

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2025

ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, each Board must establish its RULES OF PROCEDURE at the Organizational Meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the enclosed St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators RULES OF PROCEDURE as provided in the Organizational Meeting packet and dated January 2, 2025, are hereby adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board meeting dates in the attached calendar be set with a start time of 6:00 p.m., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Committee meeting dates be tentatively set as in the attached calendar and be set with a start time of 5:30 p.m., and a copy of the schedule will be available in the Board of Legislators' Office.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 1-2025 Entitled "Adoption of the Rules of Procedure", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

St. Lawrence County

BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

Adopted January 2, 2025

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ARTICLE I

Quorum

A majority of the duly constituted membership of the Board of Legislators shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II

Meetings

A. The Organizational Meeting shall be called pursuant to Section 151 of the County Law. At such Organizational Meeting, the Board will elect a Temporary Chair, Chair, and a Vice Chair.

B. The Regular Meetings of the Board of Legislators shall be held as identified in Attachment A, or by resolution during a regular meeting or special meeting, the Legislature may determine a date and time for the next meeting.

C. Special Meetings shall be held at the call of the Clerk upon direction of the Chair or upon written request signed by a majority of the members of the Legislature.

1. Call to Order
2. Suspension of the Rules, if necessary
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Presentation of Resolutions
6. Chair's Appointments
7. Adjournment

D. Pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 for the State of New York and adopted by Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2022 in Resolution No. 360-2022, Legislators are permitted to attend and participate in Board Meetings where such attendance and participation is occasioned by "extraordinary circumstances" pursuant to the requirements reference above in State and Local Law.

ARTICLE III

Order of Business

The Order of Business at each session, except as may be set apart for the consideration of matters for which a Special Meeting has been called, shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Suspension of the Rules, if necessary
3. Roll Call
4. Prayer
5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
8. Reading of Communications
9. Citizen Participation
10. Presentation of Resolutions
11. County Administrator's Report
12. Old/New Business
13. Committee Reports

14. Executive Session
15. Appointments
16. Chair's Appointments
17. Adjournment

ARTICLE IV **Members**

- A. All members of the County Board of Legislators shall attend all regular and specially scheduled meetings of the Board of Legislators, all duly called meetings of any special or standing committees of which any of the said Legislators are members, unless they are absent by reason of sickness, or excused by the Chair of the appropriate body.
- B. No member shall speak or debate until he/she has received recognition from the Chair.
- C. No member shall speak a second time to a question, as long as any member desires to speak who has not spoken to the question.

ARTICLE V **Non-members**

Citizens may participate before the Board of Legislators in one of the following ways:

- A. During Citizen Participation period, upon recognition by the Chair. The Speaker will state his/her name and is limited to five minutes, or the timeframe to be announced. The total Citizen Participation time period shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes, unless extended at the discretion of the Chair.
- B. During limitations of gathering and/or attendance, Citizen Participation by submitting a text, video, or audio submission to publiccomment@stlawco.org at least forty-eight (48) hours before the start of the meeting. Participation is subject to community standards and file compatibility.
- C. During the "Presentation of Resolutions" by being granted the floor by the Chair upon request of a Legislator. The citizen may speak on the current agenda item only.

ARTICLE VI **Resolutions**

- A. The term "resolution" as herein used, shall mean a formal proposed action in writing, by one or more of the Legislators, and/or a Committee of the Legislature. Upon introduction, the resolution shall be read by the Clerk upon request. The motion for adoption shall be properly seconded immediately, preceding any debate on the main question.
- B. A member sponsoring a resolution shall file with the Clerk of the Legislature a copy of said resolution one week prior to the Regular Meeting, at which it is to be introduced. Copies of the resolution and the entire agenda shall be sent to each Legislator to arrive no later than three days preceding the Regular Meeting.

C. Any resolution approved by a committee and forwarded to the Board for consideration may only be withdrawn upon the approval of the Board.

D. Individual Legislators who wish to have their names added, as co-sponsors, to resolutions approved by a Committee may do so at the Committee Meeting by notifying the Deputy Clerk of the Board.

ARTICLE VII Committees

A. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Legislators shall be ex-officio members of all standing and special committees with all the rights & privileges thereof. Except if both the Chair of the Board and Vice-Chair of the Board are present at a committee meeting, ONLY the Chair will have voting privilege unless the Vice-Chair is a designated member of the Standing Committee, then both would have voting privilege.

B. The Chair of the Board shall appoint the members and designate the Chair of all standing committees within ten (10) days following his/her election. The Chair of the Board shall also appoint the members and designate the Chair of all special committees or subsequently created standing committees within ten (10) days following creation thereof.

C. Any vacancy occurring on any standing or special committee shall be filled by the Chair of the Board within thirty (30) days after such vacancy occurs. In the event that such a vacancy occurs in the position of Committee Chair, the Board Chair shall designate a new Committee Chair.

D. All committee appointments serve until new appointments are made by the Chair.

E. No member shall be Chair of more than one standing committee.

F. Each Standing or Special Committee shall perform the duties so designated by the rules of the Board of Legislators, or as assigned by the Chair of the Board.

G. The Chair of each Standing or Special Committee shall be the presiding officer and shall cause the members thereof to be notified in advance of each meeting. The Committee Chair shall call all necessary meetings. Upon his/her refusal or neglect to call any meetings, the Clerk of the Board, upon written request signed by the Chair of the Board or by a majority of the Committee, shall call such meeting.

H. A quorum for all committees shall be a majority of the membership of the Committee. Once a quorum has been established, a majority of the Committee members present is sufficient to approve or disapprove a proposed action.

I. There shall be the following Standing Committees and their duties shall be those required by law, as directed by the Chair of the Board, or as so designated herein:

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: Issues within the jurisdiction of this committee would be those arising out of the following departments: Board of Elections, Conflict Defender, County Clerk, District Attorney, Emergency Services, Human Resources, Information Technology, Planning, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff, the expenditure of money not already appropriated and the transfer of funds.

SERVICES COMMITTEE: Issues within the jurisdiction of this committee would be those arising out of the following departments: Community Services, Office for the Aging, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Services, Weights and Measures, and Youth Bureau, and the expenditure of money not already appropriated and the transfer of funds.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Within the jurisdiction of this committee would be issues which would incur the expenditure of money not already appropriated; the issuance of bonds and payments thereon and the transfer of funds. Issues arising from the Board of Legislators, County Attorney, County Treasurer, Real Property, Highway, and Solid Waste shall be under the jurisdiction of this committee, as well as issues involving any outside agencies that are not currently funded within other departmental budgets, such as the Partner Agencies: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Chamber of Commerce, Soil and Water Conservation District, Forestry, Industrial Development Agency, Trails, and the Historical Association.

Special Committees may be created as needed. Any resolution or action by the Chair establishing a Special Committee shall specify powers, duties, and duration. Special Committees shall include the Labor-Management Committee. Each special committee shall report to the appropriate standing committee or full Board as directed by the Chair. These reports shall be at least quarterly, and more often if needed. When the Committee has completed its work, a final written report shall be made.

J. The Deputy Clerk of the Board shall arrange for the taking of minutes at all committee meetings and be responsible for their safekeeping. The minutes of each committee shall be kept in a separate minute file provided by the Clerk of the Board of Legislators. The minutes shall contain the time and place and persons present at the meeting; a record of all committee votes and other actions. Written statements by members or non-members may be submitted and shall become a part of the record of the committee. Written summaries may be required by the Committee Chair. The minute book shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators and open to the public. Written Committee minutes and agendas will be posted to a digital repository for the Legislators and be available on the St. Lawrence County website for the public.

K. Committee Procedures

1. Committees shall meet in accordance with the 2025 Meetings Schedule. Regular Committee Meetings shall begin at 5:30 p.m. When the Chair of a Committee calls special meetings, it shall be the intent of this Board that public announcement thereof will be done as soon as possible.

2. County Departments must submit any resolution for Committee consideration with the Clerk of the Board by the submission deadline in accordance with the 2025 Meeting Schedule.

3. Rules for Legislators wishing to submit a resolution for committee consideration:

a. If the resolution is to be in the committee packet, then it must be submitted by the submission deadline, or

b. If the resolution is to be on a revised committee agenda, then it must be received by close of business the Friday before the regular committee meeting, or

c. If during discussion of any agenda item, then by motion with or without a copy of the resolution, or

- d. If under old/new business, then by motion with or without a copy of the resolution.
4. Within three (3) days of its introduction, any and every resolution which has not been acted upon by the Board shall be referred by the Chair to the appropriate committee.
5. Every resolution referred to any committee shall be placed on the regular agenda of that committee.
6. Within six (6) weeks of its referral to committee, every resolution shall be reported back to the Board of Legislators with the committee's recommendation, unless tabled to a specific date, either favorable or unfavorable, and with minority reports, if any.
7. When any resolution is being considered by a committee, its proponent or any other legislator may come before the Committee and speak for or against the resolution. Any member of the public wishing to address the Committee on an agenda item may, upon nomination by a Legislator and recognition by the Chair, speak for or against the measure. The Committee may set a time limit of not more than five minutes on how long each individual may speak.
8. A member of the public who wishes to be on the agenda shall contact the Board Office, by submission date, eleven (11) days in advance of a committee meeting, and request to be put on the agenda. The Board of Legislators' Office will discuss the matter to be put on the agenda with the Chair of the Committee, and at the Chair's discretion, may or may not add the matter to the agenda for the next committee meeting, or a future committee meeting.
9. All presentations to Committees, which are unrelated to resolutions on the agenda, will be limited to a ten-minute presentation and a ten-minute question session.
10. In accordance with County Law Article 4, Section 154, committees have no power to do anything by which the County may become obligated and all of their actions must be reported to and sanctioned by the Board.
11. Pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 for the State of New York and adopted by Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2022 in Resolution No. 360-2022, Legislators are permitted to attend and participate in Committee Meetings where such attendance and participation is occasioned by "extraordinary circumstances" pursuant to the requirements reference above in State and Local Law.

ARTICLE VIII

Limitations and Amendments

- A. Notwithstanding any provisions herein contained, any decision of any committee or Chair thereof, or of the Chair of the Board of Legislators, may be overruled by a majority vote of the Legislature.
- B. These rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of the Legislature at any meeting of the Legislature upon the following conditions:
 1. The Legislator requesting the Suspension of the Rules shall provide an explanation of the necessity for the Suspension of the Rules.

2. A copy of the resolution to be offered under Suspension of the Rules shall be on the desk of each Legislator at the beginning of the meeting or placed there before a vote is taken.

C. These rules may be rescinded or changed by a majority vote of the total membership of the Board of Legislators at any meeting of the Board of Legislators, provided each member has had ten (10) days written notice of the proposed change.

D. Questions of Order and procedure not governed by these rules, or the laws of the State of New York, shall be decided according to Robert's Rules of Order Revised. The Legislature shall provide a desk copy of a current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Revised for each member.

E. For purposes of a reconsideration vote, the next monthly meeting is considered to be the "next succeeding day" to our previous session. (rf. Roberts Rules of Order Revised, Section 36, page 156).

F. A Legislator will be permitted to abstain from voting if he/she declares a conflict of interest.

G. At each meeting of the Board, the roll call votes will be on a rotation basis with the first roll call of the year starting with District One. Thereafter, the first roll call of each Board Meeting shall start with the next person in the rotation as determined by the rotation of the Roll Call Vote Program, or the designated official vote tally recording program.

H. In order to maintain the integrity of its proceedings, cellular telephones or other recording devices that are deemed to be distractive and disruptive to the meeting may be limited at the discretion of the Chair.

ATTACHMENT A
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators 2025 Meetings Schedule
January – December

DATE	MEETING/HOLIDAY	SUBMISSION DATE	PRE-COMM DATE	DATE	MEETING	SUBMISSION DATE	PRE-COMM DATE
January 2	Organizational Meeting			July 7	Board Meeting		
6	Operations	12/26	1/2	14	Operations	7/3	7/9
13	Services	1/2	1/8	21	Services	7/10	7/16
20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	1/9	1/15	28	Finance	7/17	7/23
27	Finance	1/16	1/22	August 4	Board Meeting		
February 3	Board Meeting			11	Operations	7/31	8/6
10	Operations / Services	1/30	2/5	18	Services	8/7	8/13
17	Presidents' Day			25	Finance	8/14	8/20
24	Finance (NYSAC)	2/13	2/19	September 1	Labor Day		
March 3	Board Meeting			8	(NYSAC)		
10	Operations	2/27	3/5	15	Board Meeting		
17	Services	3/6	3/12	22	Services / Operations	9/11	9/17
24	Finance	3/13	3/19	29	Finance (Tentative Budget)	9/18	9/24
31	Open			October 6	Board Meeting		
April 7	Board Meeting			13	Columbus Day		
14	Services / Operations	4/3	4/9	20	Operations / Services	10/9	10/15
21	Open			27	Finance	10/16	10/22
28	Finance	4/17	4/23	November 3	Board Meeting – Longevity Ceremony		
May 5	Board Meeting			10	Operations	10/30	11/5
12	Operations / Services	5/1	5/7	17	Services	11/6	11/12
19	Finance	5/8	5/14	24	Finance	11/13	11/19
26	Memorial Day			December 1	Board Meeting – Memorial Ceremony		
June 2	Board Meeting			8	Operations	11/28	12/3
9	Operations	5/29	6/4	15	Services	12/4	12/10
16	Services	6/5	6/11	22	Finance	12/11	12/17
23	Finance	6/12	6/18	29	Open		
30	Open						

Please Note: The deadline for submission is close of business on the submission date. (See CivicClerk for deadlines)
Pre-Committee Review, via Zoom, will begin at 12 p.m. for Operations, Services and Finance Committees

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2025

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF
ROBERT WILLIAM SEYMOUR**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for the community that benefits from the knowledge and experiences this individual brings to all, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence recognizes with great respect and admiration the contributions that all people, including older adults, give to our communities, and

WHEREAS, Robert W. Seymour was born on January 31, 1925, in Ogdensburg, New York to his parents, Lucien and Mary Brannen Seymour attending St. Mary's Academy in Ogdensburg, and after graduation he worked at the T.I. O'Connor Tobacco Company in Ogdensburg as a store clerk until he turned eighteen, and

WHEREAS, Robert enlisted in the United States Navy on September 22, 1943, completing Recruit Training School in Sampson, NY and Radiomen School in Bainbridge, MD, and was assigned to the Destroyer, the USS Guest, as a Radioman Third Class seeing action in the Pacific Theater during WWII, at the Aleutian Island, the Palau Islands, the Battle of Okinawa, the Bismark Archipelago, the Mariannas, the Solomon Islands, the Battle of Iwo Jima and the Occupation of (Northern) Japan, and

WHEREAS, Robert was in the Battle of the Philippine Sea and part of famous Task Force-58 which broke up the Japanese attempt to attack invasion forces of the Mariannas, he reached the rank of Radioman Third Class during his service, received the American Theatre Medal for his service aboard the USS Guest, saw action during the Solomon Island Campaign, and was awarded the Victory Medal for serving at the invasion of Iwo Jima, and

WHEREAS, Robert was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Medal 3 stars commendation for being involved in three conflicts in the Pacific Theater during WWII, and

WHEREAS, while Robert was on a short leave from the Navy, he had met Alice Clara Seguin, fell in love, and were married at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg on January 10, 1946, and

WHEREAS, after being honorably discharged on April 20, 1946, Robert returned to Ogdensburg, and attended Canton Agricultural College, and also worked at Armstrong Plumbing as a heating and plumbing installation and repairman, and

WHEREAS, for over thirty years Robert worked at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center "Tinsmith"/Building Maintenance, where his role there was multifaceted in that he also did roofing, plumbing and heating, and carpentry, and

WHEREAS, over the years, he and Clara raised fourteen children: Paul, Joseph, Mary, Barbara, Lawrence, James, Robert, John, Rose, Jean, Ann, Susan, Rita, and Andrew, and were

blessed with thirty-two (32) grandchildren, thirty-four (34) great-grandchildren and two (2) great, great-grandchildren, and

WHEREAS, Robert was anchored in his strong faith in God and was a devoted member of St. Mary’s Cathedral and was the recipient of the “Man of the Year” at St. Mary’s Cathedral, was a member of and served as a volunteer of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Nocturnal Adoration Society, is a lifetime member of the VFW, and

WHEREAS, Robert had a love of the outdoors in general with his fishing, gardening, hunting, playing horseshoes and sometimes simply sitting in the sun, and he loved the St. Lawrence River and had exceptional knowledge of it, and it was as if he had an internal GPS for knowing where to find a certain catch, and

WHEREAS, Robert is known to his family, friends and community as humble, kind, funny, friendly and easy going, but strong-willed with “big shoulders”, and his consistent code of conduct was to always put others before himself and be committed to his God, family, and country, and

WHEREAS, his honesty, integrity, trustworthiness and strong work ethic, made him a role model exhibiting a strong moral character, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wishes to honor this St. Lawrence County Centenarian with the sincerest congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators recognizes the 100th birthday of Robert William Seymour.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 2-2025 Entitled “Adoption of the Rules of Procedure”, adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Operations Committee: 12-9-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NTS DATA SERVICES
FOR VOTER REGISTRATION RENEWAL, SIGNATURE DIGITIZATION, FULL
DOCUMENT IMAGING, ELECTION REPORTING, AND INTERFACE MESSAGING
SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No.163-2007 approved the purchase and original contract for this system, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections would like to continue maintenance and support services related to voter registration, signature digitization, full document imaging, election reporting and interface messaging with NTS Data Services (E1014504 42004) for a contract period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS, NTS Data Services has the knowledge, expertise, required software, associated technology, and services to provide a quality solution for the needs of the Board of Elections,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the contract with NTS Data Services for voter registration renewal, signature digitization, full document imaging, election reporting and interface messaging system maintenance and support agreement with NTS Data Services, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 3-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with NTS Data Services for Voter Registration Renewal, Signature Digitization, Full Document Imaging, Election Reporting, and Interface Messaging System Maintenance for the Board of Elections", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Operations Committee: 12-9-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2025

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

By Ms. Curran, 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 authorizes the Chair to sign a Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report, and any subsequent amendments, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 4-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Operations Committee: 12-9-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR RELATED
EXPENSES THAT HAVE EXCEEDED THE BUDGET**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has exceeded the budget in various accounts for 2024,
and

WHEREAS, departments are requested to find funds in existing accounts before
requesting contingency funds, and

WHEREAS, the expenses that have exceeded the budget are due to two significant car
repairs, fuel charges, postage fees from the Civil Office, and travel expenses due to increased
training throughout the year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes
the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for related expenses that have
exceeded the budget, as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

S1015895 55000	S Other Public Safe Dept Inc	\$1912
S1022605 55000	S LR Crim Transportation Prison	728
S4022645 550SR	S LR JAIL State Readies	9,200
S4026835 550WC	S LR W/C Reimbursement Salary	11,156
S5022645 5500CO	S IH County Inmate Housing	28,771
S6043895 57000 DGTF	S FA Drug Task Force	<u>1,026</u>
		\$52,793

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4031502 25000	S JAIL Technical Equipment	\$21,390
S4031504 45300	S JAIL Uniforms & Equipment	<u>4,317</u>
		\$25,707

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1031104 44001	S CRIM Automotive Expenses	\$17,500
S1031104 44100	S CRIM I/D Fuel Charges	48,000
S1031104 44500	S CRIM Other Travel	8,500
S2031104 42402	S CIVIL I/D Postage	<u>4,500</u>
		\$78,500

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 5-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for Related Expenses that have Exceeded the Budget", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Operations Committee: 12-9-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
PROGRAM WITH THE SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTY (SRD) MODEL AND
PILOTING A SIX-MONTH COST-SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE
HEUVELTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Hull, District 8

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 8-2022, adopted January 3, 2022, authorized the Chair to sign contract(s) and established a School Resource Officer Program through the School Resource Deputy (SRD) model with St. Lawrence County School Districts, and

WHEREAS, an agreement was reached with the Heuvelton Central School District to provide a School Resource Deputy on January 1, 2023 and this initial agreement ends on December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the County and the District have expressed mutual interest in continuing the Program and looking at piloting a cost-sharing model for the next contract period that includes the provision of a School Resource Deputy (SRD) and this pilot would be a period of six (6) months beginning January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the cost share concept would require that the School pay for the days the Deputy is working in the District and the County will pay for the days (vacations/breaks/etc,) that the Deputy is returned to the Road Patrol to support public safety operations county wide (\$1023895 55000 SRD), and

WHEREAS, the trial basis for this model is intended to provide both the school districts, BOCES, and the County with a better method for the cost being borne by the entity receiving the benefit of the service, and

WHEREAS, the Heuvelton Central School District will continue to maintain responsibility for costs associated with overtime and the expenses for the exclusive benefit of the School District, and

WHEREAS, the Committee assembled to review these matters will provide the Board of Legislators with the analysis and the update with an understanding that if this model is maintained, the County will consider the option for cost sharing to be made available to all districts in the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement for the continuation of the School Resource Officer Program with the School Resource Deputy (SRD) Model and piloting a six-month cost-share with the Heuvelton Central School District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the trial period will from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon a successful pilot period, and approval by the Board of Legislators, the option for cost sharing a School Resource Deputy (SRD) will be made available to all school districts where staffing will allow, in St. Lawrence County.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 6-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Continuation of the School Resource Officer Program with the School Resource Deputy (SRD) Model and Piloting a Six-Month Cost-Share Agreement with the Heuvelton Central School District", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 12-9-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF PART TIME SPECIAL PATROL OFFICER
POSITIONS FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, where practicable, St. Lawrence County has a need and interest in providing for the public safety of its buildings and school districts across the County, and

WHEREAS, currently the Sheriff's Office is engaged in providing security in three (3) of seventeen (17) school districts across the County in the School Resource Deputy (SRD) model, and

WHEREAS, additionally, the County has a contract for security services at the Harold B. (HB) Smith Building in Canton that houses the Department of Social Services Offices, and

WHEREAS, in the ongoing analysis of operational efficiency and efforts to ensure responsible stewardship of taxpayers' dollars, the County would like to pilot a new model of security and make an effort to control costs and improve efficiency for internal security, and

WHEREAS, in early 2025, the contract will be expiring with the current provider of security at the HB Smith Building, and the opportunity to pilot a new model with part-time Special Patrol Officer(s) is of interest prior to implementing the Special Patrol Officer model in the School Resource Officer Program with School Districts across St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the initial location of these Officers would be at the HB Smith Building and after six (6) months or sufficient time for evaluation, increase in available staff, and an update to the Board of Legislators, this could be another option for interested school districts, and

WHEREAS, the request would include four (4) part-time Special Patrol Officer Positions filled appropriately through NYS Civil Service regulations and a bank of per diem hours in the Sheriff's Office, and the job specification requires that to qualify for this position the individual must be retired law enforcement and/or corrections and would report directly to the Sheriff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the creation of four (4) part-time Special Patrol Officer Positions, in a part-time capacity, for the Sheriff's Office, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this part-time Title will be a part of the Management/Confidential and unrepresented group of employees at the County with a rate of pay of \$35.19/hour with intention to provide annual increases to maintain equity with the hourly rate of a Deputy Sheriff Title at the top step.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 7-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Creation of Part Time Special Patrol Officer Positions for the Sheriff's Office", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

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St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Services Committee: 12-16-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH THE NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ACCEPTING THE 2024-2025 TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM AND CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY GRANTS AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee has determined that the St. Lawrence County Traffic Safety Grant will be funded at \$95,203 with an additional Child Passenger Safety Grant for training and fitting stations in the amount of \$14,800 for a total budget of \$110,003, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Budget will be prepared with the understanding that the Traffic Safety Grant expenditures will be funded at \$110,003, and

WHEREAS, funding from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee was requested and approved for the time period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025 (A7233895 56000), and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Safety Program, funded through a grant awarded by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, was created to educate communities on traffic issues, such as speeding (unsafe speeds), pedestrian/bicycle safety, child passenger safety, drowsy driving, aggressive driving, motorcycle safety, distracted driving, occupant protection, older and younger driver safety, school bus safety and slow moving vehicle safety, and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Traffic Safety Program is awarded grant money to purchase child passenger safety seats and bicycle helmets for qualifying residents of St. Lawrence County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee accepting the 2024-2025 Traffic Safety Program and Child Passenger Safety Grants, and any other documents necessary to carry out the terms of the grants, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A7233154 43007	A RTSP Other Fees and Services	\$9,827
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A7233895 56000	A SA Regional Traffic Safety	\$9,827
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 9-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts with the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Accepting the 2024-2025 Traffic Safety Program and Child Passenger Safety Grants and Modifying the 2025 Budget for Community Services", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Services Committee: 12-16-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JACK VENESKY, CPA AND ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE THE AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE FACILITY (AHCF) ANNUAL MEDICAID, MEDICARE AND ARTICLE 28 COST REPORTS FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2025, 2026, AND 2027

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is required to file a final, partial Medicare/Medicaid Cost Report, an annual Ambulatory Health Care Facility (AHCF) Medicaid Cost Report, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA & Associates has been providing this service to the Public Health Department, and

WHEREAS, proposals have been received for the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA & Associates to continue providing these services for the fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027 (PP040104 43003) in the amount of \$8,750 annually,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Jack Venesky, CPA & Associates to prepare the Ambulatory Health Care Facility (AHCF) Annual Medicaid, Medicare and Article 28 Cost Report for the Public Health Department for the fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 10-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Jack Venesky, CPA and Associates to Prepare the Ambulatory Health Care Facility (AHCF) Annual Medicaid, Medicare and Article 28 Cost Reports for the Public Health Department for the Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, and 2027", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Services Committee: 12-16-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
WITH ST. LAWRENCE HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR EMERGENCY STORAGE OF
VACCINE FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Health Department is a designated New York State Vaccines for Children (VFC) provider, and

WHEREAS, it is a NYS VFC requirement that backup vaccine storage is identified in the event that primary vaccine storage fails in order to ensure that the vaccine remains in the designated temperature range to ensure safety and efficacy, and

WHEREAS, the primary back up location for vaccine storage should there be a failure at the Public Health Clinic in the Human Services Center is the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence Health has agreed to enter into an MOU with St. Lawrence County to temporarily store vaccine in case of an emergency with the existing backup location, if needed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Lawrence Health for emergency storage of vaccine for Public Health, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 11-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Lawrence Health Systems for Emergency Storage of Vaccine for the Public Health Department", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FIRE TRAINING FACILITY INC., FOR PRIORITY USE OF THE TRAINING FACILITY BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SELF-INSURANCE PLAN

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan has previously contracted with the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility, Inc., for priority access to the facility and training of the participants of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan, and that agreement expires December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan would like to sign a new contract for one (1) year beginning January 1, 2025, and expiring on December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, an annual payment of \$35,000 (LI017104 46000) will be made in quarterly payments to the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility, Inc., for priority use of the training facility by the participants of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 12-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility Inc., for Priority Use of the Training Facility by the Participants of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2025

**AUTHORIZING BLANKET BOND IN LIEU OF INDIVIDUAL SURETIES FOR
COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, official undertakings are required for certain public officials, and

WHEREAS, the surety on such undertakings may be a fidelity or surety corporation,
and

WHEREAS, the reasonable expense of procuring such surety shall be a charge against
the State or political subdivision or municipal corporation, respectively, in and which the official
or employee is elected, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence wishes to provide such a surety for its elected
officials and employees as follows:

- A. \$200,000/loss coverage for the Sheriff, the District Attorney, and all other employees
required to be bonded,
- B. \$200,000/loss coverage for the County Clerk,
- C. \$900,000/loss coverage for the Treasurer,
- D. \$5,000 deductible on all of the above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes a
blanket bond in lieu of individual sureties for County Officials and Employees.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this
Resolution No. 13-2025 Entitled "Authorizing Blanket Bond in Lieu of Individual Sureties for County Officials and Employees
", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said
original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2025

**AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS AND DEPARTMENTAL
CASH DRAWERS**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, several County departments utilize petty cash accounts and/or cash drawers in their daily operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes petty cash accounts and departmental cash drawers, as follows:

<u>Petty Cash Account</u>		<u>Departmental Cash Drawers</u>	
Public Health	\$250	Sheriff Civil Department	\$100
Probation	400	Mental Health	100
Sheriff	1,500	Chemical Dependency, Canton	100
Social Services	1500	Treasurer	250
Highway	150	County Clerk	1,000
Community Services	<u>250</u>	County Clerk DMV, Canton	600
Total	\$4,050	County Clerk DMV, Massena	400
		County Clerk DMV, Ogdensburg	300
		County Clerk DMV, Gouverneur	300
		Real Property	100
		Solid Waste Transfer, Ogdensburg	450
		Solid Waste Transfer, Massena	450
		Solid Waste Transfer, Star Lake	450
		Solid Waste Transfer, Gouverneur	450
		Social Services	<u>200</u>
		Total	\$5,350

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Department will submit an annual reconciliation of each petty cash account and cash drawer to the Treasurer at the end of each year.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 14-2025 Entitled "Authorizing Petty Cash Accounts and Departmental Cash Drawers", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2025

BANK DEPOSITORIES AND INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with County Law and General Municipal Law the following banks be and hereby are designated as depositories for County funds received by the County Treasurer with permitted maximum deposits at any one time listed below:

<u>Depository Name</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Community Bank N.A.	\$75,000,000
Key Bank N.A.	\$75,000,000
Upstate National Bank	\$10,000,000
NBT	\$10,000,000
Citizens Bank	\$10,000,000
Municipal Investors Service Corporation	\$10,000,000
First Empire Securities	\$10,000,000
NYCLASS	\$50,000,000
NY MuniTrust	\$50,000,000
Webster Bank	\$10,000,000
Tioga State Bank	\$10,000,000
TD Bank	\$10,000,000
JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$1,000,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Treasurer is authorized to deposit money in accordance with the St. Lawrence County Investment Policy, and this policy authorizes the Treasurer to deposit funds, not needed temporarily, in certificates of deposit, Money Market Accounts, United States Treasury Bills, repurchase agreements, and day-of-deposit to day-of- withdrawal savings account, at prevailing interest rates in any bank authorized for the deposit of County funds as per this resolution, and that the County Treasurer may use his/her discretion in selecting any allowable bank under NY General Municipal Law for investment purposes only, up to a limit of \$10,000,000 per bank unless otherwise noted in this policy, a report of such investments must be provided to the Board of Legislators at the subsequent Finance Committee meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total deposits, excluding United States Treasury Bills, are not to exceed the amounts authorized by this resolution, and are to be secured as required by Article 10 of the General Municipal Law and as outlined by the County's Investment Policy.

