor Management Committee will meet in the coming weeks.

Last Friday there was a meeting with the New York Power Authority (NYPA) regarding the Smart Path Project which is scheduled to begin on March 6th.

The American Public Works Association has dedicate County Route 24 in St. Lawrence County with the 2019 Chapter Safety Award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Terminelli said the EMC is seeking ideas for projects for Earth Day, and the DEC is offering trees to shoreline home owners.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Curran said the Village of Massena and Town of Louisville each passed resolutions asking NYPA to partnership with and to assist with the Massena County Club golf course.

Mr. Arquiett moved to go to Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Arquiett left the meeting at 7:48 p.m. and arrive at 7:50 p.m.

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Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 8:23 p.m., seconded by Mr. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Sheridan moved to appoint the following individual to the **EMS Advisory Board (Term to expire: 12/31/2021)**, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Phillip Royce, 503 Howardville Road, Canton 13617 (Replacing Chelsea Snyder- Dennis)

Mr. Sheridan moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **Office for the Aging Advisory Board Council (Terms to expire: 12/31/2022)**, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Roger Bennett, 30 Prospect Avenue, Massena 13662
Russell Backus, 16 Pollock Road, Canton 13617
Robert Mead, 903 New York Avenue, Ogdensburg 13669
Linda Wilkinson, 79 Waverly Street, Potsdam 13676

Mr. Denesha moved to appoint the following individuals to the **Fire Advisory Board**, seconded by Mr. Leader and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Donald Brown, 384 Pooler Road, DeKalb Junction 13630 (Term to expire: 2/2022)
(Replacing Olgierd Weiss)
Thomas J. Conklin, 25 Countryside Drive, Gouverneur 13642 (Term to expire: 2/2022)
(Replacing Craig LaPlante)
John H. LaShomb, Sr., 1091 County Route 54, Lawrenceville 12949 (Term to expire: 2/2023)
(Replacing Jerome Wilson)
Steve Parker, 82 County Route 49, Hopkinton 12965 (Term to expire: 2/2021)
(Replacing Ron Streeter)

Mr. Denesha moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (Term to expire: 12/31/2023)**, seconded by Mr. Leader and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Reginald Lee Sapp, 62 County Route 29, Canton 13617

Mr. Denesha moved to reappoint the following individual to the **St. Lawrence County Planning Board (Terms to expire: 12/31/2022)**, seconded by Mr. Leader and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Joanne Cameron, 14810 State Highway 37, Massena 13662
Matt McCluskey, 4 Pleasant Street, Canton 13617

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Mr. Acres moved to reappoint the following individual to the **Alternatives to Incarceration Board (Term to expire: 12/31/2023)**, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Ruth A. Doyle, 48 Court Street, Canton 13617

Mr. Acres moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **Canton Human Services Initiative, Inc. Board of Directors (Terms to expire: 12/31/2022)**, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Ruth A. Doyle, 48 Court Street, Canton 13617
Fred Hanss, Post Office Box 5168, Potsdam 13676
Michael Haycook, 126 Howardville Road, Canton 13617
Robert McNeil, 10673 State Highway 37, Lisbon 13658
James Smith, 7105 County Route 27, Canton 13617

Mr. Acres moved to reappoint the following individuals to the **Fish and Wildlife Management Board (Terms to expire: 12/31/2021)**, seconded by seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes:

Walter H. Paul, 946 Racquette River Road, South Colton 13687
Rita Curran, 48 Court Street, Canton 13617

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS – There were no Chair's Appointments made at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Lightfoot adjourned the March Full Board Meeting at 8:26 p.m., as there was no further business.