INVESTMENT POLICY FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

I. SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all money and other financial resources available for investment by the County or on behalf of any other entity or individual.

II. OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the County's investment activities are, in priority order:

- to conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements;
- to adequately safeguard principal;
- to provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements;
- to obtain a reasonable rate of return;
- to make every effort to invest locally.

III. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The responsibility of the Board of Legislators for administration of the investment program is delegated to the County Treasurer, who shall maintain written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these investment guidelines. Such procedures shall include an adequate internal control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on a database or records incorporating description and amount of investments, transaction dates, and other relevant information and regulate the activities of subordinate employees.

IV. PRUDENCE

All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the St. Lawrence County Legislature to govern effectively.

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived.

All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program, or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

V. DIVERSIFICATION

It is the policy of the County to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling.

VI. INTERNAL CONTROLS

It is the policy of the County for all moneys collected by any officer or employee of the government to transfer those funds to the Treasurer within 5 days of deposit, or within the time period specified in law, whichever is shorter.

The Treasurer is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly, and are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

VII. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The Board of Legislators, at its annual organizational meeting each January, shall designate the banks authorized for the deposit of moneys and the maximum amount which can be deposited at each bank. Additionally, the County Treasurer may select any bank allowable under New York General Municipal Law for investment purposes only, up to a limit of \$10,000,000 per bank, unless otherwise noticed in this policy. Should the Treasurer invest in any bank not already designated at the annual organizational meeting, yet allowable under New York Municipal Law, the Treasurer must provide a report to the Board of Legislators at the monthly Finance Committee following any such investment.

VIII. COLLATERALIZING OF DEPOSITS

In accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law, all deposits of St. Lawrence County, including certificates of deposit and special time deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured:

1. By a pledge of eligible securities with an aggregate market value as provided by General Municipal Law, equal to aggregate amount of deposits.
2. By an eligible irrevocable letter of credit issued by a qualified bank other than the bank with the deposits in favor of the government for a term not to exceed 90 days with an aggregate value equal to 140% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any. A qualified bank is one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or by a bank that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk-based capital requirements.
3. By an eligible surety bond payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims-paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.

IX. SAFEGUARDING AND COLLATERALIZATION

Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits shall be held by the depository or a third party bank or trust company subject to security and custodial agreements.

The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities are being pledged to secure County deposits together with agreed upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection or such deposits upon default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released and the events, which will enable the County to exercise its rights against the pledged securities. In the event that the securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the County, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment to the County or its custodial bank.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, or agent of and custodian for, the County, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement should also describe that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the securities. The agreement shall provide for the frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and for the substitution of securities when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the County a perfected interest in the securities.

X. PERMITTED INVESTMENTS

As authorized by General Municipal Law Section 11, the County Legislature authorizes the County Treasurer to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:

- Special time deposit accounts
- Certificates of deposits
- Obligations of the United States of America
- Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States
- Obligations of the State of New York
- Obligations issued by a municipality, school district or district corporation in New York State, other than the County
- Obligations of public authorities, public housing authorities, urban renewal agencies and industrial development agencies where the general state statutes governing such entities or whose specific enabling legislation authorizes such investments
- Through a Deposit Placement Program, certificates of deposit in one or more “banking institutions”, as defined in Banking Law Section 9-r
- General obligation bonds and notes of any state other than this state, provided that such bonds and notes receive the highest rating of at least one independent rating agency designated by the state comptroller
- Obligations of any corporation organized under the laws of any state in the United States maturing within two hundred seventy days, provided that such obligations receive the highest rating of two independent rating services designated by the state comptroller and that the issuer of such obligations has maintained such ratings on similar obligations during the preceding six months, provided, however, that the issuer of such obligations need not have received such rating during the prior six-month period if such issuer has received the highest rating of two independent rating services designated by the state comptroller and is the successor or wholly-owned subsidiary of an issuer that has maintained such ratings on similar obligations during the preceding six-month period or if the issuer is the product of a merger of two or more issuers, one of which has maintained such ratings on similar obligations during the preceding six-month period, provided, however, that no more than two hundred fifty million dollars may be invested in such obligations of any one corporation
- Bankers' acceptances maturing within two hundred seventy days which are eligible for purchase in the open market by Federal Reserve banks and which have been accepted by a bank or trust company which is organized under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof and which is a member of the Federal Reserve system and whose short-term obligations meet the criteria outlined in clause (7). Provided, however, that no more than

two hundred fifty million dollars may be invested in such bankers' acceptances of any one bank or trust company; or

- Obligations of, or instruments issued by or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by, any agency or instrumentality of the United States acting pursuant to a grant of authority from the Congress of the United States, including but not limited to, any federal home loan bank or banks, the Tennessee valley authority, the federal national mortgage association, the federal home loan mortgage corporation and the United States Postal Service, provided, however, that no more than two hundred fifty million dollars may be invested in such obligations of any one agency
- No-load money market mutual funds registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and operated in accordance with Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, provided that such funds are limited to investments in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States of America or in obligations of agencies or instrumentalities of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America (including contracts for the sale and repurchase of any such obligations) and are rated in the highest rating category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization, provided, however, that no more than two hundred fifty million dollars may be invested in such funds

All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the County within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the monies were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the County within two years of the date of purchase. When applying this requirement to repurchase agreements, the repurchase date and not the maturity of the underlying maturity, shall govern.

XI. AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS

The County shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amount of investments, which can be made with each financial institution or dealer. All financial institutions with which the local government conducts business must be credit worthy. Banks shall provide their most recent Consolidated Report of Condition (Call Report) at the request of the County. Security dealers not affiliated with a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the New York Federal Reserve Bank, as primary dealers. The Treasurer is responsible for evaluating the financial position and maintaining a listing of proposed depositories, trading partners and custodians. Such listings shall be evaluated at least annually.

XII. PURCHASE OF INVESTMENTS

The Treasurer is authorized to contract for or place orders for the purchase of investments:

1. Directly, including through a repurchase agreement, from an authorized trading partner.
2. By participation in a cooperative investment program with another authorized governmental entity pursuant to Articles 5G and 3A of the General Municipal Law where such program meets all the requirements set forth in the Office of the State Comptroller Opinion No. 88-46, and the specific program has been authorized by the governing board.
3. By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized trading partner pursuant to a contract authorized by the governing board.

4. By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized investment adviser provided that all investments are directed by authorized personnel of the County, all trading partners are authorized by the designated Bank and the investment advisory agreement is approved by the Treasurer.

All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the County, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed in writing to the Treasurer by the bank or trust company. Any obligation held in custody of a bank or trust company shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law.

The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of and custodian for, the County, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement shall describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the County a perfected interest in the securities.

XIII. REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Repurchase agreements are authorized subject to the following restrictions:

- All repurchase agreements must be entered into subject to a Master Repurchase Agreement.
- Trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to do business in New York State and primary reporting dealers.
- Obligations shall be limited to obligations of the United States or guaranteed by agencies of the United States.
- No substitution of securities will be allowed unless the substitute securities are delivered to an independent custodian for the account of the County before the previously purchased securities are released.
- The custodian shall be a party other than the trading partner.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 15-2025 Entitled "Bank Depositories and Investment of County Funds", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SCHNEIDER
GEOSPATIAL, LLC FOR LICENSING, HOSTING, AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR
IMAGE MATE ONLINE FOR THE REAL PROPERTY OFFICE**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in August 2001, Resolution No. 227-2001 was adopted providing access to real property information through the Image Mate Online Program provided by Systems Development Group, Inc. (SDG), and

WHEREAS, the Image Mate Online Program allows for review of property information for parcels within St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, SDG began offering two (2) new feature enhancements for the Image Mate Online Program: the first item provided two-tiered access to the Image Mate Online Program, and the second item lists all county, town, school, and village bills for each parcel by year, and

WHEREAS, in August 2024, SDG was purchased by Schneider Geospatial, LLC and will provide St. Lawrence County with a publicly accessible web-based property information portal featuring land assessment, taxation, Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA), and digital map data utilizing existing real estate and GIS datasets, and

WHEREAS, the existing Image Mate Online Portal for St. Lawrence County will be migrated to Schneider Geospatial Beacon Portal, and the term of the contract will be January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$8,600 (R1013554 43007),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Schneider Geospatial, LLC for licensing, hosting, and software support for Image Mate Online for the Real Property Office, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 16-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Schneider Geospatial, LLC for Licensing, Hosting, and Software Support for Image Mate Online for the Real Property Office", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR
REPLACEMENT OF TOOLEY POND ROAD BRIDGE, BIN 3340750, WITH THE 2025
NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION CATALYST
PROGRAM GRANT AWARD**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 132-2024 authorized the Chair to sign all Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Catalyst Program documents and endorsed funding for the Tooley Pond Road Bridge replacement, and

WHEREAS, NBRC Catalyst Program has awarded St. Lawrence County \$750,000 requiring a twenty-percent (20%) local match, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways will utilize County machinery and labor for the local portion, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators wants to advance the project by making a commitment of one-hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the project, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways will be submitting reimbursement requests to NBRC with administration by the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highways for replacement of Tooley Pond Road Bridge, BIN 3340750, with the 2025 Northern Border Regional Commission Catalyst Program Grant Award, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM551104 454BS B2	Miscellaneous Bridge Supp	\$750,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

HM040895 57000	Highway Other Federal Aid	\$750,000
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 17-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Highway Department for Replacement of Tooley Pond Road Bridge, BIN 3340750, with the 2025 Northern Border Regional Commission Catalyst Program Grant Award", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2025

USE OF COUNTY-OWNED MACHINERY

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Superintendent of Highways recommends that the Board of Legislators permit the use of County-owned machinery, tools, equipment and personnel by any terms as provided for in Section 133-A of the Highway Law, when it is for the public interest,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the use County-owned machinery, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED use of County-owned machinery, tools or equipment by New York State or any municipal corporation, political subdivision, district, district corporation or school district located within the State is authorized, when recommended by the County Superintendent of Highways.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 18-2025 Entitled "Use of County-Owned Machinery", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
HIGHWAYS FOR EQUIPMENT**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, with an aging fleet, which continues to need repairs, the Department of Highways is in need of new highway machinery and equipment, and

WHEREAS, the continued investment in equipment and machinery helps to ensure a timely response to road safety issues, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways submitted an equipment purchase plan in conjunction with the 2025 Budget, and

WHEREAS, Section 133, Article 6 of the New York State Highway Law allows for the transfer of funds, to allow the Superintendent of Highways to manage resources that best serve the department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highways for equipment, as follows:

DECREASE CAPITAL RESERVE EQUIPMENT:

01TG0878 50300 EQUIP	Capital Reserve Equipment	\$3,600,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Bal, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$3,600,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199019 90400	T IFT GF Transfer To RM	\$3,600,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HR051302 24000	H RM Highway & Street Equipment	\$3,600,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6450319 90100	T IFT RM Transfer From GF	\$3,600,000
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 19-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highways for Equipment", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR
MACHINERY RENTAL, EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE,
AND OVERTIME**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways budgets appropriation and revenue accounts to align with current and projected operational needs, and

WHEREAS, recent flood-related highway repairs have necessitated increased utilization of County-owned machinery, and

WHEREAS, additional highway projects and repairs have led to increased overtime costs, and

WHEREAS, these increased expenses are offset by reductions in other appropriation lines, and

WHEREAS, the Department seeks to amend the budget to more accurately reflect actual 2024 operations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for machinery rental, equipment repair and maintenance, and overtime, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM551124 454BS B1	Miscellaneous Bridge Supplies	\$100,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6399019 90400	T IFT CR Transfer to RM	\$100,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6450319 90300	T IFT RM Transfer from CR	\$100,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HD051304 42200	H ER I/D Equip Repair & Main	\$100,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM551124 40600 B1	Machinery Rental	\$15,000
HC051424 40600	H CSR Machinery Rental	125,000
HC051424 454WM	H CSR Winter Maintenance Material	151,000
HS051444 465CO	H Snow 50-59 Sub-Contracts	<u>100,000</u>
		\$391,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HA050104 42202	H ADM Equip Repair & Maint	\$10,000
HM151104 40600 H1	Machinery Rental	10,000
HM351104 40600	Machinery Rental	290,000
HM433104 40600	Machinery Rental	35,000
HM551104 40600	Machinery Rental	40,000
HG051484 40600	H HSOB Machinery Rental	<u>6,000</u>
		\$391,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM351101 13000	Technical	\$110,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM351101 18000	Overtime	\$110,000
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 20-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for Machinery Rental, Equipment Repair and Maintenance, and Overtime", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2025

**ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR (NYS DOL) OFFICE OF JUST ENERGY TRANSITION (OJET) RENEWABLE
ENERGY TRAINING INITIATIVE (RETI) PROGRAM YEAR 2024**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor (NYS DOL) Program Guidance Letter #24-03 states that interested Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDAs) may receive New York Power Authority (NYPA) State funding, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is eligible to receive up to \$175,000 based on the percentage of census tracts designated as Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) within the Local Workforce Development Area (LWDA), and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board has been awarded \$175,000 to administer the initiative known as the Renewable Energy Training Initiative (RETI), and

WHEREAS, Resolution 24-L06-15 authorized the execution of the agreement to accept the funding for the OJET RETI initiative, and was approved at the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board Executive Committee meeting on December 6, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to be used from December 1, 2024, to November 30, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to establish the Budget for the New York State Department of Labor (NYS DOL) Office of Just Energy Transition (OJET) Renewable Energy Training Initiative (RETI) Program Year 2024, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UI462901 12000	Suprvisory/Admin	\$7,827
UI462901 14000	Clerical	2,773
UI462904 40700	Bldg & Property Rent	250
UI462904 41400	Liability & Other Insurance	30
UI462904 41901	Central Printing	25
UI462904 42000	Office Supplies & Expense	25
UI462904 42002	Copying Expense	25
UI462904 42300	Telephone	25
UI462904 42400	Postage	25
UI462904 42700	Memberships & Dues	100
UI462904 430WI	WIB Expenses	1,510
UI462904 44300	Mileage Reimbursement	100
UI462904 47800	DP Charges	345

UI462904 49900	Miscellaneous Expenses	500
UI462908 81000	Retirement	936
UI462908 83000	Social Security	567
UI462908 84000	Workers Compensation	214
UI462908 84500	Group Life Insurance	13
UI462908 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	2,080
UI462908 86500	Dental Insurance	100
UI462908 89000	Vision Insurance	30
UI462911 11000	Direct Service Worker	16,820
UI462911 12000	Supervisory/Administration	6,270
UI462911 14000	Clerical	4,100
UI462911 19550	Health Insurance Buyback	630
UI462914 40700	Bldg & Property Rent	3,010
UI462914 41100	Professional Education	230
UI462914 41400	Liability & Other Insurance	335
UI462914 41901	Central Printing	100
UI462914 42000	Office Supplies & Expense	200
UI462914 42002	Copying Expense	100
UI462914 42300	Telephone	200
UI462914 42400	Postage	150
UI462914 42600	Books & Periodicals	45
UI462914 42700	Memberships & Dues	400
UI462914 43005	Advertising	250
UI462914 430WI	WIB Expenses	6,000
UI462914 44300	Mileage Reimbursement	100
UI462914 44500	Other Travel Reimbursement	100
UI462914 47800	DP Charges	1,800
UI462914 49900	Miscellaneous Expense	100
UI462918 81000	Retirement	1,910
UI462918 83000	Social Security	1,160
UI462918 84000	Workers Compensation	440
UI462918 84500	Group Life Insurance	40
UI462918 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	5,100
UI462918 86500	Dental Insurance	300
UI462918 89000	Vision Insurance	110
UI462924 461DC	Day Care Adult	3,500
UI462924 461FE	Fees for Services	3,000
UI462924 461HP	Participant Medical Fees	2,000
UI462924 461OJ	OJT Employer Reimbursement	20,000
UI462924 461PM	Participant Travel Adult	1,500
UI462924 461TU	Tuition/Books/Fees	77,500
		<u>\$175,000</u>

INCREASE REVENUE:

UI43895 56000	SA NY RETI	\$175,000
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 21-2025 Entitled "Establishing the Budget for the New York State Department of Labor (NYS DOL) Office of Just Energy Transition (OJET) Renewable Energy Training Initiative (RETI) Program Year 2024", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the following organizations have appropriations in the 2025 St. Lawrence County Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts with each of the organizations listed, upon approval of the County Attorney:

<u>ORGANIZATIONS:</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBERS:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
ABS	CD016804 43007	\$5,000
Access KI	CD016804 43007	\$5,000
Adoption STAR, Inc.	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Assoc.	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Adobe	CD016804 42004	\$15,000
Bigleaf Networks	CD016804 43007	\$12,000
Catholic Charities (DSS)	DAS60104 430CA	\$42,000
Catholic Charities (CSS)	A4143224 465CC	\$256,716
Catholic Charities (CRV)	A4243224 465CC	\$135,527
Childcare Coordinating Council of North Country	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Children's Home of Jefferson County	A4443224 465CH	\$22,829
Citizen Advocates	A4143224 465CA	\$21,185
Claxton Hepburn Medical Center (Lifeline - DSS)	Various Accounts	\$40 monthly/case
Claxton Hepburn Medical Center (Lifeline - OFA)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Cornell Cooperative Extension (BOL)	B1A87504 465CE	\$340,713
Cornell Cooperative Extension (OFA)	ON067724 430SF	Rate Schedule
Cornell Cooperative Extension (PH)	PP040104 465CE	\$112,488
DeKalb Development Fund	ON067724 40700	\$4,140
Discover eGov	CD016804 42004	\$7,000
Dr. Michael Sikirica, Medical Examiner	PC011854 43016	Rate Schedule
Family Counseling Services of NNY, Inc.	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Fortinet	CD016804 42004	\$23,500
Geocove Inc.	CD016804 43007	\$10,000
Gouverneur Community Center, Inc.	ON067724 40700	\$7,800
Glenns Falls Hospital	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
SLC CDP Gouv Neighborhood Center (HEAP Outreach)	DAH60104 430OF HEAP	\$35 per unit
Health Services of Northern New York	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Homemakers of Western NY	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Horizon Information Systems, Inc.	DAS60104 47801	up to \$1,300
Horizon Information Systems, Inc. (Programming)	DAS60104 47801	Rate Schedule
James McGuinness & Associates, Inc.	PK040504 42004	\$13,000
Juniper	CD016804 42004	\$20,000
Karole Houle-Marolf	DAA60104 43007	\$4,680

KnowBe4	CD016804 42004	\$10,000
LabCorp	DAC60104 43004	\$51 per unit
Linda Buchanan	ON067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY, Inc.	ON067724 43002	\$10,000
Massena Meals on Wheels	ON067724 430CA	\$43,000
Mental Health Counseling Services of NNY	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Mimecast	CD016804 42004	\$31,000
Morristown Fire District	ON067724 40700	\$6,600
NCC Systems	CD016804 43007	\$3,000
Network Experts of NY	CD016804 43007	\$3,000
Neurodevelopmental Health Services	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
North Country Freedom Homes	A2342504 46500	\$661,612
Northern Border Counseling Services	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Northern Border Counseling Services (employee)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Northern Lights Home Health Care	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
Northern Regional Center (OFS)	A4443224 465NR	\$193,066
NYS DOCCS Office	ON067724 45200	\$2,000
NYSTEC	CD016804 43007	\$40,000
NYSID, Inc.	DAA60104 43006	up to \$199,354
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	PC011854 451000 / 407MF	Rate Schedule
Potsdam Housing Authority	ON067724 40700	Site Use Only
Qualified Individuals	DAS60104 430QI	Rate Schedule
RealVNC	CD016804 42004	\$5,500
Rel Comm	CD016804 42306	\$70,000
Renewal House (Services Non-Residential)	DPF61094 46500 ADC	up to \$105,034
Renewal House (Indirects/Residential)	DSG60704 46500 DVIO	up to \$101,207
Renewal House (TANF, Non-Residential)	DSG61094 46500 DVIO	up to \$36,473
Residential Treat and Detention Centers	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Rubenzahl, Knudsen & Assoc. (Psych Services)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
S&L Electric	CD016804 43007	\$3,000
SADA	CD016804 42004	\$6,000
Safe Harbour	Various Accounts	\$44,217
School Districts	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Saint Lawrence Pathology, PLLC	PC011854 43016	Rate Schedule
SL Child Care Council (Registration)	DSD60554 46500 CCBG	\$116,487
SL Child Care Council (Exempt)	DSD60554 46500 CCBG	\$77,685
SLC Dept of Community Services	DAS60104 43007 CCDS	up to \$210,000
SLC Dept of Community Services (Employee Cnsl)	DAS60104 45100	Rate Schedule
SLC Dept of Community Services (Qualified Ind)	DSC61194 465PS	Rate Schedule
SLC District Attorney (Investigations)	DAB60104 430FI	up to \$81,815
SLC Historical Association	B1M75104 46000	\$20,000
SLC Information Technology	DAA60104 47802	up to \$269,363
SLC Soil & Water Conservation District	B1S87304 46000	\$65,000
SLC Trails Services Agreement	B1070204 46000	\$50,000
SLC Trails Services Agreement	BF079894 43007	\$22,000
SLC Forestry	BF087104 43007	\$80,000
SL Lewis BOCES (Parenting Ed)	DSG60704 465PE	\$179,545
Seaway Valley Prevention Council (SVPC)	A2442504 46500	\$1,714,534
Seaway Valley Prevention Council	A4143224 465SV	\$47,242
Seniors Helping Seniors	OA067724 43007	Rate Schedule
St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center	A2142304 46500	\$184,011

St. Lawrence Health System	PC011854 451000 / 407MF	Rate Schedule
STEP-BY-STEP (CSS)	A4143224 465SS	\$109,846
STEP-BY-STEP (CRV)	A4243224 465SS	\$110,528
STEP-BY-STEP (CPP)	A4343224 465SS	\$212,564
STEP-BY-STEP (DSS Warming Cntr)	Various Accounts	up to \$172,000
THRIVE Wellness and Recovery, Inc.	A4243224 465TL	\$115,366
THRIVE Wellness and Recovery, Inc.	A4443224 465TL	\$171,319
Tiffany Nelson-Fuse (Parenting Assessment)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Transitional Emp. Advancement Program (TEAP)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (CSS)	A4143224 465AR	\$239,235
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (CRV)	A4243224 465AR	\$66,118
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence NY (OFS)	A4443224 465AR	\$278,689
The Mental Health Assoc of Jefferson County	A4443224 465JD	\$106,952
Town of Fine	ON067724 40700	\$4,200
Twin Pier Pathology	PC011854 451000 / 407MF	Rate Schedule
United Helpers (OFS)	A4443224 465UH	\$880,858
Usherwood Office Technologies	CD016804 43007	\$1,000
Venesky & Company	PA040104 43003	\$35,150
Volunteer Transportation Center	OA067724 443VT	\$75,000
Volunteer Transportation Center (DSS)	Various Accounts	Rate Schedule
Wendy's Wonderful Kids	DAS60104 430HF	Rate Schedule
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. / YAP (CORE)	DSC61194 465YA	\$796,356
YAP (Raise the Age)	Various Accounts	\$399,926
YAP (Reunification)	DSC61094 465YA PRP	\$1,260,487
YAP (YES)	DSC61094 465YA PJDC	\$428,648
Zoom	CD016804 42004	\$13,000

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 22-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
 Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
 St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
 January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2025

NEWSPAPER DESIGNATION

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Section 214, Subdivision 2, of the New York State County Law, requires that the Board of Legislators annually designate at least two (2) newspapers published within the County as official newspapers for the publication of all local law notices and other matters required by law to be published, and

WHEREAS, said section requires that the designation take into consideration two major political parties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby designates the following newspapers for various publication purposes for the Year 2025:

LOCAL LAWS AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED

Johnson Newspapers

North Country This Week

Gouverneur Tribune Press

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 23-2025 Entitled "Newspaper Designation", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2025

**PROCLAIMING THE YEAR 2025 AS THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE NEW
YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND EXTENDING
CONGRATULATIONS AND GRATITUDE TO NYSAC FOR 100 YEARS OF
EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) was founded 100 years ago to serve as a unified voice and advocate for the 57 counties of New York State, including the five boroughs of New York City, and

WHEREAS, NYSAC has consistently worked to enhance the effectiveness of county governments through robust advocacy, comprehensive education, and meticulous research, all aimed at addressing the unique challenges faced by county officials and their constituents, and

WHEREAS, over the past century, NYSAC has played an instrumental role in promoting the interests of county governments at the state and federal levels, ensuring that the voices of local governments are heard, and their needs addressed, and

WHEREAS, NYSAC has provided invaluable resources and training to county officials, empowering them with the knowledge and tools necessary to deliver efficient and effective services to the residents of New York State, and

WHEREAS, through its commitment to research, NYSAC has fostered innovative solutions and best practices that have strengthened county operations and improved the quality of life for millions of New Yorkers, and

WHEREAS, NYSAC has built a legacy of collaboration and partnership among county governments, fostering a spirit of unity and mutual support that has been crucial to addressing common challenges and advancing shared goals, and

WHEREAS, The centennial anniversary of NYSAC is a momentous occasion to celebrate the enduring dedication of the association to public service and its profound impact on the governance and well-being of New York State's counties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims the Year 2025 as the centennial year of the New York State Association of Counties and extending congratulations and gratitude for 100 years of exemplary service and leadership.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 24-2025 Entitled "Proclaiming the Year 2025 as the Centennial Year of the New York State Association of Counties and extending congratulations and gratitude to NYSAC for 100 years of exemplary service and leadership", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR SNAP,
TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE/SAFETY NET, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR
ADULTS, FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION AND TRAINING**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, due to higher than expected costs in SNAP, Temporary Assistance/Safety Net, Emergency Assistance for Adults, Foster Care/Adoption and Training a budget modification is necessary, and

WHEREAS, there were decreased costs in State Training School and Child Support,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Social Services Budget for SNAP, Temporary Assistance/Safety Net, Emergency Assistance for Adults, Foster Care/Adoption and Training as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAA60104 43007	D ADM Other Fees	\$50,000
DAF60104 40800	D FS Maintenance Building	500
DAP60104 499CN	D TA Client Notices	50,000
DAT60104 499TF	D Trng Local Share Training FE	5,000
DPA61424 46100	D EAA Directs	4,000
DSC61194 46500 ADAD	D ADCFC Adoption Subsidies-I	1,787,338
DSC61194 465IB CC	D CC Institution Board	183,000
DSC61194 465BC ADFC	A ADCFC Board & Care	218,000
DSC61194 465KG ADFC	D ADCFC Kingap Board & Care	40,000
DSC61194 46500 CCAD	D CC Adoption Subsidies	50,000
DSJ61234 465BC EAJD	D EAF JD/PINS Board & Care	130,000
DPS61404 46100	D HR Directs	<u>150,000</u>
		\$2,667,838

INCREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	\$6,992
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	11,004
DAC27705 55000	D SCU Interest Earned	6,962
DAF46115 57000	D FA Food Stamps Administration	4,223
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	2,769
DPA36425 56000	D SA Emergency Aid for Adults	2,000
DPB18405 55000 BURY	D LR Safety Net Burials	24,356
DPF27015 55000 EAF	D LR EAF Directs Prior Year RE	1,305
DPS36405 56000	D SA Safety Net	39,533
DPS46405 57000	D FA Safety Net	1,200

DSC36195 56000	D SA Child Care	586,315
DSC46195 57000	D FA Child Care	1,024,669
DSJ27015 55000	D LR JD Prior Year Refunds	1,012
DSS27015 55000	D LR ST Prior Year Refunds	<u>344,068</u>
		\$2,056,408

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$97,436
DSS61294 46500	D STS Other Payments	500,000
DAC60104 49900	D SCU Miscellaneous Expense	<u>25,000</u>
		\$622,436

DECREASE REVENUE:

DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	\$1,905
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	1,905
DAF46115 57000	D FA Food Stamps Administration	<u>7,196</u>
		\$11,006

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 25-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for Social Services for SNAP, Temporary Assistance/Safety Net, Emergency Assistance for Adults, Foster Care/Adoption and Training", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO MODIFY THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE
PLANNING OFFICE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation announced increased 2024 funding allocations of 5311 Supportive Employment Services and Core Operating Aid for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, these funds pay for expenses related to the delivery of public transportation services, and

WHEREAS, these increases require a budget modification,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Planning Office for public transportation, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N2B56304 43007	N BUS Other Fees and Services	\$106,654
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B45895 57003	N FA BUS Operations Ogds/Potsd	\$106,654
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Planning Office to perform all necessary activities to secure and disperse these funds, and to close out the awards as may be required.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 26-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Treasurer to Modify the 2024 Budget for the Planning Office for Public Transportation", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PROACT TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR SLC EGWP PRESCRIPTION BENEFITS

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County (SLC) currently has an agreement with “Pro-Act” and Envision Insurance Company (EIC) whereby EIC arranges the CMS-approved Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) for SLC Medicare Part D benefit plan and Pro-Act provides benefit program administration services related to EGWP to SLC, and

WHEREAS, EGWP is a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Medicare Part D (prescription) benefits plan that is offered by SLC to SLC Medicare eligible retirees through a CMS waiver which can result in lower healthcare costs, and

WHEREAS, the SLC EGWP is arranged by a Medicare plan sponsor (private insurance company) through an administrative services contract with Pro-Act, and

WHEREAS, EIC has been dissolved and SLC will contract with Pro-Act directly to provide administrative services and a Medicare Plan Sponsor, and

WHEREAS, MG Insurance Company (MGIC) is licensed and authorized by CMS to arrange Medicare Part D plans/services for and on behalf of Employer Group Waiver Plans through direct/indirect contractual relationships with prescription benefit plan administrators, and

WHEREAS, Pro-Act and SLC mutually desire to enter into an agreement whereby Pro-Act shall provide EGWP program administration services and the CMS-approved EGWP for SLC Medicare Part D benefit plan to SLC through a contract with MGIC as the plan sponsor, and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall replace any prior agreement between the SLC and Pro-Act for services pursuant to this agreement, and

WHEREAS, SLC Benefit Consultants reviewed the pricing and terms of the agreement and confirmed it matches the prior agreement guarantees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Pro-Act to provide administrative services for the SLC EGWP prescription benefit plan and a CMS-approved EGWP plan sponsor, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 27-2025 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with ProAct to Provide Administrative Services for SLC EGWP Prescription Benefits”, adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2025

OPPOSING THE LIBERTY UTILITIES GAS AND PROPANE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AND URGING THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REJECT THE REQUEST

By Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2024, Liberty Utilities (St. Lawrence Gas) Corp. (Liberty SLG or the Company) filed a major rate case requesting an increase in gas revenues of approximately \$2,174,020 (6.12 percent increase in total revenue, or 11.45 percent in delivery revenue), for the rate year ending October 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the requested increase in gas revenues results in a monthly bill increase of \$5.67 (2.5 percent increase on the total bill or 5.7 percent increase on the delivery bill) for a residential heating customer using 81 therms per month, and

WHEREAS, Liberty Utilities currently provides service to Brasher, Winthrop, Canton, Gouverneur, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Madrid, Massena, Norfolk, North Lawrence, Norwood, Ogdensburg, Potsdam and Waddington in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the Company indicates that its request for increased delivery revenue is being made to: recover increased operating costs associated with the responsibility of the Company to provide natural gas distribution service in a safe and reliable manner; make capital investments to continue to provide the level of service expected and deserved by customers; and advance the objectives of the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, including the commitment of the Company to further greenhouse gas emission reductions, and

WHEREAS, Liberty Utilities has indicated that those increases represent an 11.45% increase in base delivery revenues or 6.12% total revenues when compared to the potential revenues based on the current rates that were previously approved by the commission, and

WHEREAS, according to Liberty Utilities, 14,862 residential, 1,770 commercial, 21 industrial and 2 cogeneration customers are currently serviced by Liberty Utilities, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Public Service Commission is currently receiving public comment both for and against the proposed rate hike, and

WHEREAS, residents of St. Lawrence County, many of whom live upon a fixed income and who are already experiencing great financial burden due to rising costs and record-setting inflation over the past four years, will feel significant financial pressure if the requested rate increase is approved,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators opposes the Liberty Utilities Gas and Propane Proposed Rate increase and urges the New York State Public Service Commission to reject the request, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forward to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Senator Dan Stec, and the Public Service Commission.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 28-2025 Entitled "Opposing the Liberty Utilities Gas and Propane Proposed Rate Increase and Urging the New York State Public Service Commission to Reject the Request", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

Finance Committee: 12-23-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2025

**TRANSFERRING A LEASE AS WELL AS AN EXCLUSIVE OPTION FOR THE
LEASE OF COUNTY-OWNED MINERAL RIGHTS ON CERTAIN PARCELS OF
LAND IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Gennett, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, under the Real Property Tax Law, the County of St. Lawrence serves as the tax enforcing entity with the ability to collect and foreclose upon unpaid tax debts, and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s, prior to the current statutory scheme, it was possible to both assess and tax mineral right interests separate and distinct from the interests of the real property for which those mineral rights were derived from, and

WHEREAS, during the period of the 1950 to 1979, the County of St. Lawrence (hereinafter referred to as “County”) became the record title owner of 112 parcels of mineral rights located in the Town of Edwards, Town of Clare, Town of Fine, Town of Fowler, Town of Pitcairn, Town of Hammond, Town of Macomb, Town of Rossie, and Town of Gouverneur which is recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk’s Office, and

WHEREAS, the County has never explored the properties to determine if they are of any value or are bereft of benefit, and

WHEREAS, since acquisition, while the mineral rights have not been exercised, the County has continued to make the underlying towns whole for all lost tax income related to the mineral rights, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the County paid more than \$44,000 in property taxes on all of the lots, combined, solely related to the mineral right interests, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Board of Legislators directed the County Attorney to explore development options associated with the mineral rights, and

WHEREAS, at approximately the same time, the County was approached by Empire State Mines, LLC, operator and owner of the zinc mining operation in the southeastern portion of the County, to secure an option for the potential lease of the mineral rights currently held by the County, pertaining to only two parcels, and

WHEREAS, Empire State Mines, LLC operates the Empire State Mine in St. Lawrence County where it produced 61 million payable pounds of zinc in 2023 and anticipates producing a similar amount of zinc in 2024, and

WHEREAS, during the course of discussions, Empire State Mines, LLC expressed an interest in exploring potential mineral deposits associate with all of the parcels wherein the County is the record holder of the mineral rights for the possible expansion and development of Empire State Mine, LLC zinc and talc extraction, and

January 2, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE ST. LAWRENCE
COUNTY INDIGENT DEFENDERS FOR 2025-2028**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Smithers, District 5;
and Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, a bargaining unit for the St. Lawrence County Indigent Defenders was established in 2014 and worked with St. Lawrence County to establish an inaugural contract between St. Lawrence County and the St. Lawrence County Indigent Defenders, and

WHEREAS, the existing contract from 2020-2024 expires on December 31, 2024, and negotiations occurred in 2024, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County believes that it is in the best interest of both parties to successfully conclude negotiations with a four (4) year contract (2025-2028),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with the St. Lawrence County Indigent Defenders for the contract period 2025-2028, upon the advice of the St. Lawrence County Negotiating Team, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will expire if the St. Lawrence County Indigent Defenders fails to ratify the contract agreement before January 31, 2025.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 30-2025 Entitled "Authorizing The Chair to Sign a Contract with the St. Lawrence County Indigent Defenders For 2025-2028", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

January 2, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CIVIL SERVICE
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION LOCAL 1000, UNIT 8427, FOR 2025-2028**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Smithers, District 5;
and Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, the current contract between St. Lawrence County and CSEA Local 1000
Unit 8427 (Solid Waste Unit) expired on December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Negotiating Teams for the County and CSEA Local 100, Unit 8427
have reached a tentative agreement for a new four (4) year contract, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County believes that it is in the best interest of both parties
to successfully conclude negotiations with a four (4) year contract (2025-2028),

WHEREAS, that the Board of Legislators hereby authorizes the Chair to sign a contract
with Civil Service Employees Association Local 1000, Unit 8427 for January 1, 2025 through
December 31, 2028.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the
Chair to sign a contract with Civil Service Employees Association Local 1000, Unit 8427 for
January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this
Resolution No. 31-2025 Entitled "Authorizing The Chair to Sign a Contract with Civil Service Employees Association Local 1000, Unit 8427,
for 2025 -2028", adopted January 2, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole
of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
January 3, 2025

February 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 1-6-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICE OF INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 21/22 (FY21/22) STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS FORMULA GRANT (SICG)

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 314-2022 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a FY21/22 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant (SICG) having an award of \$1,604,582 to Emergency Services which concentrates on improving interoperability and operability of communication systems in New York State with a contract period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, this grant allows New York State to provide aid to county, local, and municipal public safety organizations in enhancing emergency response, improving capability, improvements in governance structures, operating procedures, infrastructure development, and addressing SAFECOM guidance from the US Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications, and

WHEREAS, a one-year extension has been approved by New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services through December 31, 2025 (X2Z33895 56000 SI),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a one-year extension with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for Fiscal Year 21/22 (FY21/22) Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant (SICG), and any other necessary documents as required by this grant, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 32-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a One-Year Extension with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for Fiscal Year 21/22 (FY21/22) Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant (SICG)", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 1-6-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE SECTION 5311 FUNDING
APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC MASS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is submitting a request for grant funds to the New York State Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 5311, Title 49 United States Code, for projects to provide public mass transportation service for St. Lawrence County for the 2024 and 2025 fiscal years and has secured resources to satisfy the local share, and

WHEREAS, the County and the State of New York have entered into continuing agreements, or will enter into successor continuing agreements, which authorize the undertaking of projects and the reimbursement of the Federal and applicable State shares, and

WHEREAS, the County is contracting with third-party subcontractors to complete the projects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the Section 5311 funding application for Public Mass Transportation Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 33-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign the Section 5311 Funding Application for Public Mass Transportation Services", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 1-6-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS TO THE DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY FOR THE NORTHERN BORDER
REGIONAL COMMISSION 2023 CATALYST PROGRAM FOR BROADBAND
EXPANSION AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution 186-2023 was adopted supporting the application of Development Authority of the North Country to the 2023 Northern Border Regional Commission Catalyst Program for broadband infrastructure, and committed up to \$250,000 in County funds as a portion of the required matching funds for the application, and

WHEREAS, the application was successful, and work has begun on the development of approximately twenty (20) miles of new fiber optic cable and one hundred (100) new broadband connections in multiple parts of the County, and

WHEREAS, these funds are required to pay for expenses associated with the broadband infrastructure deployment in 2024, 2025, and 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the payment of matching funds to the Development Authority of the North Country for the Northern Border Regional Commission 2023 Catalyst program for broadband expansion, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 St. Lawrence County Budget, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$250,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BL010104 43007 BE	B LB Other Fees & Services	\$250,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 34-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Payment of Matching Funds to the Development Authority of the North Country for the Northern Border Regional Commission 2023 Catalyst Program for Broadband Expansion and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 1-6-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NEW PARADIGM
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PLLC, FOR COUNSELING SERVICES
FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Probation Department has determined that the purchase of rehabilitative and supportive services can be an effective and efficient means to fulfill its statutory responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, New Paradigm Psychological Services, PLLC, is a practice in which its partners are New York State Licensed Psychologists and Clinical Members of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) with the experience and capacity to provide counseling to juveniles and adults identified as sexual offenders, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department is required as part of the enhanced services for the Sex Offenders Block Grant under the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives to ensure that all sex offenders are assessed by a trained treatment provider using a sex offender specific assessment instrument, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department is seeking to continue services with New Paradigm Psychological Services, PLLC, for individual and group counseling sessions, as well as assessments (Q1031404 43000 SOM), with the terms of the contract beginning on the date of signing through December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department is responsible for the rates, as follows, if a client does not have insurance coverage: \$35 (was \$25) per client for group sessions, \$60 (was \$50) per client for individual therapy, and \$300 (was \$200) for each sex offender assessment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with New Paradigm Psychological Services, PLLC, for counseling services for the Probation Department, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 35-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New Paradigm Psychological Services, PLLC, for Counseling Services for the Probation Department", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 1-6-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2025

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

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice requires that the St. Lawrence County 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

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.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 36-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report for the Sheriff's Office", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 1-6-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2025

**CALLING UPON THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE
PERSONS IN NEED OF SUPERVISION REFORM LEGISLATION OF 2019 AND TO
ADEQUATELY FUND DISPOSITIONAL OUTCOMES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2017, the New York State governor signed legislation raising the age of criminal responsibility to age 18 to provide young people in New York who commit non-violent crimes with the intervention and evidence-based treatment they need, and

WHEREAS, the new measures were phased in over time, raising the age of criminal responsibility from age 16 to age 17 beginning on October 1, 2018, and subsequently raising the age to 18 on October 1, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Raise the Age (RTA) Legislation included provisions to eliminate state funding for PINS placement and detention as of January 1, 2020, but did not alter the ability of the family courts of New York State to order such placements, which led to the enactment of the 2019 Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) reform legislation, and

WHEREAS, the 2019 PINS reform legislation established an emphasis placed on the use and delivery of services in the community, exhausting all diversion efforts prior to court intervention, and avoiding all unnecessary out-of-home placements, and

WHEREAS, there are special provisions regarding truancy allegations of youth, pursuant to PINS reform legislation:

- As part of PINS diversion, the lead agency (LDSS or probation) must review the steps taken by the school district to resolve the educational issues prior to a PINS petition being filed, regardless of whether the school district is the petitioner;
- All PINS petitions that include an allegation of truancy must detail the steps taken by the school district to address the truancy issue;
- In any PINS cases that include an allegation of truancy where the school district is not the petitioner, the courts may at any time, where they believe the assistance of the school district would be helpful in resolving the underlying issue, notify the school district and provide them an opportunity to be heard on the matter, and

WHEREAS, per the PINS reform legislation of 2019, if the only allegation or finding made against the child is truancy, no placement in foster care may be made or ordered by the Courts, and

WHEREAS, anecdotal reports from St. Lawrence County School Districts have suggested an increase in truancy among the student populations, and

WHEREAS, school districts have expressed frustration with an inability to handle these issues and have requested St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services step in, and

WHEREAS, educational neglect and truancy are not synonymous as truancy generally involves a child, often a teenager, who willfully refuses to attend school whereas when their parent/guardian is actively involved in facilitating their attendance, the child's absences are not considered educational neglect, and

WHEREAS, when a parent is making efforts to correct their truant behavior of the child, albeit without success, they can turn to the school for assistance through a PINS case, and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the removal of state-funding as well as the limits on dispositional alternatives have effectively rendered PINS proceedings useless,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the New York State Legislature to amend the law regarding Persons In Need of Supervision to reinvest school district and petitioners with remedies for truancy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls upon the State of New York to appropriately fund dispositional outcomes related to Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) matters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, and Senator Dan Stec.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 37-2025 Entitled "Calling Upon the New York State Legislature to Amend the Persons in Need of Supervision Reform Legislation of 2019 and to Adequately Fund Dispositional Outcomes", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 1-6-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2025

**CALLING UPON THE NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO
INVESTIGATE PETROLEUM PRICE DIFFERENTIALS IN THE TRI-COUNTY
REGION OF THE NORTH COUNTRY FOR POTENTIAL PRICE GOUGING**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, for the past year, St. Lawrence County residents have observed big differences in gas prices throughout the tri-county region, and

WHEREAS, gas prices in St. Lawrence County have been observed as, on average, significantly higher than those experienced in neighboring Franklin County and Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, according to publicly accessible data through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority as well as the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance: 1) Each gallon of gas or diesel has a \$.173 petroleum business charge added by the State; 2) Each gallon of gas has a \$.08 motor fuel tax assessed by the State; and 3) Each gallon of gas has sales and use tax of 7 or 8 % depending on the County, and

WHEREAS, since January of 2023, St. Lawrence and Jefferson have imposed the same percentages and rates of taxation per gallon of gas, and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that the taxing percentages are identical, the cost per gallon in St. Lawrence County comparatively to its neighbors remains significantly higher, and

WHEREAS, according to AAA, the price difference comes down to supply and demand and competition, and

WHEREAS, the price gouging statute of New York State, Section 396-r of the New York General Business Law, prohibits unconscionably excessive pricing of necessary consumer goods and services during any abnormal market disruption, and

WHEREAS, the statute applies to goods and services that are vital and necessary to the health, safety, and welfare of consumers and the general public, and these include the essentials: 1) Consumer goods and services provided primarily for personal, family, or household purposes; 2) Medical supplies and services used for the care, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of illness or disease; and 3) Goods and services used to promote the health or welfare of the public, and

WHEREAS, the statute prohibits price gouging by all parties in the distribution chain, including retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers, and distributors, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the New York State Attorney General enforces the statute and may promulgate rules and regulations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls upon the New York State Attorney General to investigate petroleum price differentials in the Tri-County Region of the North Country for potential price gouging, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Attorney General Letitia James, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, and Senator Dan Stec.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 38-2025 Entitled "Calling Upon the New York State Attorney General to Investigate Petroleum Price Differentials in the Tri-County Region of the North Country for Potential Price Gouging", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Services Committee: 1-13-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CITIZEN
ADVOCATES, INC., TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE COUNTY-WIDE CRISIS
INTERVENTION AND/OR RESPONSE SERVICES FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board (CSB) has recognized the need to improve the behavioral health crisis response for St. Lawrence County, and therefore issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Comprehensive County-wide Crisis Services, and

WHEREAS, these Comprehensive Services will include twenty-four (24) hours per day mobile crisis response services, available licensed/certified staff able to practice in New York State, an electronic health record and the ability to bill Medicaid Managed Care for both telephonic and mobile responses, an appropriate level of crisis follow-up services, and provide the current community provider (if indicated) documentation of the crisis contact the following day, and

WHEREAS, these comprehensive services are focused to support and assist law enforcement who are too often tasked with the majority of in-person behavioral health crisis contacts, and

WHEREAS, after forming an ad hoc committee to bring forth recommendations, the CSB convened and unanimously awarded the contract and the associated pass-through funding from New York State to Citizen Advocates, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Citizen Advocates will receive \$150,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds for start-up costs to include the purchase of a vehicle, staffing, and electronic health record enhancements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Citizen Advocates, Inc., to provide Comprehensive County-Wide Crisis Services for St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A2742304 465CA OSF	Citizen Advocates OSF Payments	\$150,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A2727355 56000 OSF	A SA Opioid Settlement Funds	\$150,000
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 39-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Citizen Advocates, Inc., to Provide Comprehensive County-Wide Crisis Intervention and/or Response Services for St. Lawrence County and Modifying the 2025 Budget for Community Services", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Services Committee: 1-13-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR
THE LOCUM TENENS STAFFING AGENCY**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2024, Resolution No. 260-2024 was adopted authorizing an amended contract agreement with Locum Tenens Staffing Agencies for continuity of care, and

WHEREAS, Community Services is responsible for providing care for those individuals admitted to the Mental Health and Addictions Clinics in accordance with the rules and regulations made by and established by the Commissioners of OMH, OASAS and DOH, and

WHEREAS, the Department needs continued support by a medical provider for three (3) months to provide care to the individuals admitted to the Mental Health and Addiction Services Clinics due to unanticipated leaves,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services for the Locum Tenens Staffing Agency, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A1142504 43007 DSRP	A CACD Other Fees & Services	\$35,000
A1342504 43007 DSRP	A OGCD Other Fees & Services	<u>35,000</u>
		\$70,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

A1134905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	\$35,000
A1334905 56000 DSRP	A DSRP Mental Health	<u>35,000</u>
		\$70,000

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 40-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2025 Budget for Community Services for the Locum Tenens Staffing Agency", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Services Committee: 1-13-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2025

**URGING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF
EARLY INTERVENTION TO ENSURE FUNCTIONALITY OF
THE EARLY INTERVENTION HUB**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2024, the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention transitioned from the New York State Early Intervention System (NYEIS) to the Early Intervention (EI) Hub as the system required to be utilized by counties for data entry pertaining to Early Intervention Services and billing, and

WHEREAS, both systems were offline effective October 5, 2024, and the EI Hub was to take effect on October 14, 2024, creating an initial backlog of data entry and billing, and when the EI Hub went into effect numerous issues precluded counties and providers from being able to effectively complete data entry and billing, and

WHEREAS, such issues included extending data entry time by 30-45 minutes per task (e.g. referral/intake, individualized family service plan (IFSP)), adding hours of additional work for each child enrolled and these extended data entry times have not been resolved, and

WHEREAS, additional issues included incorrect or incomplete data migration from the NYEIS to the EI Hub, for example incorrect therapist roles were assigned to providers, cases were closed incorrectly, prescriptions for children to receive services were not accurate, and

WHEREAS, these issues result in significantly increased and unreimbursed administration time for county staff as well as providers, which compounds the ongoing issue of data entry not correctly migrating to billing for vouchering, resulting in delayed payment to providers, and

WHEREAS, this impacted the services of the children to date in that one agency placed a temporary hold on multidisciplinary evaluations and one service provider continues to not accept new Early Intervention referrals, which further delays existing waitlists for services to children, and

WHEREAS, the county anticipates that if these issues remain unresolved we may lose additional Early Intervention Providers which would be a grave disservice to children and families in an area where we are already lacking providers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention to ensure functionality of the Early Intervention Hub, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Dan Stec; Senator Mark Walczyk; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; and Assemblyman Scott Gray.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 41-2025 Entitled "Urging the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention to Ensure Functionality of the Early Intervention Hub", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Services Committee: 1-13-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH JACK VENESKY, CPA
AND ASSOCIATES FOR PREPARATION OF THE PRESCHOOL/SCHOOL
SUPPORTIVE HEALTH SERVICES (SSHSP) ANNUAL MEDICAID COST REPORT
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE JULY 1, 2024
TO JUNE 30, 2025 PROGRAM YEAR**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is required to file an annual
Preschool/School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP) Medicaid Cost Report, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA & Associates has been providing this
service to the Public Health Department, and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been received for the firm of Jack Venesky, CPA &
Associates to continue providing these services (PK040504 43003) for \$4,500 annually,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes
the Chair to sign a contract with Jack Venesky, CPA and Associates for preparation of the
Preschool/School Supportive Health Services (SSHSP) Annual Medicaid Cost Report for the
Public Health Department for July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025 Program Year, upon approval of
the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this
Resolution No. 42-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Jack Venesky, CPA and Associates for Preparation of the
Preschool/School Supportive Health Services (SSHSP) Annual Medicaid Cost Report for Public Health Department for the July 1, 2024 to June
30, 2025 Program Year", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of
the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Services Committee: 1-13-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2025

**CORRECTION OF MULTIPLE PARCEL ERRORS RP-556-B RESOLUTION FOR
THE TOWN OF COLTON TO CORRECT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES ON
2025 TOWN AND COUNTY TAX BILL**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Town of Colton adopted 2025 Budget had water and sewer charges which were placed on the town and county tax bill in which the town had not intended to charge, and

WHEREAS, there are 207 parcels in the water and sewer district that have always been billed on a quarterly basis, and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Article 5 allows for Correction of Assessment Rolls and Tax Rolls using the RP-556-b form for certain errors, substantial in number and identical in nature filed with the Director of Real Property Tax Services and approved by the Board of Legislators,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes correction of multiple parcel errors RP-556-B resolution for the Town of Colton to correct water and sewer charges on the 2025 Town and County Tax Bill, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Colton is authorized to collect on the warrant without Colton Water and Colton Sewer lines on the 2025 Town & County Tax Bill.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 43-2025 Entitled "Correction of Multiple Parcel Errors RP-556-B Resolution for the Town of Colton to Correct Water and Sewer Charges on 2025 Town and County Tax Bill", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE TO
DISTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL SALES TAX TO MUNICIPALITIES IN
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office has received more sales tax revenue than budgeted for Fiscal Year 2024, and

WHEREAS, should revenue exceed the amount budgeted, a modification to the amount authorized is necessary to provide for distribution to pay the towns and villages the additional funds the County shares with them,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Treasurer's Office to distribute additional sales tax to municipalities in St. Lawrence County as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T3019854 465ST	T Distribution of Sales Tax	\$1,650,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T3011105 55000	T LR Sales and Use Tax	\$1,650,000
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 44-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Treasurer's Office to Distribute Additional Sales Tax to Municipalities in St. Lawrence County", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2025

**AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY-EIGHT (38) MILES OF PAVING AND
MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
FOR PAVING PROJECTS**

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

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is required to maintain 573 miles of County roads and its infrastructure for the safety of the traveling public, and the County paves approximately thirty (30) miles of road on an annual basis through a mix of federal, state, and local tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Board of Legislators demonstrated a commitment to addressing the challenges with the County Road System when Resolution No. 243-2022 was adopted adding ten (10) miles (\$2.1M to the Budget) for paving, in 2023, the Board of Legislators committed \$1.2M in Resolution No. 262-2023 to add another ten (10) additional miles of paving throughout the County, and again in 2024, the Board of Legislators committed \$5M in Resolution No. 58-2024 to add another 43 miles of paving throughout the County for a third consecutive year, and

WHEREAS, the reserves for the General Fund have reached the intended level associated with the 2016 Fund Balance Policy and therefore the County has an opportunity for consideration of additional miles for paving for the fourth consecutive year to reach the goal of just over one hundred (100) additional miles paved in four (4) years, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Budget includes thirty-four (34) miles to be paved and the recommendation is to add an additional thirty-eight (38) miles of paving, subject to the competitive bidding process for 2025, to complete the work in a timely manner, and

WHEREAS, this four-year project was pursued to provide an overall countywide benefit for the residents and visitors of St. Lawrence County to travel on safer and better maintained roads,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes an additional 38 miles of paving to complete the paving of one hundred (100) additional miles in four (4) years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highways for paving projects, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Unappropriated	\$6,100,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Fund Balance, Unreserved Appropriated	\$6,100,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199019 90300	T IFT GF Transfer to CR	\$6,100,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

T6350319 90100	T IFT CR Transfer from GF	\$6,100,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM151104 454PM H1	H H1 Paving Materials	\$6,100,000
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 45-2025 Entitled "Authorizing an Additional Thirty-Eight (38) Miles of Paving and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highways for Paving Projects", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE WILDLIFE SERVICES FOR BEAVER CONTROL

By Mr. Hull, 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 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 \$9,000 (HM351104 43007), and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Inter-governmental Agreement is to establish and administer a cooperative program between the St. Lawrence County Department of Highways and APHIS WS to reduce roadway damage along with the risk to human health and safety from beaver, 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, this cooperative agreement shall become effective on March 1, 2025, and expire on December 31, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services for beaver control, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 46-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services for Beaver Control", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is committed to assisting municipalities in responding to emergencies that affect the transportation system, and

WHEREAS, in the event that the local Highway system is impacted by an event, NYSDOT forces can normally only offer assistance when a Governor's Emergency Declaration has been made, and

WHEREAS, in the absence of a Governor's Emergency Disaster Declaration and/or suspension of Highway Law §55, NYSDOT forces can assist local municipalities with issues on the local Highway System if a Shared Services Agreement has been entered into between the Municipality and New York State, and

WHEREAS, by executing a four (4) year agreement beforehand, emergency needs on the County Highway System can be addressed without having unnecessary delays due to paperwork processed or an Emergency Declaration to be enacted, and

WHEREAS, without the Shared Services Agreement, requests for assistance would have to be made through the County Director of Emergency Services and the local resources of the County would need to be exhausted before NYSDOT could provide assistance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Shared Services Agreement between the New York State Department of Transportation and St. Lawrence County, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 47-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Shared Services Agreement Between the New York State Department of Transportation and St. Lawrence County", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON &
LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REPLACE PERRIN ROAD
OVER PARKHURST BROOK, BIN 3221660**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects, and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Debby has caused significant damage to Perrin Road over Parkhurst Brook, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited qualifications for engineering services for the replacement of Perrin Road over Parkhurst Brook, and

WHEREAS, the best qualified consultant for this project has been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators does hereby authorize the Chair to sign a contract for engineering services for:

Consultant: Barton & Loguidice, D. P. C.

Contract Title: Perrin Road over Parkhurst Brook (BIN 3221660)
Town of Potsdam

Engineering Fee: Not to exceed \$90,000
HM551124 430ED B29

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D. P. C. for engineering services to replace Perrin Road over Parkhurst Brook, BIN 3221660, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 48-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace Perrin Road over Parkhurst Brook, BIN 3221660", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH BARTON &
LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REPLACE SILVER HILL
ROAD OVER PLUM BROOK, BIN 3221740**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects, and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Debby has caused significant damage to Silver Hill Road over Plumb Brook, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has solicited qualifications for engineering services for the replacement of Silver Hill Road over Plumb Brook, and

WHEREAS, the best qualified consultant for this project has been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators does hereby authorize the Chair to sign a contract for engineering services for:

Consultant: Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.

Contract Title: Silver Hill Road over Plumb Brook (BIN 3221740)
Town of Russell

Engineering Fee: Not to exceed \$79,300
HM551124 430ED B13

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for engineering services to replace Silver Hill Road over Plum Brook, BIN 3221740, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 49-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace Silver Hill Road over Plum Brook, BIN 3221740", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2025

**MODIFYING THE PY24 WIOA BUDGET TO TRANSFER FORMULA FUNDS FROM
DISLOCATED WORKER ACCOUNTS TO ADULT ACCOUNTS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Notice of Authorization PY24-3 was issued with the remaining allocation of funding for Program Year 2024 WIOA Title IB Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs, and

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds would provide more flexibility and ensure that WIOA is able to provide services to as many eligible participants as possible, and

WHEREAS, that all participants eligible for the Dislocated Worker program will be enrolled in the Dislocated Worker Program, and no eligible participant will be denied services, including training services, due to the transfer of funds, and

WHEREAS, WIOA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking section 683.130, grants LWDBs the authority to transfer one hundred percent (100%) of a program year allocation between the Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs, and

WHEREAS, the LWDB authorized, by Resolution Number 25-A08-01, the transfer of funds from Dislocated Worker to Adult,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the PY24 WIOA Budget to Transfer Formula Funds from Dislocated Worker Accounts to Adult Accounts, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UA462924 461TU TRAN	Adult Training Tuition Fees	\$120,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UE462911 11000	Direct Service Worker	12,661
UE462911 12000	Supervisory/Administrative	6,816
UE462911 14000	Clerical	4,415
UE462911 19550	Health Insurance Buyout	332
UE462914 40700	Rent	3,000
UE462914 430OP	One Stop Operator	500
UE462914 430WI	WIB Expenses	9,000
UE462918 81000	Retirement	3,344
UE462918 83000	Social Security	2,024
UE462918 84000	Worker's Compensation	726

UE462918 84500	Group Life Insurance	47
UE462918 86000	Health & Medical Insurance	6,390
UE462918 86500	Dental Insurance	336
UE462918 89000	Eye Coverage	117
UE462924461OJ	OJT Employer Reimbursement	35,292
UE462924 461TU	Tuition/Books/Fees	<u>35,000</u>
		\$120,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

UA447905 57000 TRAN	U FA Adult Training	\$120,000
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DECREASE REVENUE:

UE447905 57000	Dislocated Worker Revenue	\$120,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future years until fully expended.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 50-2025 Entitled "Modifying the PY24 WIOA Budget to Transfer Formula Funds from Dislocated Worker Accounts to Adult Accounts", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2025

**ESTABLISHING THE PY23 BUDGET FOR THE NEW YORK SYSTEMS CHANGE
AND INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK (SCION)
OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH (OMH) INITIATIVE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06 states that each Local Workforce Development Area must have at least one Disability Resource Coordinator on staff, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06.01 expanded the three-year pilot program to a five-year program, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06.02 states that each LWDB will receive up to \$30,000 in New York State (NYS) Office of Mental Health (OMH) funds annually through the period of performance, and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board has been awarded the year one additional NYS OMH funding of \$30,000 to administer the initiative known as the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NY SCION), and

WHEREAS, Resolution #25-A08-02, which authorized the execution of the agreement to accept the funding for the NY SCION OMH Initiative, was approved at the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board meeting on January 8, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to be used from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2028, and any year one funds unexpended at the end of the calendar year will roll over to future budgets until fully expended,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes establishing the PY23 Budget for the NY Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (SCION) Office of Mental Health (OMH) Initiative, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UR362901 12000 SOMH	Supervisory/Administrative	\$978
UR362901 14000 SOMH	Clerical	693
UR362904 40700 SOMH	Bldg & Property Rent	93
UR362904 41400 SOMH	Liability & Other Insurance	9
UR362904 42000 SOMH	Office Supplies & Expenses	6
UR362904 42002 SOMH	Copying Expenses	6
UR362904 42300 SOMH	Other Communication Services	6
UR362904 42400 SOMH	Postage	6
UR362904 42700 SOMH	Membership & Dues	8

UR362904 430WI SOMH	WIB Expenses	330
UR362904 47800 SOMH	DP Charges	45
UR362908 81000 SOMH	Retirement	229
UR362908 83000 SOMH	Social Security	125
UR362908 84000 SOMH	Workers' Compensation	44
UR362908 84500 SOMH	Group Life Insurance	3
UR362908 86000 SOMH	Hospital & Medical Insurance	386
UR362908 86500 SOMH	Dental Insurance	23
UR362908 89000 SOMH	Vision Insurance	10
UR362911 11000 SOMH	Direct Service Worker	16,950
UR362911 14000 SOMH	Clerical	246
UR362911 19550 SOMH	Health Insurance Buyback	1,374
UR362914 40700 SOMH	Bldg & Property Rent	1,319
UR362914 41100 SOMH	Educational Workshops	750
UR362914 41400 SOMH	Liability & Other Insurance	120
UR362914 41901 SOMH	I/D Central Printing	30
UR362914 42000 SOMH	Office Supplies & Expenses	30
UR362914 42002 SOMH	Copying Expenses	20
UR362914 42300 SOMH	Other Communication Services	24
UR362914 42400 SOMH	Postage	9
UR362914 42700 SOMH	Membership & Dues	101
UR362914 430WI SOMH	WIB Expenses	240
UR362914 47800 SOMH	DP Charges	924
UR362918 81000 SOMH	Retirement	2,317
UR362918 83000 SOMH	Social Security	1,364
UR362918 84000 SOMH	Workers Compensation	480
UR362918 84500 SOMH	Group Life Insurance	63
UR362918 86500 SOMH	Dental Insurance	462
UR362918 89000 SOMH	Vision Insurance	177
		<u>\$30,000</u>

INCREASE REVENUE:

UR347905 57000 SOMH	NY SCION OMH Revenue	\$30,000
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 51-2025 Entitled "Establishing the PY23 Budget for the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (SCION) Office of Mental Health (OMH) Initiative", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2025

**ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE NEW YORK SYSTEMS CHANGE AND
INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK (NY SCION) INITIATIVE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, New York Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06 states that each Local Workforce Development Area must have at least one Disability Resource Coordinator on staff, and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Labor Technical Advisory #21-06.01 expanded the three-year pilot program to a five-year program, and

WHEREAS, each Local Workforce Development Board will receive up to \$100,000 annually for five (5) consecutive years to assist with the implementation, and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Board has been awarded the fourth-year funding of \$100,000 to administer the initiative known as the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NY SCION), and

WHEREAS, Resolution #25-A15-04, which authorized the execution of the agreement to accept the funding for the NY SCION Initiative, was approved at the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board Executive Committee on January 15, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to be used from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes establishing the Budget for the NY SCION Initiative, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

UR362901 12000	Supervisory/Administrative	\$3,260
UR362901 14000	Clerical	2,310
UR362904 40700	Bldg & Property Rent	310
UR362904 41400	Liability & Other Insurance	30
UR362904 42000	Office Supplies & Expenses	20
UR362904 42002	Copying Expenses	20
UR362904 42300	Other Communication Services	20
UR362904 42400	Postage	20
UR362904 42700	Membership & Dues	25
UR362904 430WI	WIB Expenses	1,100
UR362904 47800	DP Charges	150
UR362908 81000	Retirement	762

UR362908 83000	Social Security	418
UR362908 84000	Workers' Compensation	147
UR362908 84500	Group Life Insurance	11
UR362908 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	1,287
UR362908 86500	Dental Insurance	78
UR362908 89000	Vision Insurance	32
UR362911 11000	Direct Service Worker	56,500
UR362911 14000	Clerical	820
UR362911 19550	Health Insurance Buyback	4,580
UR362914 40700	Bldg & Property Rent	4,396
UR362914 41100	Educational Workshops	1,000
UR362914 41400	Liability & Other Insurance	400
UR362914 41901	I/D Central Printing	50
UR362914 42000	Office Supplies & Expenses	50
UR362914 42002	Copying Expenses	65
UR362914 42300	Other Communication Services	80
UR362914 42400	Postage	30
UR362914 42700	Membership & Dues	338
UR362914 430WI	WIB Expenses	390
UR362914 47800	DP Charges	2,600
UR362918 81000	Retirement	7,610
UR362918 83000	Social Security	4,480
UR362918 84000	Workers' Compensation	1,576
UR362918 84500	Group Life Insurance	105
UR362918 86000	Hospital & Medical Insurance	3,568
UR362918 86500	Dental Insurance	770
UR362918 89000	Vision Insurance	<u>592</u>
		\$100,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

UR347905 57000	NY SCION Revenue	\$100,000
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 52-2025 Entitled "Establishing the Budget for the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NY SCION) Initiative", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2025

**AUTHORIZING GRADE CHANGES AND ADJUSTMENTS TO
COMPENSATION FOR CSEA AND UNREPRESENTED TITLES
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the bargaining agreement with CSEA expired at the end of 2024 and a successor agreement was ratified by the Union and the Board of Legislators for the next contract period 2025-2028, and

WHEREAS, periodically there are challenges with recruiting and/or with the ability to maintain staff and on occasion this prompts the opportunity to review the specific areas of concern to determine if any changes should be recommended, and

WHEREAS, a Labor Management Meeting was held with CSEA and a discussion held with the Board of Legislators that identified the concerns and yielded the recommendations being made by the County Administrator and the Personnel Officer, and

WHEREAS, there has been a review of specific titles that are represented by the Union as well as titles categorized as unrepresented and this review has demonstrated a need to address some titles and make some salary adjustments to begin in 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Administrator to make the following grade changes and salary adjustments for identified titles in CSEA and titles in the group of unrepresented employees in St. Lawrence County Government, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the table below be adopted with the new grade and salary recommended by the County Administrator:

<u>TITLE/REPRESENTED BY</u>	<u>CURRENT GRADE (2025)</u>	<u>CURRENT BASE SALARY (2025)</u>	<u>NEW GRADE</u>	<u>NEW BASE SALARY</u>
Dispatcher/CSEA (Upon Completion of Probationary Period & Proficiency)	19	\$43,763	22	\$48,793
Senior Dispatcher/CSEA	24	\$52,635	25	\$54,634
Caseworker/CSEA	25	\$54,634	26	\$56,740
Senior Caseworker/CSEA	27	\$58,992	28	\$61,370
Grade B Supervisor/CSEA	29	\$63,907	30	\$66,542
Grade A Supervisor/CSEA	31	\$69,322	32	\$72,248
Chemical Dependency Counselor/CSEA	25	\$54,634	26	\$56,740

Buildings and Grounds Crew Leader/CSEA	25	\$54,634	26	\$56,740
Sign Maintenance Crew Leader/CSEA	25	\$54,634	26	\$56,740
Assistant District Attorneys/Unrepresented	V	\$81,152	VI	\$95,302

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Assistant District Attorneys be moved to Grade VI for 2025 and placed in the first step that holds them harmless, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all grade changes be effective not later than February 1, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dispatchers be hired at a Grade 19 and upon successful completion of their Probationary Period with recommendation from the Director of Emergency Services, they be moved to a Grade 22, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Dispatchers who have successfully completed their probationary period will be moved to a Grade 22, the first step that holds them harmless.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 53-2025 Entitled "Authorizing Grade Changes and Adjustments to Compensation For CSEA And Unrepresented Titles in St. Lawrence County Government", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2025

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A
(NO._) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "SETTING SALARIES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES"**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law A (No_) for the Year 2025 will establish salaries for certain County Employees, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law A (No_) for the Year 2025, "Setting Salaries for County Employees" will be held on March 3, 2025. at 5:50 p.m., in the Legislative Chambers.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A (NO._) FOR THE YEAR 2025,
"SETTING SALARIES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES"**

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

Section 1. That salaries for the Year 2025, effective January 1, 2025, for the following employees shall be increased three percent (3%) as set forth below and shall be paid retroactive:

Commissioner of Social Services	\$126,952	Conflict Defender	\$121,398
County Administrator	\$177,020	County Attorney	\$174,210
County Clerk	\$106,096	County Treasurer	
Director of Real Property	\$106,096	Elections Commissioner	\$81,530
Highway Superintendent	\$139,151	Director of Human Resources	\$121,398
Public Defender	\$117,063	Sheriff	\$119,208

Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 54-2025 Entitled "Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law A (No.) for the Year 2025, "Setting Salaries for County Employees"", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2025

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B, (NO. _) FOR THE YEAR 2025, “ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW SUPERSEDING THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW SECTION 3(1) AS TO THE RESIDENCY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICERS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY”

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Officers Law § 3(1), “No person shall be capable of holding a civil office who shall not, at the time he or she shall be chosen thereto, have attained the age of eighteen years, except that in the case of youth boards, youth commissions, recreation commissions, or community boards in the city of New York only, members of such boards or commissions may be under the age of eighteen years, but must have attained the age of sixteen years on or before appointment to such youth board, youth commission, recreation commission, or community board in the city of New York, be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state, and if it be a local office, a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state for which he or she shall be chosen, or within which the electors electing him or her reside, or within which his or her official functions are required to be exercised, or who shall have been or shall be convicted of a violation of the selective draft act of the United States, enacted May eighteenth, nineteen hundred seventeen, or the acts amendatory or supplemental thereto, or of the federal selective training and service act of nineteen hundred forty or the acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto,” and

WHEREAS, County Law § 400 requires that a County appoint certain officers, to include public health directors, where applicable, and community services directors, where applicable, and

WHEREAS, due to rural nature of our County finding qualified individuals to serve in certain official roles and simultaneously be residents of the County is becoming increasingly difficult, and

WHEREAS, a recent vacancy and job search in the Public Health office ultimately secured several very well qualified candidates, none of which were residents of St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the County is mandated to provide these various services but is constrained by population limits in finding available candidates, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law, a County may seek authorization from the State to supersede the residency restrictions imposed on officers of the municipality through the adoption of a local law superseding Public Officers Law Section 3, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law B (No. __) for the Year 2025, “Adopting a Local Law Superseding The Public Officers Law Section 3(1) as to the Residency Of Certain Public Officers In St. Lawrence County” will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 5:45 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B (NO. ____) FOR THE YEAR 2025, “ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW SUPERSEDING THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW SECTION 3(1) AS TO THE RESIDENCY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICERS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY”

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

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby finds that in order to assure an adequate pool of qualified applicants for the positions of Public Health Director and Community Services Director and to retain such applicants if hired, it is necessary and advisable that all personnel holding said offices within the County of St. Lawrence be permitted to reside within the County of St. Lawrence or any county contiguous to the County of St. Lawrence. Therefore, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby adopts the following exemption from any provision of the New York State Public Officers Law imposing a more restrictive residency qualification for holding the offices of Public Health Director and Community Services Director within the County of St. Lawrence.

Section 2. EXEMPTION

In the County of St. Lawrence, the provisions of Section 3(1) of the Public Officers Law requiring a person to be a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the State for which such person shall be chosen or within which such person’s official functions are required to be exercised, shall not prevent any person from holding office of the Public Health Director or Director of Community Services, provided, however, that such person performing the duties and functions of Public Health Director or Director of Community Services resides in Lewis, Franklin, Jefferson, Herkimer or Hamilton Counties. Any contrary provision of the Public Officers Law is hereby superseded by this local law.

Section 3. SEPARABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this local law shall be judged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not impair or invalidate the remainder hereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or section directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 55-2025 Entitled “Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law B, (No.) for the Year 2025, “Adopting a Local Law Superseding the Public Officers Law Section 3(1) as to the Residency of Certain Public Officers in St. Lawrence County””, adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 56-2025

SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2025, “A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES”

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 216-2009, adopted July 6, 2009, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators created and established the St. Lawrence County Human Resources Department for the administration of personnel matters, to include civil service, and

WHEREAS, at that time, a Director of Human Resources title was created but it was merged with the Civil Service Officer title, Personnel Officer, and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Board of Legislators decided to separate the positions of Personnel Officer and Director of Human Resources into two separate positions, and

WHEREAS, in order to properly establish the position of Human Resources Director as an officer of the County, County Law § 400 requires that the Board of Legislators enact a local law, imbuing the position with the responsibilities of its office, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law C (No. __) for the year 2025, “Establishing the Position of St. Lawrence County Director of Human Resources” will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 5:40 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C (NO.) OF THE YEAR 2025 ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES”

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of St. Lawrence as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE

It is the desire of the St. Lawrence County Legislature, in its continuing efforts to upgrade and evolve the administration of St. Lawrence County government, to create the position of human Resources Director, pursuant to County Law § 400 to provide consistent application of a myriad of human resources elements.

SECTION 2. DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Department Head and Appointment. The Department of Human Resources shall be headed by and under the supervision of, the Director of Human Resources, who shall be appointed by the St. Lawrence County Legislature for a term of the board.

B. Term. The term of the Director of Human Resources shall be four years.

C. Powers and Duties. The powers and duties of the Director of Human Resources is as follows:

- 1) Appoint, supervise, discipline and remove all employees of the Department of Human Resources, in accordance with applicable job classifications assign and reassign powers and duties to such employees, have charge and control of all employees of said Department of Human Resources; all in accordance with sound management principles, New York Civil Service Law, policies and/or directives of the County Legislature, and other administrative policies and procedures.
- 2) Provide management-level oversight to all human resources and personnel functions of the County.
- 3) Provide advice and counsel to the County Legislature and County Administrator on staffing needs and associated costs for optimal County operations.
- 4) Support County department/office heads on recruitment strategy and execution, hiring, onboarding and performance management of department hires.
- 5) Support the County Legislature, County Administrator, and County department/office leadership on formulation of labor relations strategy, contract negotiations and contract administration for collective bargaining units.
- 6) Evaluate County employee and administrative policies and procedures for compliance with state and federal regulations and County directives, and recommend updates as needed.
- 7) Administer compensation management for County non-union personnel.
- 8) Ensure a strong workplace culture for County employees.
- 9) Administer and coordinate the employee benefits and protection programs such as Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Vision Insurance, Pension Plan, Deferred Compensation, Life Insurance, COBRA, flexible benefits, etc.
- 10) Acts as the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Officer on behalf of County government.
- 11) Have such other powers and perform such other duties as may now or hereafter be conferred or imposed upon him/her by resolution of the County Legislature or applicable law.

D. Minimum Qualifications. The Director of Human Resources shall meet or exceed the following qualifications:

- 1) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's degree and five (5) years of experience in human resource administration in a union environment two (2) years of which must have been in a supervisory or administrative capacity, OR
- 2) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered university with an Associate's degree in Business Administration, Human Resources or related field and seven (7) years of experience in human resource administration in a union environment two (2) years of which must have been in a supervisory or administrative capacity OR
- 3) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (a), (b), and (c) above.

SECTION 3. TRANSITION PROVISIONS

Nothing herein shall be construed to impair in any manner the lawful administration of the New York Civil Service Law in St. Lawrence County.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF PRIOR ENACTMENTS

Any other prior enactments of the County Legislature, to the extent that they contradict the terms of this Local Law herein, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. SEPERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the reminder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 56-2025 Entitled "Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law C (No.) for the Year 2025, "A Local Law Establishing the Position of St. Lawrence County Director of Human Resources"", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2025

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the cost for Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defense exceeded the 2024 budgeted appropriations, and

WHEREAS, with eligibility standards changing, and the State-mandated rate increasing, the cost of providing indigent defense continues to rise, and

WHEREAS, revenue for Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defense has surpassed the 2024 budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Assigned Counsel Program, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

IA011704 430CC	IA AC Criminal Cases	\$100,000
IA011704 430AC	IA AC Appeals Cases	50,000
IA011704 430FC	IA AC Family Court Cases	<u>50,000</u>
		\$200,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

IA030895 56000 CFA	Counsel at First Appear SA	\$140,000
IA030255 56000	IA AC SA Indigent Legal Serv	<u>60,000</u>
		\$200,000

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 57-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Assigned Counsel Program", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 1-27-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 58-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FROM THE
TOWN OF WADDINGTON ON A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY HAVING A
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TAX MAP NO. OF DISTRICT 0200 SECTION 710.00
BLOCK 01.00 LOT 001.006 (P/O) FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
PURPOSES PURSUANT TO SECTION 72-H OF THE NEW YORK STATE
GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington, St. Lawrence County, New York, is the fee owner of a certain parcel of real property more fully described in “Schedule A” annexed hereto (hereinafter referred to as the “Subject Premises”), and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence, by and through its Emergency Management Services Department, is desirous of obtaining a Permanent Easement covering a portion of the Subject Premises for the municipal purpose of erecting and maintaining an Emergency Services Transmission Tower, a map and description of said easement being annexed hereto as “Exhibit 1” (hereinafter referred to as the “Subject Parcel”), and

WHEREAS, Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law permits the sale of real property between Municipal Corporations, or between a Municipal Corporation and the State of New York or the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with established St. Lawrence County procedures, the County of St. Lawrence determined that the fair market value of the Permanent Easement described in “Exhibit 1” is Eighteen Thousand & 00/100 (\$18,000) Dollars, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington by Adopted resolution did approve of the sale of the Permanent Easement for the sum of Eighteen & 00/100 (\$18,000) Dollars, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence, New York, is aware that the Subject Parcel shall be conveyed subject to the following restrictive covenants that will run with the land so conveyed: (1) That the Grantee shall not sell, convey, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the subject premises; and (2) That the Grantee shall use the property as an Emergency Management Services Tower Easement, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence is aware that the restrictive covenants described above will run with the land and shall bind the heirs, successors, and assigns of the County of St. Lawrence, and in the event of any violation of the restrictive covenants stated above, the Permanent Easement over the Subject Parcel so conveyed shall be void ab initio and title in and to the Permanent Easement so conveyed shall revert to the Town of Waddington,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the acquisition of the permanent utility easement as described in “Exhibit 1” is for the proposed construction of the St. Lawrence County Emergency Management Services tower Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED St. Lawrence County as State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Lead Agency, completed a Final Environmental Impact Statement and Issued a Findings Statement for Emergency Services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED pursuant to the 6 NYCRR Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review, SEQRA has been completed for the acquisition of a permanent utility easement as described in “Exhibit 1” via the completed SEQRA review for the Emergency Management Services Project and as such, this Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this purchase is authorized pursuant to Section 72-H of the General Municipal Law permitting a sale of real property between Municipal Corporations, or between a Municipal Corporation and the State of New York or the United States of America,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to execute any documents necessary for the acquisition of the Permanent Easement from the Town of Waddington, subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 58-2025 Entitled “Authorizing The Acquisition of A Permanent Easement from the Town of Waddington on A Parcel of Real Property Having A St. Lawrence County Tax Map No. of District 0200 Section 710.00 Block 01.00 Lot 001.006 (P/O) For Emergency Management Purposes Pursuant to Section 72-H Of The New York State General Municipal Law”, adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 59-2025

**CORRECTION OF ERRORS TO THE 2025 TOWN & COUNTY REAL PROPERTY
TAX BILLS AND AUTHORIZING CHARGEBACK CREDITS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, each December, the St. Lawrence County Real Property Office prepares tax bills for taxing jurisdictions within the County, and

WHEREAS, bills are prepared in December to be mailed to property owners in the taxing jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, on or about January 3rd, 2025, errors were discovered in the preparation of tax bills in fourteen of the taxing jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, some of the errors resulted in overcharges to several taxing jurisdictions while several of the errors resulted in undercharges to the taxing jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 556-b, overcharges may be remedied through a correction of errors or through a chargeback credit which is reflected in the negative amounts shown in the chart, and

WHEREAS, for those taxing jurisdictions in which there was an overcharge, an election of remedies has been made by the impacted municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the County determined that eight towns have errors in the 2025 Town and County Real Property Tax Bills due to clerical mistakes resulting in undercharges, and

WHEREAS, there is no mechanism in the New York State Real Property Tax Law that allows for recouping undercharges, and

WHEREAS, the undercharges for 2025 total \$198,856.82, and overcharges total \$151,735.08, which includes the Town of Massena Workers' Compensation bill, and

WHEREAS, the County acknowledges that the undercharges shown will be uncollectable for the 2025 Town and County Real Property Tax Collection,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Treasurer to credit these various items to the municipalities identified in the chart below,

2025
Charges & Credits to Towns & Districts

<u>2025 CHARGEBACKS</u>	<u>NEGATIVE AMOUNTS ARE CHARGEBACK CREDITS DUE TO MUNICIPALITIES IN 2026</u>
BRASHER	
BRASHER-WINTHROP FIRE DISTRICT	\$10,753.00
HELENA LIGHT DISTRICT	\$50.00
CANTON	
CANTON COUNTY CHARGEBACK	\$0.05
DEKALB	
DEKALB COUNTY CHARGEBACK	\$0.06
HAMMOND	
HAMMOND COUNTY CHARGEBACK	-\$2,877.20
MASSENA	
WORKERS' COMPENSATION CHARGEBACK*	-\$128,890.00
MORRISTOWN	
MORRISTOWN COUNTY CHARGEBACK	-\$7,603.96
OSWEGATCHIE	
TOWN	\$0.20
PIERREPONT	
PIERREPONT COUNTY LEVY	\$135,843.01
HIGHWAY	-\$115.72
HIGHWAY	\$44,733.00

FIRE PROTECTION (FD032)	-\$27.96
FIRE PROTECTION (FD032)	\$3,000.00
TOWN	-\$36.04
TOWN	\$3,774.00
POTSDAM	
NORWOOD LIBRARY DISTRICT - NL001	\$703.00
NORWOOD LIBRARY DISTRICT - NL003	-\$425.00
POTSDAM COUNTY LEVY	-\$0.20
ROSSIE	
ROSSIE FIRE PROTECTION	-\$728.00
ROSSIE COUNTY CHARGEBACK	\$0.33
STOCKHOLM	
NORWOOD LIBRARY DISTRICT	-\$278.00
BRASHER WINTHROP FIRE DISTRICT	-\$10,753.00
WADDINGTON	
SCHOOL RELEVY	\$0.17

**This will not be a credit for the 2026 Town and County Real Property Taxes*

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE) ss:

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 59-2025 Entitled "Correction of Errors to the 2025 Town & County Real Property Tax Bills and Authorizing Chargeback Credits", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 60-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE
FOR FLEET APPROPRIATIONS**

By Mr. Hull, District 8

WHEREAS, annually the Budget for the fleet appropriations is created in three separate funds; general (01), highway (04), and solid waste (05), and

WHEREAS, the majority of the county fleet is paid out of the Treasurer's Budget and for 2024, the total amount appropriated was \$225K in the general fund and the total for the year came in above budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for the Treasurer's Office for fleet expenses as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

TF013254 421FL	Fleet Leasing Program	\$30,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$30,000
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 60-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Treasurer's Office for Fleet Appropriations", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2025

THANKING GOVERNOR HOCHUL FOR PRIORITIZING THE NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS BY ADDING \$45 MILLION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE PROPOSED 2025 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING

By Mr. Denesha, District 6
Co-Sponsored By Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, Older New Yorkers contribute \$719 billion (43%) to the State's GOP, along with \$72 billion (41%) of state and local taxes, and

WHEREAS, Older New Yorkers' spending supports almost 6 million jobs, along with generating \$482 billion in wages and salary, and

WHEREAS, more than 4.1 million New Yorkers provide uncompensated care to someone else, most of whom are older adults caring for older adults, with an economic value of \$39 billion, if paid at the market rate, and

WHEREAS, allocating an additional \$45 million in new funding for non-medical in-home services recognizes the critical needs of almost 5 million older New Yorkers; as well as more than 4 million caregivers, and

WHEREAS, this significant increase in funding will assist local Area Agencies on Aging to help their most vulnerable population by reducing waitlists for services, providing lifesaving in-homes services; as well as supporting older adults to age in place,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators thanks Governor Hochul for prioritizing the needs of older adults by adding \$45 million of additional funding in the proposed 2025 New York State Budget to the New York State Office for the Aging, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush and Senator Dan Stec.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 61-2025 Entitled "Thanking Governor Hochul for Prioritizing the Needs of Older Adults by Adding \$45 Million of Additional Funding in the Proposed 2025 New York State Budget to the New York State Office for the Aging", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 62-2025

URGING NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO REFRAIN FROM INTERFERING IN THE SCHEDULING AND CONDUCT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION FOR NEW YORK'S 21ST DISTRICT

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, the people of New York's 21st Congressional District, which encompasses 15 counties in Northern and Upstate New York, deserve timely and effective representation in Congress, and

WHEREAS, the 21st District, with a population of approximately 700,000 people, has pressing issues and concerns that need immediate attention, particularly in light of current discussions in Washington regarding government reorganization, and

WHEREAS, having a representative in Congress who can advocate for the people of the North Country is crucial, as their needs, interests, and concerns must be voiced in the halls of Congress, especially when the government's actions affect their lives, and

WHEREAS, the notion of delaying this election is not only incomprehensible but is also seen as politically motivated, driven by raw politics, and an attempt to suppress the voice of the North Country, and

WHEREAS, delaying the Congressional Election for the 21st District during a critical period in our nation's history is an existential threat to democracy, and would disenfranchise the residents of this region, and

WHEREAS, the delay of this election, if pursued, would be considered taxation without representation, violating the core principles of American democracy, as the people of New York's 21st District would be without a voice in Congress, resulting in harm to both the district and the broader republic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges New York State Governor Kathy Hochul to refrain from interfering in the scheduling and conduct of the Congressional Election for New York's 21st District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the role of the Governor and relevant state officials should ensure that a special election is held at the earliest possible date to guarantee that the residents of New York's 21st District are duly represented in Congress, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Mark Walczyk; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; and Assemblyman Scott Gray.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 62-2025 Entitled “Urging New York State Governor Kathy Hochul to Refrain from Interfering in the Scheduling and Conduct of the Congressional Election for New York’s 21st District”, adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk

St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators

February 4, 2025

February 3, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 63-2025

**OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OF NEW YORK STATE SCHOOLS IN OBSERVANCE
OF LUNAR NEW YEAR**

By Mr. Smithers, District 5

WHEREAS, in September 2023, Governor Kathy Hochul signed Legislation (A.7768/S.7573), ensuring that schools in New York State are not in session on Asian Lunar New Year, and

WHEREAS, in February 2024, the first year this law was in effect, schools did not close for Lunar New Year since the holiday fell on a Saturday, and

WHEREAS, in February 2025, the observed day was on a Wednesday and schools were closed across New York State, and

WHEREAS, it is unfair to close schools in parts of the state with a small Asian population. According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, only 1.2% of residents in St. Lawrence County identify as Asian alone, with 1.6% identifying with 2 or more races, and

WHEREAS, in order to develop an appreciation for the Lunar New Year, we believe students and teachers should be celebrating and learning about it in school,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators opposes the closing of schools in New York State in observance of Lunar New Year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Dan Stec, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, and Assemblyman Scott Gray.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 63-2025 Entitled "Opposing the Closure of New York State Schools in Observance of Lunar New Year", adopted February 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 3, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE CORRECTION OFFICERS AND
URGING NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO IMMEDIATELY
ADDRESS THE HALT ACT LEGISLATION THAT HAS FAILED CORRECTION OFFICERS
AND THE SAFETY OF CORRECTIONS OFFICERS WORKING IN NEW YORK STATE
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 1; Mr. Reagen, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Denesha, District 6; Mr. Perkins, District 7; Mr. Fay, District 9; Mr. Webster, District 11; Mr. Gennett, District 13; and Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the necessity to operate correctional facilities represents a critical component of the criminal justice system in the United States, and correctional officers play a vital role in protecting the rights of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity, and

WHEREAS, there are over sixteen thousand (16,178) corrections officers and employees in the State of New York in the State correctional facilities who are responsible for custody and maintenance of more than thirty-one thousand (31,329) inmates in their care, and

WHEREAS, due to staffing shortages, as well as changes in corrections law and regulations, correction officers routinely report for a scheduled shift, only to be held over for an entire second shift and/or sometimes the entire day, because of the minimum staffing required by the New York State regulations, and

WHEREAS, according to data from the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS), there were over two thousand (2,070) assaults on staff statewide in the year 2024, which was far more than the previous four (4) years and there have already been one hundred and sixty (160) recorded in the 2025 calendar year, and

WHEREAS, the activity at Riverview Correctional Facility in Ogdensburg, NY that took place on February 20, 2025, an otherwise safe and effectively run facility, should demonstrate the current crisis in New York State Correctional Facilities due to staffing shortages and failed legislation known as the HALT Act (Human Alternatives to Long Term Solitary Confinement), and

WHEREAS, the HALT Act legislation restricts the ability of Correction Officers to utilize tools safe for inmates and the opportunity to maintain order within the facilities across the State, it has failed Correction Officers and denied them the ability to separate individuals who are disruptive and dangerous to the jail population and to the Officers tasked to maintain a safe environment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports the safety of New York State Correction Officers and Urges New York State Governor Kathy Hochul to Immediately Address the Legislation that has Failed Correction Officers and Improve Working Conditions in New York State Correctional Facilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the failure of the HALT Act needs to be addressed immediately for the safety of the jail population as well as the Correction Officers tasked to maintain order in the Correctional Facilities on a daily basis, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the State of New York to implement policies within the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision that will enhance the security of the correctional facilities and ensure the safety of Correction Officers and jail population, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, and Senator Dan Stec, and the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 64-2025 Entitled "Resolution in Support of New York State Correction Officers and Urging New York State Governor Kathy Hochul to Immediately Address the HALT Act Legislation that has Failed Correction Officers and the Safety of Corrections Officers Working in New York State Correctional Facilities", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2025

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 2025 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN ST. LAWRENCE
COUNTY WITH THE THEME OF
"MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER!"**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month to recognize and spread awareness of the importance of women in the history of the United States, and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, men and women have worked together to build this nation, but too often the women were unsung and their contributions sometimes went unnoticed, but the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well, and

WHEREAS, American women have been and continue to be leaders in the forefront of the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions; led the efforts to secure suffrage and equal opportunities for women; and also served in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, labor movements, civil rights movements, and other causes to create a more fair and just society for all, and

WHEREAS, the history of America is full of pioneers, and listed are a few of the remarkable accomplishment by trail-blazing women in St. Lawrence County history:

- Dr. Mary Bryan born in Lisbon in 1854 became a skilled surgeon. She ran a hospital in India as a missionary, and upon her return to the United States she was not allowed to perform surgeries because she was a woman, even though she had all the credentials to do so. She then became the Medical Director for the Society of United Helpers.
- Carrie Chapman Catt, a well-known Suffragette, came to Canton to run a Suffrage Workers school for the first Women's Suffrage Convention in St. Lawrence County, and with relentless campaigning she won the respect of President Woodrow Wilson whose help passed the Nineteenth Amendment.
- Marion Sanger Frank, a Suffragist from Ogdensburg who led the local suffrage movement. She founded and served as president of the Ogdensburg Political Equality Club. She also promoted women's right to vote in Northern New York and throughout St. Lawrence County. Marion had a newspaper column titled "News and Views of Equal Suffrage". She served with Suffragists Carrie Chapman Catt and Anna Howard Shaw at the National Suffrage Convention. She was a State Delegate at the NY City Convention and marched in the parade there.
- Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Mary Stella Lawrence of Lisbon was working at North Sector General Hospital, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, during the bombing of Pearl Harbor. After witnessing the devastation and severe injuries of the soldiers and civilians, she immediately joined the Army, and continued working there. In 1943, after lunch with Eleanor Roosevelt, she was promoted to Second Lieutenant PTA-AUS and Head Physical Therapist. She eventually returned to the mainland to work with the Surgeon General in Washington, DC. She became Captain in 1953, a

Major in 1956 and returned from an assignment in Germany as Lt. Colonel in 1962. There were very few female Lt. Colonels in those days and even fewer female Lt. Col. Drs.

- In 1863, Olympia Brown was the first woman to graduate from theological school at St. Lawrence University and became the first woman to be a fully ordained minister. She was an ardent Suffragist and one of the few who became eligible to vote after the passing of the Nineteenth Amendment.
- Helen Morton Barker of Richville, born December 7, 1834, was a social reformer in the Temperance Movement. For twelve (12) years, she served as treasurer of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU).
- Lavinia York, wife of Sheriff York who returned to Ogdensburg after the 1813 Battle of Ogdensburg to find her personal belongings missing. She crossed the frozen St. Lawrence River to go to Brockville to get them returned. She was able to get her husband released and the two returned home.
- Linda Richards, born on July 27, 1841 in West Potsdam, was the first professionally trained American nurse. She established nursing training programs in the United States and Japan and created the first system for keeping individual medical records for hospitalized patients.
- Patricia Ritchie, born and raised in Depeyster, was elected as St. Lawrence County Clerk in 2000 and continued in that position until 2010 when she was elected to the New York State 48th Senate District, which covered the eastern shore of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River shoreline. In the Legislature, she served as Chair of the Agriculture Committee, Co-Chair of the bi-cameral Legislative Commission on Rural Resources and Deputy Vice-Chair of the Senate Health Committee working to improve public health particularly in rural counties, like those she represented.
- Rhoda Fox Graves of Fowler was a suffragist, women's rights activist, and early female politician who was the first woman to service in the New York State Senate, the first woman to hold office in both the upper and lower legislative houses in New York State, and the first woman to chair a New York State Senate Committee.
- June F. O'Neill served in many positions for St. Lawrence County from 1967-1987. June served as the lead Legislative Aid in the Board of Legislators Office as the first female to hold this office in St. Lawrence County. She was appointed by Governor Mario Cuomo as Regional Representative. She was the Director of the Office of Rural Affairs. She served as a member of the Governor's cabinet until 1995. She joined the Comptroller's Office as the executive coordinator for training and intergovernmental affairs. Governor Eliot Spitzer asked June to chair the Democratic Party in 2006 and she served until 2009. She continued to serve as the Executive Committee Chair until 2011. Afterward she served as the employer outreach manager for the Office of the Comptroller. She has also been the North Country Regional Representative for the state Department of Labor. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo named June to lead the College Council for SUNY Potsdam.
- Dierdre "Dede" Scozzafava resided most of her life in Gouverneur while representing District 122 in the New York State Assembly from 1999 to 2010, and in 2011 was appointed as the New York Deputy Secretary of State for Local Government holding this post through June 2016.
- Chloe Ann O'Neil entered into politics as an aide to her husband, John O'Neil, during his Assembly tenure. In 1992 her husband died in a car accident, and Chloe Ann was nominated to run in a special election to fill the vacancy left by her husband. She was elected on February 16, 1993 and remained in the Assembly until 1998.
- Ruth A. Doyle was appointed by the Board of Legislators to serve as County Administrator to St. Lawrence County in 2015 for a term of four (4) years. She was reappointed to a second term in 2019, then reappointed again in 2023 beginning her third term of office and earning her the distinction of being the only County Administrator appointed to more than two terms in St. Lawrence County.

- Minnie Josephine Reynolds (Scalabrino) was born in Norwood in 1865. She continued to use her maiden name after marriage. She moved to Colorado where she was an American journalist, women's rights activist and organizer. She founded the Denver Women's Press Club and the Denver Woman's Club. She advocated for equal rights, women's suffrage and temperance. She was instrumental in the passage of laws that gave women the right to vote at the state level and in 1920 throughout the United States.
- Bessie (Pickens) Abott was one of twin daughters born in Heuvelton to John Pickens Jr., and his wife, Frances Josephine Button. However, she used her grandmother's maiden name of Abbott, later dropping one of the b's from the name. Bessie was an American operatic soprano who had an active international career during the early 20th century. She was associated with the Paris Opera and the Metropolitan Opera and excelled in performances of Italian and French operas of the Romantic Period, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 National Woman's History Theme is "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations" and the National Women's History Alliance encourages recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, television, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, and more,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims March 2025 as Woman's History Month in St. Lawrence County.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 65-2025 Entitled "Proclaiming March 2025 as Women's History Month in St. Lawrence County with the Theme of "Moving Forward Together!", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Services Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 66-2025

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 7, 2025 AS "FIVE HOUR FREE (FROM SOCIAL MEDIA) FRIDAY"
IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 75-2024 authorized the first "Five Hour Free (from Social Media) Friday" and participation exceeded expectations, and

WHEREAS, according to The Journal of American Medical Association Pediatrics, teens spend more than eight hours on their phones each day, and

WHEREAS, excessive social media use has been linked to depression, anxiety, attention deficit, and sleep deprivation, and

WHEREAS, published in the US Surgeon General's Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health (2023) nearly half (forty-six percent (46%)) of adolescents (13-17) said social media makes them feel worse about themselves and sixty-four percent (64%) of adolescents are "often" or "sometimes" exposed to hate-based content, and

WHEREAS, in Governor Hochul's State of the State Address on January 14, 2025, legislation was proposed to restrict cell phone use in K-12 schools aiming to create distraction-free learning environments, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence residents are encouraged to take time away from their social media platforms and participate in a social media detox supporting the message that overuse of social media can cause emotional and physical stress, and

WHEREAS, the Teen Ambassadors of the St. Lawrence County Youth Committee launches its 2nd annual "Five Hour Free (from social media) Friday" on March 7th from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims March 7, 2025 as the 2nd annual "Five Hour Free (from social media) Friday" in St. Lawrence County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Dan Stec, Senator Mark Walczyk, and Assemblyman Scott Gray.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 66-2025 Entitled "Proclaiming March 7, 2025 as "Five Hour Free (From Social Media) Friday" in St. Lawrence County", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 67-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SPECTRUM ENTERPRISES
FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW PHONE SYSTEM AT THE GOUVERNEUR DEPARTMENT
OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Department of Motor Vehicle's Satellite office in Gouverneur is located in the Gouverneur Town Offices and is in need of a phone upgrade from a residential phone service to a business phone service, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk requested Information Technology review the options for this transition, and

WHEREAS, Information Technology requested a quote from Spectrum Enterprises to match the service at the Gouverneur DMV with other county offices resulting in an annual increase of \$662.88 and a one-time installation fee of \$100, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the 2025 Budget for the County Clerk's Office to appropriate for the increase,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Spectrum Enterprises, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the County Clerk's Office as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

K1514104 42303	K GDMV I/D Phone CHA	\$763
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INCREASE REVENUE:

K1512555 55000	K Gouverneur DMV Fees	\$763
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 67-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Spectrum Enterprises for Installation of a New Phone System at the Gouverneur Department of Motor Vehicles and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Clerk's Office", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 69-2025

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ACCEPT A 2024 STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCAAP) FUNDING FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office has been awarded program funding in the amount of \$11,407 through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Department, and

WHEREAS, this 2024 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) provides funding to cover costs related to the Correctional Facility from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to accept a 2024 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program funding from the Bureau of Justice Department, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S4Z31504 42004	S SCAAP Computer Software	\$8,897
S4Z31504 43007	S SCAAP Other Fees and Services	<u>2,510</u>
		\$11,407

INCREASE REVENUE:

S4Z43895 57000	S SCAAP Federal Aid	\$11,407
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 69-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to Accept a 2024 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Funding from the Bureau of Justice Department", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

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St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE FY20
STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT (FY20 SICG) WITH NEW
YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 346-2021 approved the contract for the FY20 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant (FY20 SICG) in the amount of \$806,143 for the Office of Emergency Services to concentrate on improving interoperability and operability of communication systems in New York State with a contract period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 66-2024 approved a contract extension with an end date of December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, an additional one-year extension has been approved by New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services through December 31, 2025 (X2Z33895 56000 SI), and

WHEREAS, this grant allows New York State to provide aid to County, Local, and Municipal public safety organizations in enhancing emergency response, improving capability, improvements in governance structures, operating procedures, infrastructure development, and addressing SAFECOM guidance from the US Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a one year extension with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for Fiscal Year 20 (FY20) Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant (SICG), and any other necessary documents as required by this grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 71-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension for the FY20 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (FY20 SICG) with New York State Office of Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Services", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 72-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND THE NEW
YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has been appropriated funds in the FY24 budget to purchase flood mitigation equipment to support counties in emergency flood events, enhancing preparedness and response capabilities, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County seeks to enhance its flood mitigation efforts through the use of state-provided equipment, helping protect vulnerable areas and mitigate disaster impacts, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish the terms and conditions under which DHSES will transfer possession (but not ownership) of flood mitigation equipment to St. Lawrence County, while retaining oversight to ensure compliance and operational readiness, and

WHEREAS, this MOU is between the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and St. Lawrence County, the aforementioned entities are collectively referred to as the “Parties,”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a memorandum of understanding between Emergency Services and St. Lawrence County and the New York State Division of Homeland Security, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in furtherance of the above objectives, the Parties mutually agree to the following terms, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED DHSES will transfer possession of flood mitigation equipment to St. Lawrence County with DHSES retaining ownership, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the equipment will be shipped directly to St. Lawrence County, DHSES will provide a recording spreadsheet to St. Lawrence County upon receipt of the equipment, St. Lawrence County will confirm and provide DHSES with a detailed inventory including serial numbers within 30 days if this confirmation is not received within the timeframe DHSES will contact St. Lawrence County to conduct an on-site inventory of equipment received once completed, the inventory will be attached to and made a part of this MOU, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the equipment is provided as a one-time allocation, DHSES will not replace equipment that becomes inoperable or reaches the end of its useful life St. Lawrence County will notify DHSES if it no longer needs the equipment, it is no longer usable, or if it wishes to withdraw from this program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DHSES will apply State branding stickers to the equipment after it has been inventoried to ensure easy identification and to distinguish it from county-owned equipment, Equipment use is not dependent on branding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon request DHSES will provide equipment use training and St. Lawrence County is responsible for ensuring its employees are trained and equipped to operate and maintain the equipment safely and effectively, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that St. Lawrence County agrees to provide routine maintenance of this equipment as part of the county's existing maintenance schedule, this maintenance should follow the manufacturer's guidelines or standard practices for similar county-owned equipment and if equipment needs maintenance beyond the regular routine capabilities St. Lawrence County may contact DHSES for additional guidance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DHSES reserves the right to conduct routine inspections to assess equipment usage, condition, and maintenance compliance, equipment should be kept in operational condition, DHSES may reclaim or reallocate equipment if it is not maintained or used appropriately, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in an emergency DHSES may redeploy the equipment to neighboring counties if it is the most accessible option, St. Lawrence County may also deploy the equipment to neighboring counties in urgent or emergency situations with notification to DHSES, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED use of the equipment does not require a New York Responds (NYR) request, St. Lawrence County should use the equipment along with its own resources as a first line of defense in flood related emergencies before requesting additional resources from the State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the equipment provided in this MOU is intended for use in preparation for or response to an emergency or upon approval by DHSES and not for private, commercial, or personal use, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the general terms include but are not limited to;

- This MOU may only be modified by the written agreement of the Parties duly signed by their authorized representatives.
- This MOU is not transferable except with written consent of the Parties.
- This MOU takes effect at the time the last Party signs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Emergency Services and St. Lawrence County and the New York State Division of Homeland Security and any additional documentation upon approval of the County Attorney.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 72-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding Between Emergency Services and St. Lawrence County and the New York State Division of Homeland Security", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 73-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH RAVE MOBILE SAFETY FOR
AN EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATION PROGRAM**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 32-2024 authorized the initial contract with RAVE Mobile Safety,
and

WHEREAS, an Emergency Alert Notification System is recommended as it would be beneficial
to residents and emergency responders of St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, multiple systems were reviewed and RAVE Mobile Safety was determined to be
the most cost-effective program for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, RAVE Mobile Safety allow mass notification by text and email to subscribers,
sending thousands of messages per second to residents and visitors in a selected geographical location in
the event of an emergency where such notification would be required, and

WHEREAS, RAVE Mobile Safety acts as a centralized hub for emergency information, allow
for an effective platform for the distribution of information, providing real-time updates on emergencies
such as flooding, blizzards, or severe weather alerts, and

WHEREAS, the cost for RAVE Mobile Safety renewal for a three-year subscription is
\$65,606.40 to be paid in the amount of \$21,868.80 annually (X2036404 42004) from March 4, 2025
through March 3, 2028,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair
to sign a contract with Rave Mobile Safety for an Emergency Alert Notification Program for 3 years,
upon approval of the County Attorney.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this
Resolution No. 73-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with RAVE Mobile Safety for an Emergency Alert Notification
Program", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said
original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 74-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION FUNDING
FOR THE SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AND MODIFYING THE 2025
BUDGET FOR THE PLANNING OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) awarded a multi-year option for the County to engage in a septic system replacement program, and

WHEREAS, a successful program was administered in 2018 with the County receiving \$225,000 and subsequently spending the entire amount on the repair or replacement of forty (40) deficient septic systems along specified waterbodies throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, additional funding in the amount of \$340,000 was made available in 2021, \$635,000 in 2023 and \$400,000 in 2024 for the Septic System Replacement Program, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has previously offered to provide financial assistance for administrative costs associated with program implementation as this type of funding is absent from the grant in its current format, and

WHEREAS, the intent to move forward with grant implementation with funds provided by the SWCD will occur with efforts to locate additional sources of funds to support the administration of the grant, noting that it is possible that implementation may be impacted when administrative funding is exhausted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the receipt of \$15,000 from the Soil and Water Conservation District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2025 Budget for the Planning Office, as follows, and

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N1087904 43007 EFC	N Septic Admin	\$15,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N1012895 55000 EFC	N LR Other Gen Dept Income	\$15,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to roll over any remaining funds to future years until the grant is fully expended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an update and notification will be provided to the Board of Legislators when additional administrative funding is necessary.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 74-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the County to Receive Additional Administration Funding for the Septic System Replacement Program and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Planning Office", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

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March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 77-2025

**OPPOSING THE NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AND
URGING THE REJECTION OF THE PROPOSED RULE TO ADJUST
PREFERENCE POWER RATES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2024, the New York Power Authority (NYPA) opened a public comment period related to its Notice of Proposed Rule Making to adjust the Preference Power rates for customers that receive low-cost hydropower from the Niagara and St. Lawrence-FDR power projects, and

WHEREAS, the New York Association of Public Power, is warning current rates for power are projected to increase from \$12.88/megawatt hour to \$33.05/megawatt hour in year four of the five-year NYPA rate increase before declining in the final year, and

WHEREAS, the rate increase also includes a change in the rate-setting methodology that has been in place for decades and is contained in NYPA's power supply contracts, and

WHEREAS, for a regular residential customer, this would mean an increase of \$13 to \$30 a month more for power, and

WHEREAS, the Preference Power Rates apply to hydroelectric sales to customers receiving low-cost hydropower from the Niagara and St. Lawrence-FDR power projects. They include 47 municipal electric systems, four rural electric cooperatives, three investor-owned utilities, the Tuscarora Nation, two transportation authorities, customers in neighboring states, and host communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of St. Lawrence County, many of whom live upon a fixed income and who are already experiencing great financial burden due to rising costs and record-setting inflation over the past four years, will feel significant financial pressure if the requested rate increase is approved,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators opposes the New York Power Authority proposed Preference Power rates for customers that receive low-cost hydropower rate increase, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the New York State Public Service Commission to reject the proposed rate increase based upon its negative impact to the consumers of St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Senator Dan Stec, Justin Driscoll, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the New York Power Authority, and John Spain, New York Regional Engineer of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC.)

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 77-2025 Entitled "Opposing the New York Power Authority Proposed Rate Increase and Urging the Rejection of the Proposed Rule to Adjust Preference Power Rates", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Operations Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 78-2025

**OPPOSING THE DECISION BY NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION TO DISCONTINUE THE WALLEYE RESTOCKING PROGRAM IN THE
ST. LAWRENCE RIVER**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

Co-Sponsored by Ms. Terminelli, District 14; Ms. Curran, District 15; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Smithers, District 5; Mr. Sheridan, District 4; and Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, the walleye population in the St. Lawrence River has steadily improved since the 1980s due to restocking and habitat enhancements, and

WHEREAS, walleye populations have remained stable and healthy in recent years, even during periods when restocking was not conducted, which was more than forty years ago, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) now proposes ending restocking in favor of a habitat-focused management approach to support a self-sustaining walleye population, and

WHEREAS, despite the scientific data supporting the stability of the current walleye population, the removal of the restocking program could risk the loss of a balanced and sustainable fishery for future generations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators opposes the decision New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to discontinue the walleye restocking program in the St. Lawrence River, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators urges the Department of Environmental Conservation to reconsider this decision and to explore additional data and community input before making any irreversible changes to the restocking program, ensuring that the future of the walleye fishery is secure for generations to come, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Senator Dan Stec, Sean Mahar, Interim Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and Randall Young, Region 6 Director of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 78-2025 Entitled "Opposing the Decision By New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to Discontinue the Walleye Restocking Program in the St. Lawrence River", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Services Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 79-2025

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO PURCHASE A NEW FREEZER AND COOLER UNIT FOR THE POTSDAM NUTRITION CENTER

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 361-2024 authorized a budget modification for the purchase of a Freezer and Cooler for the Potsdam Nutrition Center on December 2, 2024, which did not occur in 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging seeks a 2025 budget modification to reappropriate the same funds from the 2024 budget to purchase the new Freezer and Cooler, as the bid process has now been completed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Office for the Aging for the purchase of a Freezer and Cooler as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300	Unreserved Fund Balance Un-Appropriated	\$75,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0910 50300	Unreserved Fund Balance Appropriated	\$75,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

ON067722 26000	O NUTR Other Equipment	\$75,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the project is complete.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 79-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2025 Budget for Office for the Aging to Purchase a New Freezer and Cooler Unit for the Potsdam Nutrition Center", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Services Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 80-2025

**ACCEPTING PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FUNDS AND
MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has received a Performance Incentive Achievement Award from the New York State Department of Health in the amount of \$23,286, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 achievement award focused on preventing chronic disease via the promotion of physical activity, and

WHEREAS, this achievement award must be used to support costs associated with Article 6 eligible services, and while costs associated with any eligible activity are acceptable, LHDs are encouraged to consider utilizing the award funds to support chronic disease prevention related work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the acceptance of the performance incentive achievement award funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2024 Budget for the Public Health Department as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040104 43007	P PREV Other Fees and Services	\$23,286
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INCREASE REVENUE:

PP034015 56000	P SA Public Health and Clinic	\$23,286
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 80-2025 Entitled "Accepting Performance Incentive Achievement Award Funds and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Public Health Department", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Services Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 81-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS ACCEPTING GRANT AWARD FUNDS AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health has been awarded a grant from the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) in the amount of \$4,500, and

WHEREAS, the grant is to supplement but not supplant the New York State Department of Health Article 6 Year 13 2025 Performance Incentive funding to identify, implement, and evaluate adaptations to reduce the public health risks of extreme weather, to promote cooling center locations, and to develop a communication plan for notifying county residents of weather-related health risks, and

WHEREAS, the NYSACHO grant will be used to plan, organize, and hold a weather and health workshop called “Strength and Unity: St. Lawrence County’s Health and Resilience Forum” to promote awareness of extreme weather and health risks and what measures community leaders and individuals can take to prepare and respond to them,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a letter of agreement with the New York State Association of County Health Officials accepting grant award Funds and modifying the 2025 Budget for the Public Health Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2025 Budget for Public Health, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

PP040104 43007	P PREV Other Fees & Services	\$4,500
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INCREASE REVENUE:

PP016895 55000	P LR Preventative Services OTH	\$4,500
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 81-2025 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Letter of Agreement with the New York State Association of County Health Officials Accepting Grant Award Funds and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Public Health Department”, adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Services Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 82-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR
ADDITIONAL FUNDS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Federal funds are available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 with grants to enhance Adult Protective Services administered by the Administration for Community Living and the Elder Justice Act, and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to use from December 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, these funds were made available to provide resources to enhance, improve and expand Adult Protective Services' ability to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Social Services as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60104 43007 APSG	D APSG Other Fees and Services	\$9,353
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DAG46105 57000 APSG	D FA APSG Revenue	\$9,353
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) ss:	
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)	

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 82-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Department of Social Services for Additional Funds through the American Rescue Plan Act", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Services Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 83-2025

**ADVOCATING FOR REFORM AND INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE CODE BLUE
PROGRAM OF NEW YORK STATE**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2016 the New York State Code Blue Policy was established as an emergency Executive Order with a commitment of reimbursement for additional costs to Counties that are directly related to the requirements of the Code Blue regulation, and

WHEREAS, the current Code Blue Policy is no longer adequate or effective given the significant changes in affordable housing availability and evolving human needs since that time, and

WHEREAS, the requirement for Local Departments of Social Services to simply provide space to keep people warm during extreme weather conditions is no longer sufficient to meet the growing and complex needs of unhoused individuals, and

WHEREAS, New York State leaders must recognize that any policy aimed at providing warm spaces for the most vulnerable individuals in our community must be comprehensive and involve the collaboration of all relevant human services agencies beyond the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), and

WHEREAS, the expertise and resources of agencies such as the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Addiction and Substance Abuse Services, and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities are essential to address the multifaceted needs of unhoused individuals, and

WHEREAS, Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) are trained and equipped to deliver mandated income-based programs under the oversight of the NYS OTDA, but Code Blue services extend beyond these requirements and necessitate the involvement of additional state agencies and local service providers, and

WHEREAS, the cost of delivering Code Blue services continues to escalate due to increasing numbers of individuals in need, rising behavioral challenges stemming from untreated mental health conditions, substance use disorders, developmental disabilities, and the rising costs of staffing, utilities, and essential supplies, and

WHEREAS, New York State has capped the amount of funding allocated to Counties for the operation of Code Blue programs, with St. Lawrence County receiving funding equal to the expenditures of the previous year, which does not account for the annual increase in operational costs or the growing demand for services, and

WHEREAS, the current level of funding is inadequate to cover the increased costs of the resources necessary to safely operate warming centers, and St. Lawrence County seeks to avoid placing the burden of these rising costs on local taxpayers,

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March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Services Committee: 2-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 85-2025

**ACCEPTING THE NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ("NYLC") GRANT TO
ATTEND THE NATIONAL SERVICE-LEARNING CONFERENCE, AUTHORIZING THE
CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACT, AND MODIFYING THE
2025 BUDGET FOR THE YOUTH BUREAU**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC) has awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,167 to the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau for two teen leaders, and one adult, to attend the National Service-Learning Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota on March 26-28th, 2025, and

WHEREAS, teen leaders will present and showcase the Youth Committee's Teen Safe Driving Service-Learning project and present a Lightning Talk of 20 minutes, and

WHEREAS, co-present a 75-minute workshop with other Service-Learning Teams, and

WHEREAS, this award provides all travel, hotel, and meal expenses, and will increase the budget of the Youth Bureau by \$3,167,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting the National Youth Leadership Council ("NYLC") grant, authorizing the Chair to sign contract, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2025 Budget for the Youth Bureau, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Y2073104 44500	Y Other Travel Reimbursement	\$3,167
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INCREASE REVENUE:

Y2027055 55000	Y Gifts and Donations	\$3,167
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 85-2025 Entitled "Accepting the National Youth Leadership Council ("NYLC") Grant to Attend the National Service-Learning Conference, Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contract, and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Youth Bureau", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

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St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 86-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ALLIED WORLD
INSURANCE FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
COUNTY-EMPLOYED MEDICAL PROVIDERS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Government is comprised of twenty-four (24) departments with three (3) departments that currently operate with a statutory and legal obligation to render medical care, and

WHEREAS, Public Health, Community Services, and the Sheriff's Office employ licensed medical professionals to render care to members of the public, and

WHEREAS, there are twenty-seven (27) medical professionals total in the three departments covered under this policy; the names and accounts for payments from the departments are as follows: Community Services (A1142504 414MM; A1242504 414MM; A1342504 414MM; A1442304 414MM; A3143204 414MM; A3243204 414MM); Public Health Department (PE040594 414MM and PP040104 414MM) and the Correctional Facility (S4031504 414MM) that require medical malpractice insurance to insure the County against any loss or liability associated with their practice areas, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney's Office, by and through insurance broker Rose & Kiernan, a subsidiary of NFP Insurance, secured quotes for the provision of medical malpractice insurance coverage, and

WHEREAS, Allied World Insurance was identified as the lowest, most reasonable bidder for the professional services, and

WHEREAS, the County has the ability to renew coverage through the extension of the original contract for medical malpractice coverage in the amount of \$254,430.04, the 2024 cost was \$189,317.81, resulting in a difference of \$65,112.23,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Allied World Insurance for medical malpractice insurance coverage, and any other documents necessary for the County-employed medical providers, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 86-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign A Contract with Allied World Insurance for Medical Malpractice Insurance Coverage for County-Employed Medical Providers", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

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March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 87-2025

CORRECTION OF ERRORS FOR MAPLEVIEW CATTLE COMPANY, LLC

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2025 Town and County Tax Bill for Mapleview Cattle Company, LLC tax map number 40.004-2-31.21 did not receive a silo exemption and Ag Building Exemption, and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Article 5 allows for Correction of Assessment Rolls and Tax Rolls using the RP-554 Form for certain errors and filed with the Director of Real Property Tax Services and approved by the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Real Property Tax Office has affirmed that a correction should occur pursuant to Article 5 of the Real Property Tax Law and is recommending that the taxes be corrected,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes Real Property Tax Law correction of taxes, as follows:

Name:	Mapleview Cattle Company, LLC
St. Lawrence County:	Madrid
Tax Roll Year:	2025
Tax Map No.:	40.004-2-31.21
Original Bill:	\$78,287.20
Corrected Bill:	\$48,925.65
Reason:	Assessor did not apply the Ag Building Exemption and Silo Exemption to this property in error

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 87-2025 Entitled "Correction of Errors for Mapleview Cattle Company, LLC", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

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March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 89-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN ROADSIDE MOWING CONTRACTS WITH SIX TOWNS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2025 St. Lawrence County Budget, provided for the approval and funding of the 2025 Roadside Mowing, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department will contract with six (6) towns for roadside mowing on 89.70 miles of 573 miles of County Roads (HM351104 430RM),

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

Towns:	Clifton
	Fine
	Hopkinton
	Louisville
	Piercefield
	Stockholm
Contract Title:	Roadside Mowing
Contract Amount:	\$331.20/mile

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) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 89-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Roadside Mowing Contracts with Six Towns in St. Lawrence County", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
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St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE TO
ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO IMPROVE THE MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 245-2024 authorized the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget to accept and utilize funding for the Multi-Use Trail awarded by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency, and

WHEREAS, the award was provided, "to hire a contractor with equipment to grade the ditch and prepare the road base for gravel," as stated in the authorizing resolution, and

WHEREAS, during the summer of 2024, Tropical Storm Beryl and Tropical Storm Debby caused significant damage to the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System and this storm damage prevented completion of the work described above in 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators reaffirms its commitment to the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail project and would like to proceed with these critical improvements in 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office to accept grant funds from the SLC IDA to be used to improve the Multi-Use Trail in 2025, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BF079894 40800 TRAIL	B Trail Property Maintenance	\$10,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

BF027705 55000 TRAIL	B Trail Other Revenue	\$10,000
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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 90-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office to Accept Grant Funds from the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency to Improve the Multi-Use Trail System", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

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St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 91-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BARTON
& LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR COMPLETION OF FEMA DOCUMENTATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY ROUTE 49 LARGE CULVERT OVER
HOPKINTON BROOK, 49-1-59BC**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators approved and funded Capital Bridge Projects in the 2025 Budget, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 280-2023 authorized the Chair to sign contracts for the replacement of County Route 49 large culvert over Hopkinton Brook, and

WHEREAS, a supplemental agreement is now required for completing the FEMA documentation requirements due to the damage from Tropical Storm Debby,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a supplemental agreement with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for completion of FEMA documentation requirements for County Route 49 large culvert Hopkinton Brook, 49-1-59BC, upon approval of the County Attorney,

Consultant:	Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Contract Title:	County Route 49 over Hopkinton Brook Town of Hopkinton
FEMA Document:	Not to exceed \$9,700
Requirement:	HM551124 430ED B25

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 91-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Supplemental Agreement With Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Completion of FEMA Documentation Requirements for County Route 49 Large Culvert Over Hopkinton Brook, 49-1-59BC", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

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March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 92-2025

MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, PLANNING, AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE TO FULLY EXPEND THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, as a part of the American Rescue Act, funds were distributed across the United States, St. Lawrence County was provided with \$20.9M, and

WHEREAS, the Chair appointed an ARPA Committee to review and make recommendations for the full spend of these funds for county-wide benefit, and

WHEREAS, the County authorized the spend of these funds in accordance with the recommendations made by the ARPA Committee, and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is necessary to make adjustment to the public safety, utility projects, and broadband aspects of the appropriations to finalize the spend before the closure of the 2024 accounting is complete,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 Budget for Emergency Services, Planning, and the County Administrator's Office to fully expend the American Rescue Plan Act funds distributed to St. Lawrence County as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N1983894 43007 ARP5	N ARP 5.15 Other Water	\$2,153
B1987804 46500 ARP5	B ARP 5.19 Broadband Improvement	<u>44,855</u>
		\$47,008

DECREASE REVENUE:

N1940895 57006 ARP5	N ARP 5.15 Other Water	\$2,153
B1940895 57000 ARP5	B ARP 5.19 Revenue Broadband	<u>44,855</u>
		\$47,008

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

XP930202 25000 ARP1	X ARP 1.7 Communication Equipment	\$75,770
XP940895 57000 ARP1	X ARP 1.7 Revenue Communication Equipment	\$75,770

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 92-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2024 Budget for Emergency Services, Planning, and the County Administrator's Office to Fully Expend the American Rescue Plan Act Funds Distributed to St. Lawrence County", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

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March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 93-2025

**ADOPTING LOCAL LAW A (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "SETTING SALARIES FOR
COUNTY EMPLOYEES"**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

Section 1. That salaries for the Year 2025, effective January 1, 2025, for the following employees shall be increased three percent (3%) as set forth below and shall be paid retroactive to the first full pay period of 2025:

Commissioner of Social Services	\$126,952	Conflict Defender	\$121,398
County Administrator	\$177,020	County Attorney	\$174,210
County Clerk	\$106,096	County Treasurer	\$106,096
Director of Real Property	\$106,096	Elections Commissioner	\$81,530
Highway Superintendent	\$139,151	Director of Human Resources	\$121,398
Public Defender	\$117,063	Sheriff	\$119,208

Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York, and upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 93-2025 Entitled "Adopting Local Law A (No.) for the Year 2025, "Setting Salaries for County Employees"", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

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March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 94-2025

**ADOPTING LOCAL LAW B (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2025, “ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW
SUPERSEDING THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW SECTION 3(1) AS TO THE RESIDENCY OF
CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICERS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY”**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

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

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby finds that in order to assure an adequate pool of qualified applicants for the positions of Public Health Director and Community Services Director and to retain such applicants if hired, it is necessary and advisable that all personnel holding said offices within the County of St. Lawrence be permitted to reside within the County of St. Lawrence or any county contiguous to the County of St. Lawrence. Therefore, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby adopts the following exemption from any provision of the New York State Public Officers Law imposing a more restrictive residency qualification for holding the offices of Public Health Director and Community Services Director within the County of St. Lawrence.

Section 2. EXEMPTION

In the County of St. Lawrence, the provisions of Section 3(1) of the Public Officers Law requiring a person to be a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the State for which such person shall be chosen or within which such person’s official functions are required to be exercised, shall not prevent any person from holding office of the Public Health Director or Director of Community Services, provided, however, that such person performing the duties and functions of Public Health Director or Director of Community Services resides in Lewis, Franklin, Jefferson, Herkimer or Hamilton Counties. Any contrary provision of the Public Officers Law is hereby superseded by this local law.

Section 3. SEPARABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this local law shall be judged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not impair or invalidate the remainder hereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or section directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 94-2025 Entitled “Adopting Local Law B (No.) for the Year 2025, “Adopting a Local Law Superseding the Public Officers Law Section 3(1) as to the Residency of Certain Public Officers in St. Lawrence County””, adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 95-2025

**ADOPTING LOCAL LAW C (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2025, “A LOCAL LAW
ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES”**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of St. Lawrence as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE

It is the desire of the St. Lawrence County Legislature, in its continuing efforts to upgrade and evolve the administration of St. Lawrence County government, to create the position of human Resources Director, pursuant to County Law § 400 to provide consistent application of a myriad of human resources elements.

SECTION 2. DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Department Head and Appointment. The Department of Human Resources shall be headed by and under the supervision of, the Director of Human Resources, who shall be appointed by the St. Lawrence County Legislature for a term of the board.

B. Term. The term of the Director of Human Resources shall be four years.

C. Powers and Duties. The powers and duties of the Director of Human Resources is as follows:

1) Appoint, supervise, discipline and remove all employees of the Department of Human Resources, in accordance with applicable job classifications assign and reassign powers and duties to such employees, have charge and control of all employees of said Department of Human Resources; all in accordance with sound management principles, New York Civil Service Law, policies and/or directives of the County Legislature, and other administrative policies and procedures.

2) Provide management-level oversight to all human resources and personnel functions of the County.

3) Provide advice and counsel to the County Legislature and County Administrator on staffing needs and associated costs for optimal County operations.

4) Support County department/office heads on recruitment strategy and execution, hiring, onboarding and performance management of department hires.

5) Support the County Legislature, County Administrator, and County department/office leadership on formulation of labor relations strategy, contract negotiations and contract administration for collective bargaining units.

- 6) Evaluate County employee and administrative policies and procedures for compliance with state and federal regulations and County directives, and recommend updates as needed.
- 7) Administer compensation management for County non-union personnel.
- 8) Ensure a strong workplace culture for County employees.
- 9) Administer and coordinate the employee benefits and protection programs such as Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Vision Insurance, Pension Plan, Deferred Compensation, Life Insurance, COBRA, flexible benefits, etc.
- 10) Acts as the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Officer on behalf of County government.
- 11) Have such other powers and perform such other duties as may now or hereafter be conferred or imposed upon him/her by resolution of the County Legislature or applicable law.

D. Minimum Qualifications. The Director of Human Resources shall meet or exceed the following qualifications:

- 1) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's degree and five (5) years of experience in human resource administration in a union environment two (2) years of which must have been in a supervisory or administrative capacity, OR
- 2) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered university with an Associate's degree in Business Administration, Human Resources or related field and seven (7) years of experience in human resource administration in a union environment two (2) years of which must have been in a supervisory or administrative capacity OR
- 3) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (a), (b), and (c) above

SECTION 3. TRANSITION PROVISIONS

Nothing herein shall be construed to impair in any manner the lawful administration of the New York Civil Service Law in St. Lawrence County.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF PRIOR ENACTMENTS

Any other prior enactments of the County Legislature, to the extent that they contradict the terms of this Local Law herein, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. SEPERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 95-2025 Entitled “Adopting Local Law C (No.) for The Year 2025, “A Local Law Establishing the Position of St. Lawrence County Director of Human Resources””, adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 96-2025

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW D
(NO. _) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "AMENDING THE SANITARY CODE OF THE ST.
LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT"**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law D (No. __) for the Year 2025 will establish an updated Sanitary Code for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, proposed amendments to Local Law No. 1 for the year 2019 have been prepared and approved by the St. Lawrence County Board of Health and recommended to the Board of Legislators for approval, these will update the Sanitary Code for St. Lawrence County, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law D (No. __) for the year 2025 which would amend Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2019 will be held on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW D (No. __) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "AMENDING THE
SANITARY CODE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT"**

ARTICLE 1: SHORT TITLE, GENERAL DEFINITIONS, GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Short Title

1. The rules and regulations herein contained together with any and all amendments thereto shall constitute and comprise the Sanitary Code of the St. Lawrence County Health Department and be known and may be cited as the St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code.

B. General Definitions

1. Whenever used in this Sanitary Code, unless otherwise expressly stated or unless the

context or subject matter requires a different meaning, the following terms shall have the respective meanings hereafter set forth or indicated:

- i. **“Board”** shall mean the Board of Health of St. Lawrence County.
- ii. **“Code”** shall mean the St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code.
- iii. **“County”** shall mean the County of St. Lawrence.
- iv. **“Department”** shall mean the Department of Health of the St. Lawrence County Health District.
- v. **“Director”** shall mean the Director of Public Health of the St. Lawrence County Health Department or his/her duly authorized representative.
- vi. **“Health District”** shall mean the St. Lawrence County Health District (the area of St. Lawrence County) established pursuant to the provisions of Section 340 of the Public Health Law.
- vii. **“Municipality”** shall mean a city, town, village or special district located within St. Lawrence County.
- viii. **“Permit”** shall mean a written license and/or an authorization to carry on a specified activity or activities as regulated by the St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code, the New York State Sanitary Code, or the New York State Public Health Law, and includes any written approval issued by the Director.
- ix. **“Permit Application Fee”** shall mean the monetary fees to cover a portion of the cost of issuing the permit.
- x. **“Permittee”** shall mean a person who holds a valid permit issued by the Director.
- xi. **“Person”** shall mean an individual, group of individuals, partnership, firm, corporation, association, county, city, town, or village or improvement district, and include the plural as well as the singular.
- xii. **“Public Place”** shall mean any place or premises wherein the general public is or may be invited, regardless of whether or not such place is owned, maintained or operated by a private organization or agency, but shall not be construed as conferring jurisdiction over a state or federal agency.
- xiii. **“Sanitary Code”** shall mean and comprise the rules and regulations now or hereafter formulated, promulgated and adopted by the Board of Health of the St. Lawrence County Health District pursuant to Section 347 of the Public Health Law.
- xiv. **“State”** shall mean the State of New York.
- xv. **“State Sanitary Code”** shall mean the rules and regulations promulgated by the Public Health Council of the State of New York and designated as the State Sanitary Code.

C. Applicability; Legal Effect

1. The provisions of the Sanitary Code shall be in force throughout St. Lawrence County.
2. The provisions of the Sanitary Code shall have the force and effect of law.
3. The St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code shall be supplemental to the State Public Health Law, the State Sanitary Code and other New York State laws, and shall supersede all local ordinances heretofore or hereafter enacted or promulgated which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Code.
4. It shall be the duty of the Board and the Director to enforce every provision of the Sanitary Code.
5. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to restrict the power of any city, town or

village to adopt and enforce additional or existing ordinances relating to health and sanitation, provided that such ordinances are not inconsistent with the provisions of the New York State Public Health Law or the State Sanitary Code.

D. Legal Presumptions; Evidence, Reports as Evidence

1. As provided by the Public Health Law, certified copies of the Sanitary Code shall be received in evidence in all courts and proceedings in the state.

2. As provided by the Public Health Law, every rule, regulation, order and direction adopted by the Board shall state the date on which it takes effect and a copy thereof signed by the Director shall be filed as a public record in the Department, in the State Department of Health and in the office of the St. Lawrence County Clerk and shall be published in such manner as the Board may from time to time determine. No such rule, regulation, or order of direction shall be effective prior to filing as a public record in the New York State Department of Health.

3. As provided by the Public Health Law, the written reports of state and local health officers, inspectors, code enforcement officers, law enforcement officers, environmental conservation officers, investigators, nurses and other representatives of state and local health officers on questions of fact pertaining to, concerning or arising under and in connection with complaints, alleged violations, investigations, proceedings, action, authority and orders related to the enforcement of the Sanitary Code, the Public Health Law, the State Sanitary Code or any local health regulation shall be presumptive evidence of the facts so stated therein, and shall be received as such in all courts and places.

E. Construction

1. This Sanitary Code is intended to be consistent with applicable federal and state law and shall be construed, whenever necessary, to achieve such consistency.

2. This Sanitary Code shall be liberally construed for the protection of health and safety in the Health District.

F. Severability of Provision

1. In the event that any provision of this Sanitary Code is declared unconstitutional or invalid, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the applicability of such provision to other persons and circumstances and the constitutionality or validity of every other provision of the Sanitary Code shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE 2: ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

A. The Board of Health; Officers, Meetings

1. The purpose of the St. Lawrence County Board of Health is to prevent disease and untimely death, and to promote good health within the county. This is accomplished through an organized effort and the coordination with community agencies, private physicians, and other health care providers.

2. Members of the Board of Health of St. Lawrence County shall be appointed by the County Board of Legislators. The members of the Board of Health serve at the pleasure of the County Board of Legislators. The County Board of Legislators shall select one of the legislators to serve as a voting member on the Board of Health. The Board of Health shall have not less than seven (7) and not more than eight (8) voting members. At least one of the Board of Health members shall be a physician licensed to practice in the state of New York, and two of whom shall be a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or any combination thereof licensed to practice in the state of New York.

i. The voting members of the Board of Health shall be appointed for six (6) year terms, and they are eligible to be re-appointed for an indefinite number of consecutive terms. To preserve continuity, the terms of the voting members shall be staggered.

3. Annually the Board of Health shall elect a President and Vice-President for a term of one (1) year and shall designate the County Public Health Director to act as its Secretary. At least one of the two elected officers must be a physician in accordance with Public Health Law. The election shall take place at the January annual meeting. The term of office shall be from one annual meeting until the next or until new officers take office. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Health and shall be its official head. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and substitute during his/her absence. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all official records and correspondence and see that a record of activities is kept.

4. The Board of Health shall meet at least 8 times per year. The President of the Board may schedule special meetings for urgent matters requiring the action of the Board of Health with at least 24 hours prior notice to each member. An annual meeting shall be held during the month of January each year.

i. A quorum shall be the presence of at least half (1/2) of the voting members of the Board.

ii. A designated staff person shall record minutes of each Board of Health meeting and shall include a record of attendance. After approval of the minutes, they shall be kept on file at the Department of Health.

iii. Members of the public may provide public comment at a Board of Health meeting for a maximum of three (3) minutes per person. The total time allotted for public comments at a Board of Health meeting shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes.

5. The Board of Health shall be vested with the powers and duties as set forth in Article III of the New York State Public Health Law and such other articles as may be applicable.

i. Annually the Board of Health shall direct the Public Health Director to submit to the St. Lawrence County Administrator an estimate of expenditures and revenues for the following year as required by law.

ii. The members shall serve on a committee for a special purpose when appointed by the President of the Board.

iii. The Board of Health shall require an annual report of expenditures by the St. Lawrence County Department of Health from the Public Health Director.

iv. The Board of Health may adopt or revise the St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code in accordance with the New York State Public Health Law.

6. The Board of Health shall appoint a Public Health Director, qualified in accordance with the NYCRR Volume 10 (A) 11.180, to administer the public health programs for the County of St. Lawrence under the direction of the St. Lawrence County Board of Health. The Public

Health Director is appointed subject to the approval of the New York State Health Department and the confirmation of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators

i. The Public Health Director may recommend contracts for provisions of therapeutic services subject to approval by the St. Lawrence County Administrator and Board of Legislators.

ii. The Public Health Director shall employ and supervise the personnel of the St. Lawrence County Health Department subject to the approval of the Board of Health and the County Administrator. He/she is responsible for enforcement of the St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code as well as the New York State Sanitary Code and Public Health Law. He/she is responsible for sanitary surveillance, public health promotion, and distribution of information about disease prevention. He/she must secure prompt reporting of communicable diseases as well as birth and death registrations. He/she is required to report the annual expenditures of the Department of Health to the County Administrator. He/she shall also serve as chairperson on the County's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Committee and oversee planning and response for public health emergencies including communicable disease and terrorism events.

7. These bylaws shall be reviewed and/or revised by the Board of Health annually.

i. Changes to the bylaws require written notification to the voting members at least one (1) week before a meeting of the Board of Health, and approval of the changes requires at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote for adoption at the meeting.

B. The Board and Director; Quasi-Judicial Powers

1. As provided by the Public Health Law, the Board or the Director may:

- i. Issue subpoenas which shall be regulated by the civil practice laws and rules;
- ii. Compel the attendance of witnesses;
- iii. Administer oaths to witnesses and compel them to testify;
- iv. Designate, by resolution, one of its members to sign and issue subpoenas;
- v. Appoint one or more Hearing Officers as shall be necessary to carry out its functions and duties. The Hearing Officer shall have the same powers possessed by the Board to hold hearings and shall make findings of fact and recommendations to the Board;
- vi. Issue warrants to any peace officer of any municipality in the County to apprehend and remove such person or persons subject to its orders or regulations;
- vii. Prescribe and impose penalties for the violation of, or failure to comply with any provision of the Sanitary Code, of the provisions of the State Sanitary Code as provided for in Article 2.0, to be sued for, and recovered by it in any court of competent jurisdiction;
- viii. Make such orders and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the suppression of nuisances or other matters in its judgment is detrimental to public health; and to publish or post same in any such manner deemed appropriate; and,
- ix. Maintain actions in any court of competent jurisdiction to restrain by injunction violators of their orders, rules and regulation of the Board, or otherwise to enforce such orders and regulations.

C. Director; General Powers

1. As provided by the Public Health Law, the Director shall:

- i. Promote the spread of information as to the cause, nature and prevention of prevalent

diseases, and the preservation and improvement of health;

ii. Take such steps as may be necessary to secure prompt and complete reports by physicians of reportable diseases;

iii. Attend conferences called by the State Commissioner of Health or his/her authorized representatives; and,

iv. Enforce within the Health District the provisions of the Public Health Law, State Sanitary Code, and Sanitary Code.

v. Appoint an officer or employee of the Department to exercise any of the above referenced powers or actions.

D. Filing a Public Health Nuisance Complaint

1. The St. Lawrence County Public Health Department will make every effort to resolve public health complaints and Public Health Nuisances that fall within its authority. The Board of Health needs citizen participation to assist in the prevention and elimination of hazards to the public health. Both St. Lawrence County Board of Health and citizens have a responsibility in this effort to maintain a healthy environment. The Public Health Nuisance complaint process can be a vital part of this effort when it is used appropriately.

2. A concerned citizen should take the following two steps prior to filing a formal complaint with the Public Health Department:

i. Ask if the complaint condition is health related. The enforcement ability of Public Health is limited to conditions which threaten the public health. A condition may certainly be a nuisance to you, but it may not be a public health nuisance. See further articles to determine if the condition is covered under the county regulation.

ii. Address your concerns to the offending party, and try to work out a solution directly. If you attempt to resolve the problem this way, but are unsuccessful, then it may be appropriate to file a complaint using the appropriate complaint form.

3. A complaint must be submitted in writing in the manner and form as prescribed by the public health department, unless it is deemed appropriate by the Director of Public Health that a circumstance warrants accepting a submission other than in writing.

4. The complaint form, established and approved by the Public Health Director, should be filled out in full with directions to the property and the details of the complaint conditions. The complaint must be signed, and an address and daytime phone number provided. It is important that the inspecting sanitarian be able to contact the complainant if more information is needed. Signed complaints will be given priority. Anonymous complaints will be investigated when time is available. Please complete, sign, date and mail to the Public Health Department at the noted address.

5. If you have concerns about signing the form, or becoming identified by a public records request honorable by law, contact a trustee in your township to file the complaint. Options to investigate, legally enter property and fully resolve are severely limited by anonymous complaints. Contact information must be provided to actively investigate actionable complaints.

6. Complaints are generally investigated in the order in which they are received. Turnaround time is usually a week to ten days, but may be less, depending on the number of complaints received.

7. Once a Public Health Nuisance complaint is filed with our office it becomes a public record. Anyone may obtain a copy of a complaint file upon request.

E. Inspections; General

1. During their regular business hours, the Director may inspect any premises, matter, or thing, subject to the provisions of this Sanitary Code and the State Sanitary Code.
2. The authorized representatives of the Department may, during their business hours, inspect any record required to be kept pursuant to the Public Health Law, State Sanitary Code, or the Sanitary Code.

F. Inspections; Interference

1. No person shall interfere with, obstruct or refuse to allow an employee or authorized representative of the Department to enter upon and inspect any premises, place or thing within the jurisdiction of the Department, in the discharge of his/her official duties or Department business.
2. No person shall interfere with, obstruct, harass, molest, resist, or refuse to cooperate with any representative of the Department in the discharge of his/her official duties.

G. Inspection; Taking Samples

1. The Director may take and remove any substance or thing or any necessary part or portion thereof from any premise or place as a sample for investigation or evidence when in the opinion of such representative such substance or thing may be dangerous or detrimental to public health.

H. Notices; Postings

1. Notices shall be in the English Language, provided, however, if the Department is of the opinion that the person or persons to whom a required warning, notice or instructional sign is addressed may not understand the English Language, the Department may require that such warning, notice or sign shall appear legibly both in English and other designated languages.
2. No person shall remove, mutilate, conceal, obstruct or tear down any notice or placard of the Department posted in or on any premises or public place without written permission of the Director or his/her designee.

I. Service of Notice

1. Unless otherwise expressly provided by the Public Health Law, by any other provision of this Sanitary Code, or by the State Sanitary Code, service of Notice of Hearings shall be made in the manner prescribed for personal service of a summons as set forth in the New York State Civil Practice Law and Rules or by registered or certified mail. If service is to be made upon an infant, incompetent, partnership, corporation, governmental subdivision, board or commission, it shall be made upon the person or persons designated to receive personal service pursuant to Article Three of the New York State Civil Practice Law and Rules.

J. Enforcement Office Conferences

1. The Director or his/her designee may conduct an office conference to address, rectify, and/or correct any application, complaint, circumstances or alleged violation of this Sanitary Code or the State Sanitary Code.

2. Such conference shall be scheduled for a specific date and time, with notice provided to the person or persons concerned. The Respondent may attend any such conference with legal representation, in their discretion and at their expense.

3. Notice for such conference shall set forth the date and time and place of the conference; the name of the person or persons concerned; the purpose of the conference; and general specification with reference to the particular provisions of this Sanitary Code, State Sanitary Code, Public Health Law or other health law or rule or regulation involved, if any.

4. On the day of the conference, the Director or his/her designee shall note the names and addresses of the persons appearing at such conference and shall thereafter proceed with the business of the conference.

5. Nothing herein contained shall preclude the Department from taking any action which may be deemed appropriate or advisable in the circumstances, other than conducting such conference.

6. The person who conducted the conference shall make and file a report with the Board of Health.

7. Subsequent to the office conference, the Director may do one of the following:

i. Enter into a stipulation with the person(s) concerned, which shall be reviewed by the Board of Health and with Board of Health final approval, shall become a final order.

ii. Set the matter down for a formal hearing.

iii. Direct that any other action shall be taken as authorized by law or this Sanitary Code.

K. Hearings

1. The Board or the Director may move to hold a formal hearing on any application, complaint, circumstance, or alleged violation of the Public Health Law, Sanitary Code and any other rule, regulation or code under jurisdiction of the Department. For purposes of such hearing, the Board or Director shall appoint a Hearing Officer, who shall be an attorney licensed in New York State.

2. Unless otherwise provided in the Public Health Law or Sanitary Code, such hearings shall be on at least fifteen (15) days notice to the person or persons concerned.

3. The Notice of Hearing shall set forth:

i. The time and place of the hearing;

ii. The purpose of the hearing;

iii. Charges and violations complained of, if any, with specific reference to the provisions and section of the Public Health Law, State Sanitary Code, and the Sanitary Code involved;

iv. The right to present evidence;

v. The right to examine and cross-examine witnesses; and

vi. The right to be represented by counsel

4. Witnesses shall be sworn in and testimony shall be recorded or transcribed by a certified court stenographer or transcriptionist. The copy of audio or digital recording of the hearing shall be provided within a reasonable time after the conclusion of the hearing, if requested by the

hearing officer, the respondent or representative of the Department. The Director may employ the use of a Court stenographer or transcriptionist, with the cost for such being borne by the Department.

5. On the return day of the hearing, the Hearing Officer shall note the appearances of the persons attending the hearing. All witnesses shall be sworn and testimony shall be recorded and/or transcribed.

6. The Hearing Officer shall thereafter recommend proposed findings of fact and conclusions, thereafter, the Board or the Director shall make a formal order, setting forth the determination, conditions, if any, to be complied with, and penalties, if any.

7. The order provided for in Article 2.J.6 shall be maintained in the Department and a copy thereof shall be served on all respondents.

8. Nothing herein contained shall preclude the Department from taking any other action, as may be prescribed by law, nor shall the Department be precluded from taking such other action by virtue of the order made pursuant to this section.

L. Hearings; Appearances

1. At any hearing conducted pursuant to this code, any party to the proceedings may appear personally with or without counsel and shall be given the opportunity to present evidence and to examine and to cross-examine witnesses. All appearances shall be noted on the official record of hearings.

2. At any hearing conducted pursuant to this code, if a party shall appear without counsel, the Hearing Officer shall advise such party of his/her right to obtain counsel and their sole expense; and that if he/she desires to proceed without counsel, that he/she may call witnesses, cross-examine witnesses, and produce evidence in his/her behalf.

M. Investigations; Hearings; Adjournments

1. The Hearing Officer may grant adjournments upon request of any party to the proceedings, provided that an adjournment shall not be for an indefinite period of time, but shall be set down for a certain day.

2. If any adjournment is requested in advance of the hearing date, such request shall be submitted to the Hearing Officer, in writing, and shall specify the reason for such request.

3. In considering an application for adjournment of a hearing, the Hearing Officer shall consider whether the purpose of the hearing will be affected or defeated by the granting of such adjournment. Further, the Hearing Officer shall consider whether the allegations involve any imminent public health or safety concerns.

N. Investigations; Hearings; Subpoenas

1. The Hearing Officer or the Director may issue subpoenas upon request of any party to the proceedings of any hearing.

O. Investigations; Hearings; Procedures

1. The Hearing Officer shall not be bound by the formal rules of evidence in the conduct of a

hearing, but the determination shall be founded upon sufficient legal evidence to sustain it.

2. Upon the conclusion of a hearing, the Board or the Director shall take such action as it deems proper, and shall execute an order setting forth its findings and determinations.

3. The action of the Board or the Director may include the assessment of civil penalties as provided by law or this code.

4. An order of suspension or revocation of any permit or license may contain such provisions as to renewal or reinstatement as the Board or the Director shall direct.

5. The Board alone may direct a rehearing or require the taking of additional evidence, and may rescind or affirm a prior determination after such rehearing.

6. The minutes of a formal hearing shall be made available to all parties for examination at the office of the Department. Copies of the transcript of the hearing may be obtained at the Department's current rate for copying of records.

P. Post-Hearing Procedures

1. The Director shall serve upon the respondent(s) copies of findings of fact, conclusions and orders made as a result of a formal hearing.

2. Service of findings of fact, conclusions and order(s) shall be made in the manner prescribed for the service of Notice of Hearings.

3. The Director, without notice, may order service of notice by any means reasonably determined to give notice to the person or entity if service, after due diligence, cannot be made in a prescribed method as set forth in the CPLR of the State of New York.

Q. State and County Code Enforcement: Violations; Criminal Penalties

1. Any Person who violates, disobeys or disregards the terms of any lawful order or regulation of the State Sanitary Code, the Sanitary Code, this Code, or the Board shall be subject to the imposition of a civil penalty by the Board, not to exceed the maximum civil penalty set forth by NYS Public Health Law § 309(1)(f) for each single violation or failure or omission to act.

2. As provided by Section 348 of the Public Health Law, the provisions of this code shall have the force and effect of law and any non-conformance or non-compliance with any provision thereof shall constitute a violation punishable on conviction which may include a term of imprisonment not exceeding fifteen (15) days.

3. As provided by Section 229 of the Public Health Law, the provisions of the State Sanitary Code shall have the force and effect of law and the non-compliance or non-conformance with any provision thereof shall constitute a violation punishable on conviction which may include a term of imprisonment not exceeding fifteen (15) days.

4. The penalty provided in this section may be recovered by an action brought by the Director or Board in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

S. Willful Violation of Health Laws

1. As provided by Section 12-b of the Public Health Law, a person who willfully violates or refuses or omits to comply with any lawful order or regulation prescribed by the Board or Director, is guilty of a misdemeanor; except, however, that where such order or regulation

applies to a tenant with respect to his/her own dwelling unit or to an owner occupied one (1) or two (2) family dwelling unit, such person is guilty of an offense for the first violation punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) and for a second or subsequent violation is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

2. A person who willfully violates any provision of this chapter, or any regulation lawfully made or established by any public officer or board under authority of this chapter, the punishment for violating which is not otherwise prescribed by this chapter or any other law is punishable by imprisonment not exceeding one year or by a fine not exceeding two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars or by both.

T. Separate Violation

1. Each day or part of a day on which the violation occurs shall constitute a separate violation.

U. Violation of Public Health Laws or Regulations; Penalties and Injunctions

1. As provided by Section 12 of the Public Health Law, any person who violates, disobeys or disregards any term or provision of the Public Health Law, Sanitary Code, any order of the Board or of any lawful notice, order or regulation pursuant thereto for which a civil penalty is not otherwise expressly prescribed by law, shall be liable to the County for a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for every such violation.

2. The penalty provided for in subdivision one (1) of this section may be recovered by an action brought by the Board or Director in any court of competent jurisdiction.

3. Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to alter or repeal any existing provisions of the law declaring such violations or any of them to be misdemeanors or felonies or prescribing the penalty therefore.

V. Enforcement; Violations, other than by Prosecution

1. The Department may seek to obtain the voluntary compliance with this code by way of notice, warning or educational means.

2. This Section shall not be construed to require that such non-compulsory methods must be employed or attempted before proceedings by way of compulsory or other legally prescribed procedures.

W. Permits and Licenses; Operation with Permit

1. The Director shall have the authority and power to order the cessation of operations or construction of any business, establishment, or facility required by the code to obtain a permit.

2. The Director may employ the assistance of law enforcement officers and other officials as provided by the provisions of the Public Health Law and other applicable statutes and rules and regulations to enforce the order herein provided for.

3. The owner or operator of any business, establishment, or facility closed or directed to

cease operation or construction pursuant to this section shall be entitled to a hearing to be held within a reasonable time if the owner or operator of the facility requests a hearing, in writing, within ten (10) days of the order of the Director.

X. Duty to Comply

1. Compliance with the regulation or any portion thereof shall not relieve any person of the duty comply with other municipal, State, or Federal Laws and regulations.

ARTICLE 3: PERMITS AND LICENSES

A. Permits and Licenses; Applications

1. Application for a permit or the renewal of a permit shall be made on forms furnished by the Department and shall contain all information called for by said forms and include the required application fees.

2. Application for a permit or for the renewal of a permit shall be accompanied by such other information, evidence or documentation as the Department may require or as may be provided by the code.

3. A permit issued to a particular person, or for a designated place, purpose, or vehicle, shall not be valid for use by any other person, or for any other place, purpose or vehicle than that designated therein. Such permits or written approvals may contain general and specific conditions and every person who shall have obtained a permit or written approval, as herein required, shall conform to the conditions prescribed in said permit or written approval, and to the provisions of the Code.

4. In addition to the information specifically required to be submitted to the Department, or if no specific information is required for certain permits, the Department shall require the following information:

i. The name, residence and business address of the applicant; and, if the applicant is a partnership or group, the name of each partner or member and, if the applicant is a corporation, the name of each officer and director(s) of the corporation;

ii. Information concerning the applicant, its individual members or officers, relating to education, training or experience, and history of prior criminal conviction, including violations and offenses, other than motor vehicle offenses, record of insolvency or bankruptcy, and copy of a driver's license or non-driver identification.

iii. Proof of Worker's Compensation Coverage or signed attestation that such insurance is not required;

iv. The ability of the applicant, or of its individual members or officers, to read and write English or provide an interpreter;

v. For the initial permit application, a written official document or a statement issued by the appropriate municipal authority having jurisdiction and concern with the zoning laws, ordinances, or regulations of the municipality in the operation, facility, premises, or use for the permit is sought stating that the operation, facility, activity, premises or use, if permitted, will not violate any existing zoning law, ordinance or regulation of such municipality;

vi. Application for a permit or for the renewal of a permit shall be accompanied by such other information, evidence or documentation as the Department may require, or as may be

otherwise provided by the code.

5. Application for a permit or for the renewal of a permit shall be made by and signed by:

- i. In the case of an individual who is to be the permittee, by the individual or his/her representative duly authorized in writing; or,
- ii. In the case of a partnership, by a general partner or a representative of the partnership duly authorized in writing; or,
- iii. In the case of an unincorporated association or group, by an officer or representative duly authorized in writing of the association or group authorizing the making of such application; or, corporation, who shall submit a certified copy of a resolution of the board of directors of the corporation, authorizing the making of such application and designating the duly authorized officer or representative to act on behalf of the corporation;
- iv. In the case of a municipality, other than the county, by the executive officer or representative duly authorized in writing.

6. Every individual application for a permit or for renewal of a permit shall be eighteen (18) years of age or over; and, in the case of a partnership application, the partner signing the application shall be eighteen (18) years of age or over.

7. Application for a permit or for renewal of a permit shall constitute an agreement that the permittee assumes responsibility for the operation, conduct and maintenance of the activity authorized by the permit, in accordance with the provisions of the Sanitary Code and the conditions required by the permit, and to inspections pertaining thereto.

8. Application for a permit or for renewal of a permit shall constitute consent to fully inspect and investigate the premises including but not limited to: the collection and analysis of samples, testing, photographing and/or videotaping, and interviewing.

B. Permit Applications; Fees

1. The fees as adopted by the Board for various permits must be paid at the time of application for the permit.

2. Application for a permit or for the renewal of a permit shall be accompanied by all outstanding fees and/or previous violation fines, as relating to prior County Sanitary Code enforcement actions levied against the specific facility owner making application for a permit.

3. The Director may also establish and charge reasonable fees for the filing in his/her office of required reports, plans or necessary documents.

C. Permits and Licenses; Posting; Expiration

1. Every permit shall expire on the date stated on the permit and may only be extended by the Department, in writing, for a specified limited time not to exceed sixty (60) days.

2. Every permittee shall apply for a renewal of a permit no later than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of such permit unless otherwise required by this code, the State Sanitary Code, or the Public Health Law.

3. It is the responsibility of the permittee to contact the Department for necessary forms for the renewal of permit.

4. A permittee shall comply with the conditions contained in the permit and the provisions and requirements of this code, the Department, the State Sanitary Code, and the Public Health

Law under which such permit was issued.

5. Every permit shall be kept on the premises designated or covered by the permit and shall be posted in a conspicuous place on such premises in such manner as to be clearly visible to the public. It shall be available for inspection at all times by the Department.

6. Permits shall remain the property of the Department and shall be surrendered to a duly authorized representative of the Department on demand upon the expiration thereof or when suspended or revoked as herein provided.

D. Permits and Licenses; Not Transferable

1. Any attempted or purported transfer of a permit to a person not designated as the permittee therein, or for a purpose or place or vehicle not authorized by such permit, shall be cause to revoke such permit.

2. In the event of a reorganization of a permitted entity, the Department may approve, in writing, the continuation of an activity authorized by a permit provided that such change of organization has been duly recorded with the Department within ten (10) days after such change of organization and the Department receives acceptable proof that the reorganized entity is the legal successor to the permitted entity.

3. In the event that the facility is transferred to new ownership and/or operator, if applicable, the owner/operator must improve the facility to meet all applicable current codes prior to this Department issuing a permit.

E. Permits and Licenses; Suspension and Revocation

1. The Board may suspend or revoke a permit for violation or non-conformance with the conditions or requirements of the permit or provisions of the code under which such permit was issued.

2. The Board may suspend or revoke a permit for cause after due notice and hearing.

F. Permits and Licenses; Refusal to Issue

1. Except as may be otherwise provided in the Public Health Law or the State Sanitary Code:

i. The Department may refuse to issue a permit or a renewal thereof when the application is incomplete or not accompanied by the required fee, if any;

ii. The Department may refuse to issue a permit or renewal thereof when the applicant fails to provide information required by the Department;

iii. The Department may refuse to issue a permit or renewal thereof if the application or investigation thereof indicates to the Department that the activity, operation or premises to be covered by the permit applied for does not meet the requirements of the code or other provisions of law; or that the maintenance, conduct or operation of such activity, operation or premises does not meet the requirements or provisions of the law or may result in a public health hazard or in a condition which may be dangerous or harmful to health and life;

2. Except upon the express written authorization of the Board, no permit shall be issued to a person who previously had a permit revoked, within the preceding six (6) months, nor to a person who was an officer, director, owner or operator of an entity whose permit was revoked

within the preceding six (6) months;

3. Approval of an application for a permit shall be denied for any sufficient or competent reason, including but not limited to any of the following:

i. The proposed construction, location, purpose, business or other act is in violation of the provisions of the Public Health Law, the State Sanitary Code, this code or any local municipal law, ordinance or regulation;

ii. Inaccurate, incomplete, false or misleading information stated in the application, including any plans or other data submitted in support thereof;

iii. Failure of the applicant to demonstrate competency to perform to the satisfaction of the Department;

iv. Conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of a violation of the Public Health Law, the State Sanitary Code, this code, or any local municipal law, ordinance or regulation within the preceding six (6) months; provided, however, that the Board may waive the application of this provision upon evidence

satisfactory to the Board that the convictions are not likely to be repeated, or for other good and substantial reason or reasons;

v. Failure to correct any existing violations or deficiencies pertaining to any particular place, vehicle or business after service of written notice thereof, whether or not related to the pending application.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, the Department shall not issue or renew any permit required under this Code to any person who has an outstanding and/or overdue fee, fine and/or unpaid civil penalty imposed by the Department pursuant to provisions of State Public Health Law, State Sanitary Code or the St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code.

G. Permits and Licenses; Denial; Suspension; Revocation; Forfeiture; Effective Date

1. Except as may otherwise be ordered by the Board or by the Director, the denial of a permit or certificate of approval or the suspension or revocation of a permit or certificate of approval, shall become final upon notice thereof to the applicant or permittee concerned.

2. Service of a notice of denial or refusal to issue a permit or certificate of renewal shall be made in the manner provided in the code (Article 2.H) for the service of a notice of hearing.

3. A permit or written approval shall terminate upon service of a written notice from the Department and hearing and be considered forfeit and shall become null and void under any of the following circumstances:

i. That the process of construction or the operation involved reveals conditions otherwise than as indicated in the approved plans and application; or,

ii. That the construction or operation involved is in violation of any ordinance or regulation of any duly constituted government authority or any political subdivision thereof; or,

iii. That the construction or operation involved is otherwise than in accordance with standards, rules, and regulations pertaining to such construction or the conditions of a permit or written approval issued pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law, the State Sanitary Code, or this Code; or,

iv. That no action has been taken under such permit or written approval within the period specified in the permit or if no period is specified, within a period of one (1) year following the date of issuance thereof, or within a period beyond which the purpose, need or usefulness of the permit or written approval no longer exists,

whichever is shorter.

H. Permits and Licenses; Denial Appeal

1. Unless otherwise provided in the Public Health Law or State Sanitary Code, whenever the Department refuses to issue a permit or a renewal thereof or a certificate of approval and no hearing has been had in the matter, the applicant may appeal such action to the Director or Board by serving a notice of appeal in writing on the Department addressed to the Director or to the Board within ten (10) days following the service of notice of denial or refusal to issue the permit.

2. The Notice of Appeal shall set forth in detail the basis for the appeal and shall contain:

- i. The full name of the applicant, permittee or party affected;
- ii. The type of permit or certificate of approval for which the application was made or the nature of the action complained of;
- iii. The place of business listed in the application to which the appeal relates;
- iv. The statement that the applicant or permittee or other party affected appeals to the Board to review the action of the Department; and,
- v. The signature of the applicant, permittee or party affected, or if the permittee or party affected is not the individual signature and title of a party or other individual of the partnership or group, or of an officer of a corporate applicant permittee or party affected.

3. Unless otherwise provided in the Public Health Law, within ten (10) days following service of the notice of appeal, the applicant, permittee or party affected shall submit a memorandum addressed to the Director or to the Board containing his/her objection to the action of the Department.

4. The Board may, without hearing, reverse, modify or affirm the action of the Department or may require a hearing upon notice as provided in Article 2 of this code.

I. Operation Without a Permit

1. The Board or Director may issue a written notice to be served upon the person or permittee involved, or upon any person connected with or working in or about an operation to cease the operation, whereupon the operation shall immediately cease, under the following circumstances:

- i. The process of the operation involved reveals conditions otherwise than as indicated in the approved plans and application, and permits as issued; or
- ii. The operation involved is in violation of any ordinance or regulation of any duly constituted government authority or any political subdivision; or,
- iii. The operation involved is otherwise than in accordance with standards, rules and regulations pertaining to the condition of a permit or written approval issued pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law, the Environmental Conservation Law within the jurisdiction of the Department, the State Sanitary Code or this Code.

J. Service of Notice

1. Service of the written notice shall be made in the manner prescribed in Article 2.H for the service of notice of hearings.

ARTICLE 4: GENERAL SANITATION

A. Definitions

1. “Container” shall mean any device in which material is stored, transported, treated, disposed of, or otherwise handled.

2. “Garbage” shall mean putrescible solid waste, including animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, storage, sale, preparation, cooking or serving of foods and not subject to regulation by the St. Lawrence County Flow Control Law. Garbage originates primarily in home kitchens, stores, markets, restaurants and other places where food is stored, prepared or served.

3. “Hazardous Material” shall mean a material or combination of materials which, because of its quantity, concentration, use, physical, chemical, infectious, or radiological characteristics and/or effects, constitute a nuisance or public health hazard and not subject to regulation by the St. Lawrence County Flow Control Law.

4. “Hazardous Waste” shall mean a waste or combination of wastes which, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, infectious, or radiological characteristics and/or effects, may constitute a nuisance or public health hazard and not subject to regulation by the St. Lawrence County Flow Control Law.

5. “Public Health Nuisance” shall mean any activity or failure to act that adversely affects Public Health.

6. “Offensive Material” shall mean any, garbage, refuse, rubbish, hazardous material, hazardous waste, septage, sewage sludge, sludge, stabilized sludge or any substance or liquid dangerous or detrimental to health not subject to regulation by the St. Lawrence County Flow Control Law.

7. “Person” shall mean any individual, firm, public or private corporation, association, partnership, institution, political subdivision, government agency, public body, joint stock association, trust, estate, or other group of individuals or combination of the foregoing, or any legal entity whatsoever, and includes the plural as well as the singular.

8. “Public Health Hazard” shall mean a condition, potential condition, event or sequence of events, deemed by the Director, which may impact or threaten the health of the public.

9. “Refuse” shall mean all waste material including, but not limited to; incinerator residue, street sweepings, blood, fecal matter, manure, dead animals and offal.

10. “Rubbish” shall mean solid or liquid waste material including, but limited to, paper and paper products, rags, furniture, cans, crockery, plastic cartons, plastics, chemicals, paint, greases, sludges, oils and some petroleum products, wood, demolition materials, and tires not subject to regulation by the St. Lawrence County Flow Control Law.

11. “Septage” shall mean the contents of a privy, septic tank, cesspool, chemical toilet, either liquid or solid state or other individual sewage treatment facility which receives domestic sewage wastes.

12. “Sewage Sludge” shall mean the accumulated semisolid suspension of solids deposited from waste waters.

13. “Sludge” shall mean any solid, semisolid or liquid waste generated from a municipal, commercial or industrial waste water treatment plant, water supply treatment plant or air pollution control facility. Sludge does not include the treated effluent from a wastewater treatment plant.

14. “Stabilized Sludge” shall mean sludge that has been treated by a process to reduce putrescibility, significantly reduce pathogenic organisms, and except for lime stabilization, reduce the volatile solids content. Acceptable stabilization processes are defined in 40 CFR Part 257, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Code of Federal Regulations.

15. “Vehicle” shall mean any motor vehicle, water vessel, railroad car, airplane, or other means of transporting offensive material, including hazardous waste.

B. Removal and Transportation

1. No person shall remove or transport or permit the removal or transportation of any offensive material, garbage, hazardous material, hazardous waste, refuse, septage, sewage sludge, sludge or stabilized sludge except in such a manner and in or by such conveyance as will prevent the creation of a nuisance or the loss or discharge of such material. All such material shall be so handled, covered, or treated that it cannot be released, leached or migrated or be accessible to rodents, flies, or other insects or create a nuisance. All vehicles and implements used in connection therewith shall be kept in a non-offensive and sanitary condition and when not in use shall be stored or kept as to not create a nuisance.

C. Storage and Disposal

1. No person shall allow any offensive material to be deposited, stored or held on any premises or place or in any building or structure unless such material is treated, screened, covered, or placed as not to create a nuisance detrimental to health. All containers for the storage of such material shall completely confine the material, shall be rodent and insect proof, and shall be kept in a non-offensive and sanitary condition at all times. All offensive material shall be buried at such distance from any source of water supply or be disposed of at other places so that water supplies will not be subject to pollution or where a nuisance will not be created subject to regulations for the protection of public water supplies adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law. Such material shall not be discharged into streams, ponds, or other bodies of water or onto the surface of the ground except with the special permission of the Department or unless a permit is issued in accordance with the provisions of law.

D. Water Supplies

1. No person shall have contracted, undertaken or who is bound by the terms of a lease or any agreement to supply water for any habitable building owned thereby shall shut off or cause to be shut off such water supply so as to result in an unsanitary condition. Whenever a public water supply is available, no other supply shall be furnished for drinking and domestic purposes unless such other supply shall be potable.

2. The Director may order the treatment, abandonment, sealing, or posting, at his/her discretion, of any water supply not of a safe, sanitary quality.

ARTICLE 5: NUISANCES

A. Nuisances; Director’s Duty to Investigate

1. The Director shall receive and investigate all complaints concerning nuisances, or causes of danger or injury to life and health in the Health District and may request such complaints to be made in writing in accordance with this Article, Part 8 of the State Sanitary Code and Title 1 of Article 13 of the Public Health Law.

B. Nuisances; Investigation; Reports

1. The Director may enter to inspect or examine upon or within any place or premises where nuisances or conditions dangerous to life and health are occurring or are reasonably believed to be occurring, or which are reasonably believed to be the cause of nuisances existing elsewhere.

2. The owners, agents and/or occupants of any premises shall permit sanitary examinations and inspections to be made pursuant to the provisions of this Article, Part 8 of the State Sanitary Code, and Title 1 of Article 13 of the Public Health Law.

3. The Director shall furnish the owners, agents and/or occupants of the premises with a written statement of the results and conclusions of any examination or inspection conducted pursuant to this article.

C. Nuisances; Abatement and Suppression

1. The Board and/or Director may order the suppression and removal of all nuisances and conditions detrimental to life and health found to exist within the Health District.

2. The Board and/or Director may, in the event of non-compliance with any such order, enter upon the premises to remove or suppress such nuisance, condition, or matter to which said order relates.

3. The expenses of such removal and abatement shall be paid and may be collected in the manner prescribed in Public Health Law 1306, 1307, and 1308

4. The owner of any dwelling is responsible for remediation of an insect infestation.

5. No dogs, cats, fowl, hogs, goats, cows, horses or other animal shall be kept in a manner which creates a public health nuisance.

6. Dead Animals - A dead domestic or farm animal shall be buried a minimum of 2 feet below grade or disposed of in a sanitary manner, at least 200 ft from any water source (i.e., water supply, wetland, river, stream, or surface water source), by its owner within seventy-two (72) hours after its death or after its carcass has been discovered unless otherwise approved by the Department.

D. Nuisances; Enforcement

1. Any non-compliance or non-conformance with an order issued by the Director pursuant to this Article shall constitute a violation of the provisions of the Sanitary Code and may be subject to the imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to Section 309 of the Public Health Law.

ARTICLE 6: DWELLINGS

A. Definitions

1. "Dwelling" means any building, house structure, vehicle or portion thereof, which is

occupied, in whole or part, or intended to be used as a home, residence, living or sleeping place of one or more human beings, either permanently or temporarily, and not regulated under any other article of this Sanitary Code.

2. “Dwelling Unit” means any room or group of rooms, within a dwelling, which are used or intended to be used by one or more persons for living and sleeping with or without facilities for cooking and eating.

3. “Extermination” means the control and elimination of insects, rodents, vermin or other pests by eliminating their harborage places; by removing or making inaccessible material that may serve as their food; by poisoning, spraying, fumigating, trapping, or by any other recognized and legal pest elimination methods approved by the County or State authority having such administrative authority.

4. “New York State Code” means the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

5. “Building Inspector and Local Codes Enforcement Officers” means the Municipal Officials who enforce the New York State Code in their municipality.

B. Plumbing

1. Each and every plumbing fixture, pipe, drain, sewer and sewer connection in every habitable public or private building which is in whole or part leased by the owner or his agent or which is permitted to be used by patrons or the general public, shall be properly plumbed in accordance with the New York State Code, of sanitary design and construction and shall be repaired and maintained in a sanitary condition. The owner, operator or occupant of a building or dwelling or his/her agent in charge thereof shall have common use of a toilet shall be responsible for the satisfactory and sanitary maintenance of such toilet.

2. Every owner, agent, or tenant, who is responsible for the plumbing or sanitary facilities of a building or dwelling shall maintain each and every plumbing fixture, pipe, drain, sewer and sewer connection of such building or dwelling in a sanitary condition and shall remove blockages, repair leaks, and replace broken, worn or faulty fixtures or pipes which shall be the cause of an unsanitary condition.

C. Occupancy Without Sewerage Facilities

1. No person shall occupy any dwelling or vehicle as a place of habitation unless sanitary facilities for the disposal of sewage shall have been provided.

D. Rental of Dwelling Without Water Supply

1. No person shall lease or rent any dwelling or dwelling unit unless a safe supply of potable water is available.

E. Water Supply – Cutting Off

1. No owner or lessee of a dwelling, dwelling unit, apartment or business establishment shall cut or turn off the water supply or cause such water supply to be shut off except in case of necessity arising from a serious leak, public health hazard or bursting of pipes. In such cases,

repairs shall be made and the water service restored promptly.

F. Connection to Public Sewer

1. Where a public sanitary sewer is available and accessible to a dwelling or habitable building, the owner of such dwelling or building shall connect such building to said sanitary sewer within one year of availability.

G. Garbage and Rubbish Disposal

1. Every dwelling and every dwelling unit shall be provided with a suitable receptacle(s) as may be necessary to contain all garbage and rubbish and all such receptacles shall be maintained in good repair. Receptacles for garbage shall be watertight and provided with tight fitting covers.

2. Every dwelling including the lot on which such dwelling is located shall be kept free from any excessive accumulation of offensive material.

3. Garbage must be disposed of in accordance with local ordinances and in any case in such fashion as not to serve as a breeding or harboring place for vermin, or to create a nuisance.

H. Flies, Insects, Rodents and Vermin

1. All means necessary or required shall be taken to eliminate vermin from any habitable building and to prevent the breeding or harboring of such vermin on the premises. Any poison or chemical used for the elimination of vermin must be used in accordance with the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) laws and any other statute or regulation governing the use of such poison or chemical.

2. Responsibility for Extermination: Every occupant of a Dwelling containing a single Dwelling Unit shall be responsible for the extermination of any insects, rodents, vermin or other pests therein or on the Premises; the property owner shall be responsible for extermination ; property owner is responsible for the entire building if it is a multi-unit dwelling (wordsmith) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, whenever infestation is caused by failure of the Owner to maintain a Dwelling in a rat-proof or insect-proof condition, Extermination shall be the responsibility of the Owner. Whenever infestation exists in two (2) or more of the Dwelling Units in any Dwelling, or in the shared or public parts of any Dwelling containing two (2) or more Dwelling Units, Extermination thereof shall be the responsibility of the Owner. When Extermination is required, the Owner shall use a New York State License/Certified Pesticide Applicator/Technician, unless waived by the Department.

I. Unsanitary Building

1. When the Director determines that any building, dwelling or part thereof is so unsanitary as to be unfit for human habitation or shall cause an unsanitary condition on or adjacent to the premises, a hearing can be scheduled with due notice to the owner. If at the hearing it is determined that the situation constitutes a nuisance or condition detrimental to life and health, the Director may issue an order requiring the owner to abate said nuisance or condition by

placing said building or dwelling in a sanitary or habitable condition within a time specified in said order. Upon the failure of said owner to comply with said order, the Director may issue a further order to be affixed conspicuously upon such building or dwelling and served upon the occupant(s) or lessee(s) and upon the owner thereof or his or her agent requiring all persons to vacate such building or dwelling and to discontinue its use at such time as shall be stated in said order. Upon failure of such building or dwelling to be vacated within the time specified, the Board may issue a warrant to the County Sheriff directing that such building or dwelling be vacated and that all persons be removed and the County Sheriff shall forthwith execute such warrant pursuant to law.

J. Local Laws, Ordinances, Enforcement, and Criminal Penalties

1. In cases of matters involving or under the jurisdiction of the New York State Department of Health Environmental District Office and/or the Municipal Building Inspector or Codes Enforcement Officer, the New York State Department of Health Environmental District office and Municipal Building Inspector or Codes Enforcement Officer shall have primary enforcement jurisdiction per the scope of the respective regulatory authority.

2. In enforcing this Article, the Director will be guided by the Building Codes in effect in the municipality (city, town or village) in which such buildings are located, and such other state laws or regulations, as may apply.

3. The Director may request the assistance of a municipality's Building Inspector or Local Codes Enforcement Officer(s) to inspect properties in accordance with the New York State Code or to perform joint inspections of a property or properties with representatives of the Department.

4. Criminal penalties for violations of this Article shall be those provided for in Section 229 of the Public Health Law.

5. Civil penalties for violations of this Article shall be those provided in Sections 12 and 309 of the Public Health Law. Determinations with respect to violations and/or assessing of penalties shall be subject to review by the St. Lawrence County Health Department.

ARTICLE 7: SEWAGE SYSTEMS

A. Applicability

1. This Article shall apply to the construction and use of any new or modified sewage system designed to discharge sewage without the mixture of industrial or other wastes to the ground or surface waters of the County.

B. Definitions

1. "Applicable Water Quality Standards and Effluent Standards and Limitations," means all State and Federal water quality standards and limitations to which a discharge is subject under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, or under State law including but not limited to water quality standards, effluent limitations, standards of performance and pretreatment standards.

2. "Dwelling" means any building or structure which is wholly or partly used or intended to

be used for living or sleeping by human occupants.

3. "Individual Sewage Treatment System" means a system of piping, tanks or other facilities for the on-site collection, treatment and disposal of sewage.

4. "Offensive Material" means any sewage, fecal matter, manure, offal, garbage, dead animals, meat wastes, pool waste water, any putrescible organic matter, the contents of sewage disposal systems (either liquid or solid state), or any substance or liquid dangerous or prejudicial to health, safety or general welfare, or gives rise to offensive odors as may be determined by the Director or his/her designee.

5. "Other Wastes" means shavings, bark, sand, lime, salt, ashes, petroleum products, tar, dye stuffs, acids, chemicals, and all other discarded matter not sewage, industrial wastes or offensive material which is determined by the Director to be dangerous or prejudicial to health and safety.

6. "Point Source" means any discernible, confined or discrete conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

7. "Pollution Hazard" means a condition resulting from the entry of wastes into any of the waters of the County whereby;

i. The quality of such waters may be adversely affected in their use for bathing, drinking, culinary and other water supply uses; or

ii. A situation determined by the Director to be prejudicial to health and safety of the public is created.

8. "Privy" means any facility or structure provided for the storage or disposal of human excreta without water carriage.

9. "Reserve or Replacement Area" means the area on the site that is kept available for the future individual sewage treatment system should the primary individual sewage treatment system fail.

10. "Sanitary Sewer" means a system of piping or other facilities used for the collection and transportation of wastes to a community, individual, commercial or public sewage system under the control of the person owning or responsible for the community, individual, commercial or public sewage system or jurisdiction of the Department.

11. "Sewage" means water-carried human waste, human excreta and liquid or water carried waste and laundry wastes from residences and buildings (from water closets, lavatories, sinks, bathtubs, laundry tubs or devices, floor drains or other sanitary fixtures), together with such groundwater infiltration and surface water as may be present, without the admixture of industrial or other wastes.

12. "Sewage System" means all types of sewage related systems listed and defined in this Article (i.e., Commercial, Community, Individual, Public).

13. "SPDES" means New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and all pertinent applications, forms, permits and reporting forms.

C. General Provisions

1. An abandoned septic tank, seepage pit, or other device or equipment for the treatment of sewage shall be cleaned and filled to the ground surface in a manner acceptable to the Department.

2. Roof water, foundation drain, cistern overflow, or surface or subsoil drainage shall not be

discharged into any individual sewage treatment system.

3. No person shall construct or maintain a Sewage Treatment System, pipe, or drain in the County so as to expose or discharge the sewage contents therefrom to the atmosphere or onto the surface of the ground, by subsurface disposal, by groundwater injection or into any storm sewer, drain or roadside ditch, nor so as to discharge into any watercourse or body of water contained within or touching any part of the land within the County, unless approval for such discharge shall have been issued in accordance with the provisions of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the Department is satisfied that such discharges will not adversely affect public health or create a condition which is detrimental to public health.

D. Application, Approval and Permits

1. All Sewage Systems with a flow of one-thousand (1,000) gallons per day or greater under the jurisdiction of the NYSDEC shall be operated and maintained in accordance with required SPDES permits and any other approvals.

2. Individual sewage system construction or modification permits shall be obtained from the Local Code Enforcement Office in the municipality where the property is located.

E. Operation

1. Property owners are to maintain sewage systems such that they operate safely and do not create a nuisance.

G. Exposure of Sewage

1. No person shall construct or maintain any privy, cesspool, sewage treatment system, pipe or drain so as to expose or discharge the sewage contents or other deleterious liquid or matter therefrom to the atmosphere or on the surface of the ground or into any storm sewer or drain or so as to endanger any water course or body of water unless a permit for such discharge shall have been issued therefore by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and such discharge shall be made in accordance with the requirements thereof.

H. Harmful or Deleterious Substances

1. No person shall discharge or cause the discharge of, any harmful or deleterious substance to any Sanitary Sewer or Sewage System so as to endanger the use of or the materials of construction of such sewer or system or so as to result in the stoppage or other failure of the Sewage System or subsequent sewage treatment, unless a permit and/or approval for such system or subsequent sewage treatment or a permit and/or approval for such discharge has been secured from the official agency having jurisdiction for such Sewage System or Sewage Treatment Works and such discharge conforms to the terms of such permit.

I. Construction of Article

1. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to mean that the Department has

approved the functional ability or adequacy of the system or systems approved pursuant to the provisions of this Article.

2. The Director may, on written application and after review, grant a waiver or variance from a specific provision of this Article. A variance or waiver may be subject to appropriate conditions. A variance may include a time schedule for compliance where such variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Article.

J. Modifications of Director's Order

1. An order issued by the Director pursuant to this Article shall take effect with the period specified in the order.

2. The Director may postpone the effective date of an Order served pursuant to this Article, if such postponement will not result in an immediate danger to the public health; provided, however that no postponement shall be granted unless the Director has determined that the construction, change in treatment or other control measures which may be required to ensure compliance with the Order cannot be completed with the time prescribed by the original effective date because of physical or engineering difficulties, the shortage of necessary materials or equipment or other reasons acceptable to the Department.

ARTICLE 8: COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

A. Purpose

1. To assure the safety and well-being of the residents of St. Lawrence County through the reduction and/or prevention of the spread of communicable diseases through education and mandatory reporting of suspected or confirmed cases.

B. Definitions

1. "Communicable Disease" shall mean an illness caused by an infectious agent or its toxins that occurs through the direct or indirect transmission of the infectious agent or its products from an infected individual or via an animal, vector or the inanimate environment to a susceptible animal or human host.

C. Rabies

1. All persons shall comply with Article 21, Title 4 of the Public Health Law relating to Rabies and Part 2 of the State Sanitary Code relating to Rabies.

D. Reporting of Cases

1. The reporting of cases and the reduction and/or prevention of the spread of communicable disease shall be in accordance with the definitions and regulations found in Title 10, Chapter I, Part 2 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations and the New York Public Health Law Articles 21, 22 and 23.

E. Duty to Report (Physicians and Institutions)

1. Every physician shall immediately give notice (report) to the Department of every case of communicable disease in St. Lawrence County required by the Department to be reported.

2. If there is no physician in attendance on any case of communicable disease, it shall be the duty of the superintendent or other officer of an institution, householder, hotel or lodging housekeeper, or other person where such case occurs in St. Lawrence County, to give notice (report) to the Department of such case of communicable disease required by the Department to be reported.

ARTICLE 9: UNCONSTITUTIONALITY CLAUSE AND PROVISIONS FOR REVISIONS OR AMENDMENT

A. Unconstitutionality Clause

1. In the event any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Sanitary Code shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of said code shall not be affected thereby.

B. Provisions for Revision or Amendment

1. This Sanitary Code may be amended or revised by the Board of Health at any regular meeting of the Board provided that a legal notice of intent is published in the County's official newspaper at least ten (10) days prior to such regular meeting of the Board. Such notice shall contain the nature of the proposed change(s) and advise that copies of such change(s) are available upon request in the office of the Department.

ARTICLE 10: EFFECTIVE DATE

A. Every regulation of the Sanitary Code, unless otherwise specifically stated shall take effect immediately upon filing with the St. Lawrence County Clerk.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 96-2025 Entitled "Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law D (No. _) for the Year 2025, "Amending the Sanitary Code of the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department"", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 97-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE TO
PURCHASE A PAPER CUTTER FOR THE MAIL ROOM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, County departments depend on the mail room to provide a wide variety of document preparation services at a minimal cost, and

WHEREAS, the paper cutting equipment required to produce print jobs is no longer in service and now requires replacement, and

WHEREAS, a competitive process of three quotes were obtained to provide a paper cutter in accordance with the County's procurement policy and the best value has been determined,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 County Administrator's Office for the purchase of a paper cutter for the Mail Room, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$12,354
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BP016702 22000	B CP Office Equipment	\$12,354
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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 97-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office to Purchase a Paper Cutter for the Mail Room", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 98-2025

**THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS REQUESTS THE ENACTMENT
OF SENATE BILL NO. S4567A AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A5021A TO EXTEND THE
AUTHORIZATION OF ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL ONE
PERCENT OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, in 2013, St. Lawrence County was one of few remaining counties in the State that had not previously increased its sales tax over the three (3%) percent sales tax authorized by Tax Law Section 1210, and

WHEREAS, subparagraph (iii) of the opening paragraph of Tax Law Section 1210 was amended effective July 31, 2013 to include St. Lawrence County in the group of counties authorized to impose sales and compensating use taxes at a rate that was one percent additional to the three percent rate for the period beginning December 1, 2013 and ending November 30, 2015, and

WHEREAS, since the initial approval by New York State, resolutions have been adopted to request extensions of home rule authorization and supported by Senate and Assembly Bills to that end; and in 2017, New York State authorized a third year of authorization which prompted an extension, and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2023, Resolution No. 115-2023 was adopted requesting an extension of home rule authorization to St. Lawrence County to allow an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes to be collected for a period of three (3) years from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2026, and following the adoption and submission to the State, notice was provided that only a two year extender would be granted, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 154-2023 was adopted and it rescinded Resolution No. 115-2023 to update the request presented to the State Representatives for St. Lawrence County to receive a two year approval for the sales tax extender which was authorized during the Legislative Session in 2023 for the time period of December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the current economic environment requires the County to continue to impose the sales tax rate as previously authorized and extend from December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2027, and

WHEREAS, the revenue anticipated from the extension of the additional one percent (1%) sales and compensating tax provides the County with the necessary opportunities to continue to deliver locally preferred services deemed vital to the community while simultaneously funding mandates imposed by New York State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators requests enactment of Senate Bill No. S4567A and Assembly Bill No. A5021A to extend the authorization of St. Lawrence County to impose an additional one percent (1%) of sales and compensating use taxes from December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2027, and

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Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 99-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES DUE TO HIGHER THAN
ANTICIPATED COSTS IN ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, due to higher costs in Adoption and Foster Care, and

WHEREAS, there was additional funding for Code Blue that was received in 2023 but was not carried forward for use in 2024, and

WHEREAS, there were also decreased costs in State Training School that can be reappropriated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2024 budget for Social Services for higher than anticipated costs in Adoption and Foster Care as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DSC61194 465IT	D CSE Institutions	\$337,572
DSC61194 465KG CC	CC Kingap Board and Care	80,000
DAG60104 43007 CB	D CB Other Fees and Services	<u>81,218</u>
		\$498,790

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DSS61294 46500	D STS Other Payments	\$200,586
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DSC18195 550CE	D School District CSE Payments	\$216,986
DAG36105 56000 CB	D Code Blue SA Revenue	<u>81,218</u>
		\$298,204

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 99-2025 Entitled "Modifying The 2024 Budget For Social Services Due To Higher Than Anticipated Costs In Adoption And Foster Care", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2024-2025 CRIMINAL JUSTICE
DISCOVERY REFORM GRANT**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County District Attorney received notification of a one-year funding option for the “2024-2025 Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant” in the amount of \$416,250 through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, for the period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the grant will subsidize the cost of an Assistant District Attorney Position, with focus on the implementation of discovery and/or bail reform efforts, partial costs associated with Grand Jury Transcripts, the PCMS Program Discovery Storage Fees used for discovery, the cost of Cellebrite UFED Program with upgrade, the cost of the Axon program, and the cost of the total FAROZONE for one (1) year, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (NYDCJS) and the New York State Attorney's Office recognize the value of the assistance of the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office, St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, and the Prosecution Criminal Management System (PCMS) is to their agencies and other agencies throughout St. Lawrence County and have generously offered the sum of \$416,250 to assist the District Attorney's Office and the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office with the implementation of discovery and/or bail reform efforts,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2024-2025 Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant and any subsequent amendments with the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 100-2025 Entitled “Authorizing The Chair To Sign The 2024-2025 Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant”, adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 101-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH AXON
ENTERPRISE INC. FOR JUSTICE PREMIER DISCOVERY PROGRAM FOR
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2020 New York State discovery reform laws require District Attorney's offices across the State of New York to provide voluminous discovery to defendants within twenty (20) to thirty (30) days of arraignment, including police body camera video, surveillance video, and cell phone extractions, and

WHEREAS, video and digital evidence of this nature requires large quantities of storage, and

WHEREAS, all law enforcement agencies use Axon Body worn cameras, and

WHEREAS, AXON Enterprise, Inc. offers cloud storage and the ability to electronically deliver discovery of their body worn camera video and any other large digital files through their Justice Premier Discovery Program, and

WHEREAS, AXON requires that the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's Office enter into a five (5) year agreement with AXON for the Justice Premier Discovery Program with a total amount of \$125,431.40, (J1030895 56000 ATP),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement and any subsequent amendments, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 101-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with Axon Enterprise Inc. for Justice Premier Discovery Program for the District Attorney's Office", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 102-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH COUNCIL 82,
LOCAL 2390, FOR 2025-2029**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Smithers, District 5;
Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, the 2018-2024 collective bargaining agreement between St. Lawrence County and Council 82, Local 2390 expired on December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the negotiations between the negotiating teams for St. Lawrence County and Council 82, Local 2390 are now complete, and

WHEREAS, as a result of contract negotiations, St. Lawrence County believes that it is in the best interest of both parties to successfully conclude the process with a five (5) year collective bargaining agreement (2025-2029), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Council 82, Local 2390, for 2025-2029, upon the advice and approval of the St. Lawrence County Negotiating Team with formal ratification by the membership of Council 82, Local 2390, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if Council 82, Local 2390 is unable to ratify the bargaining agreement, this resolution expires as of April 30, 2025.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 102-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Council 82, Local 2390, for 2025-2029", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025

March 3, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 103-2025

SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL A.5890, "AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE FINANCE LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW AND THE HIGHWAY LAW, IN RELATION TO AWARDED CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT OR SODIUM CHLORIDE MINED OR HAND HARVESTED IN CANADA"

By Mr. Perkins, District 7

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A. 5890 seeks to amend the state finance law, the general municipal law, the public authorities law, and the highway law, to expand the New York State Buy American Salt Act to include rock salt or sodium chloride mined or hand harvested in Canada, and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment will allow state and local agencies to award contracts for rock salt or sodium chloride to bidders offering products mined or hand harvested in either the United States or Canada, provided their offer is within ten (10) percent of the lowest price or best value offer, and

WHEREAS, the bill includes provisions to prevent misrepresentation of the origin of rock salt or sodium chloride, ensuring that products labeled as "Made in America" or "Made in Canada" are genuinely sourced from those countries, with penalties for intentional mislabeling, and

WHEREAS, the legislation maintains consistency with the state's obligations under applicable international agreements related to government procurement, and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of Canadian-sourced rock salt and sodium chloride will provide greater flexibility and potentially lower costs for state and local agencies in procuring these essential materials for winter road maintenance, and

WHEREAS, expanding the sourcing options to include Canada, a close economic partner and neighbor, strengthens regional supply chains and ensures a more reliable supply of rock salt and sodium chloride, and

WHEREAS, this amendment supports both domestic and North American production, promotes fair competition, and enhances the ability of New York State agencies to effectively manage winter road conditions, and

WHEREAS, the legislation addresses the potential for fraudulent labeling and ensures that the integrity of the procurement process is maintained,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby expresses its strong support for Assembly Bill A. 5890, which amends the New York State Buy American Salt Act to include rock salt or sodium chloride mined or hand harvested in Canada, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Scott Gray, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush and Senator Dan Stec.

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 103-2025 Entitled "SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL A.5890, "AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE FINANCE LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW AND THE HIGHWAY LAW, IN RELATION TO AWARDDING CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT OR SODIUM CHLORIDE MINED OR HAND HARVESTED IN CANADA" ", adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf
Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 3, 2025

April 7, 2025

Operations Committee: 3-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 104-2025

PROCLAIMING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, April 11, 1968, marked the signing of the Fair Housing Act into law, which proclaims a national policy of equal housing opportunity for all citizens without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability, and

WHEREAS, since the Board of Legislators established the St. Lawrence County Fair Housing Task Force in 1991, the Task Force implemented a variety of activities to promote equal access to housing for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, disability (physical or mental), creed, age, sexual orientation, marital status, or military status, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators adopted the St. Lawrence County Assessment of Fair Housing in July 2024, which identifies strategies to educate the public about housing discrimination, and short and long-term strategies to improve equal opportunity for affordable housing in the County, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force co-sponsored two Fair Housing workshops with CNY Fair Housing on March 18th to raise public awareness about Fair Housing requirements for landlords, property managers, and tenants,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims April 2025 as Fair Housing Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators reaffirms its commitment to promote equal housing so that all County residents are given the opportunity to live in safe, decent housing of their choice.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 104-2025 Entitled "Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Operations Committee: 3-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 105-2025

PROCLAIMING EARTH DAY IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has traditionally emphasized the preservation and improvement of the quality of the natural and the man-made environment within the County, and

WHEREAS, April 22, 2025, marks the 55th anniversary of Earth Day, and since 1970, Earth Day has increased awareness of the planet we live on, pollution, climate change, endangered species, and many other environmental issues, and

WHEREAS, since its establishment by the Board of Legislators in 1971, the Environmental Management Council (EMC) has worked to advise the Board of Legislators, and to foster public understanding of, environmental matters affecting the County, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with "Earth Day", the EMC will sponsor and encourage public participation in environmentally responsible activities and educational programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims April 22, 2025 to be Earth Day in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators does hereby encourage all persons throughout the County to participate in programs and activities, on Earth Day and throughout the year, that promote a healthy environment in conjunction with a stronger economy, and that improve awareness about the interactions between people and the environment.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 105-2025 Entitled "Proclaiming Earth Day in St. Lawrence County", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Operations Committee: 3-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 106-2025

DECLARING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Campaign theme, "Together We Act, United We Change," emphasizes the importance of collective action in addressing and preventing sexual abuse, assault, and harassment, and

WHEREAS, community creates a sense of belonging and reminds us of how our beliefs, choices, and actions impact one another, and

WHEREAS, any space where people come together is a community, whether in neighborhoods, workplaces, campuses, organizations, or even online spaces, we are all part of a community, even when we may feel disconnected or apart from them, and

WHEREAS, at the center of building connected communities is ensuring our communities are safe, inclusive, and equitable, and

WHEREAS, we must address all abuses of power and other forms of oppression to prevent sexual violence in our relationships, communities, and society, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that how we talk about sexual violence significantly impacts survivors, their families, our communities, and society, and

WHEREAS, we also understand that our voices have power and that when one of us does not feel safe or respected, we are all affected, as such, we must strive to create strong, connected communities that take care of one another and make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of others, to end sexual violence, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House provides St. Lawrence County with services which range from prevention, crisis intervention, counseling, and advocacy, including a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program, and

WHEREAS, through the month of April, events are planned in St. Lawrence County to highlight Sexual Assault Awareness Month,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators declares April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages all citizens of the County to join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to raise awareness to help prevent sexual assault.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 106-2025 Entitled "Declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 107-2025

**PROCLAIMING APRIL AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH IN
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY AND CELEBRATING WITH THE THEME
"FORWARD TOGETHER"**

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, there are 3,069 counties in the United States that provide essential services to more than 330 million Americans to create healthy, safe, and thriving communities, and

WHEREAS, the county form of government was established in 1634 in Virginia to provide a more local solution for citizens to access government services, and

WHEREAS, counties continue to fulfill a broad range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch many aspects of the lives of its residents in need, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County and counties across the United States take pride in the responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing, and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways, and

WHEREAS, since 1991, the National Association of Counties (NACo) continues to encourage counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs, and services, and

WHEREAS, NACo is highlighting county leadership through the lens ForwardTogether, celebrating the role of county governments in connecting, inspiring, and leading as intergovernmental partners, and

WHEREAS, that role includes a responsibility to inspire county residents to engage with their communities, and to lead by highlighting the strength of intergovernmental partnerships, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County provides opportunities to connect through its interactions with the public in need of services and seeks to inspire those who would like to see a brighter future for the North Country,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby proclaims April 2025 as National County Government Month and celebrates with the theme "Forward Together," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators encourages all county officials, employees, schools, and residents to participate in activities that support County Government Month.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 107-2025 Entitled "Proclaiming April as National County Government Month in St. Lawrence County and Celebrating with the Theme "Forward Together"", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 108-2025

REMEMBERING MINUTEMEN BURIED IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Reagen, District 1

WHEREAS, following the American Revolutionary War, several of those Minutemen made their way to St. Lawrence County to settle and live out their lives, and

WHEREAS, there are over 300 Revolutionary War Patriots buried in St. Lawrence Cemeteries, and

WHEREAS, there are thirteen (13) known Minutemen buried in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, following the Seven Years' War, Great Britain found herself in debt, and

WHEREAS, Great Britain, wanting to collect payments from her colonies for the protection of their land, proposed a set of taxes to parliament, and

WHEREAS, the proposal was passed by Parliament and sent to the Governors of the colonies to collect, and

WHEREAS, those taxes so hindered commerce and daily life in the colonies that they became known as the Intolerable Acts, and

WHEREAS, Colonists, feeling unheard and burdened under the weight of taxes without representation, threw British tea into the Boston harbor, and

WHEREAS, the British responded by passing more restrictive laws on the colonists and sending more British Troops to the colonies, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Gage, fearing rebellion, decided to seize weapons and ammunition being stored in Concord, Massachusetts, and

WHEREAS, Patriots learned of this plan and sent Paul Revere to spread the word of the British movement and to call to arms the local militia, and

WHEREAS, upon entering Lexington around 5 a.m. on April 19, 1775, nearly 800 British Regulars were met with a militia company of around seventy (70) men, and

WHEREAS, as tensions on the town green grew, a shot was fired and the British soldiers fired a volley, and

WHEREAS, the British had one (1) wounded and killed eight (8) Lexington militiamen with ten (10) more of the militia being wounded before they dispersed, and continued on towards Concord, and

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WHEREAS, by the time the British arrived at the North Bridge more than 220 militia from Concord and surrounding towns had gathered to face the British Regulars, and

WHEREAS, shots were traded by the militia and the British troops, with the British, after having three (3) soldiers killed and nine (9) wounded, began retreating back to Boston, and

WHEREAS, the British Regulars returned to Boston along what is known today as Battle Road, and

WHEREAS, the British Regulars were ambushed and attacked on all sides by what had become thousands of angry Minutemen patriots, and

WHEREAS, the emotions of this inspired American warriors to “rise up and fight again,” and

WHEREAS, by 8 p.m. on April 19, 1775, the British had returned to the safety of their gunships anchored in and around Boston Harbor, and

WHEREAS, the British had 73 troops killed and many wounded compared to the patriots’ loss of 49, and

WHEREAS, these nearly 4,000 men, who were ready at a moment’s notice on that April 19, 1775, became known as Minutemen and were the beginnings of the Continental Army and the American Revolutionary War had begun, and

WHEREAS, those brave men who answered the call to defend their land against the British Regulars on April 19, 1775, and became Minutemen are: Ephraim Mathews, Canton; Isaac Stacy, DeKalb; Asa Sprague, DeKalb; John Legg, Oswegatchie; Tubal Nash, Canton; Simeon Nash, Stockholm; Ebenezer Keeler, Madrid; Stephen Chandler, Potsdam; Eliphalet Smith, Edwards; Nathan Eastbrook, Potsdam; Caleb Matteson, Oswegatchie; Joseph Bailey, Potsdam; and William Carpenter, Ogdensburg, and

WHEREAS, there is still ongoing research to discover more Minutemen buried in St. Lawrence County, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators wishes to honor and recognize the commitment and service of those friends, neighbors, kinsmen, and all brave men who were called Minutemen and are buried in St Lawrence County.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 108-2025 Entitled “Remembering Minutemen Buried in St. Lawrence County”, adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2025

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 13 - 19, 2025 AS
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK**

By Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services, and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMS providers is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property, and

WHEREAS, the safety of our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMS providers is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who contact the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services 911 Dispatch Center, and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services, and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMS providers by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them with information, and ensuring their safety, and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are critical in improving the chance of survival for patients who experience sudden cardiac arrest by recognizing the need for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other lifesaving interventions prior to the arrival of EMS, and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services 911 Dispatch Center has contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients, and

WHEREAS, each telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators proclaims the week of April 13–19, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in St. Lawrence County, in honor of the individuals whose diligence and professionalism keep our community and citizens safe.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 109-2025 Entitled "Proclaiming the Week of April 13 - 19, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Operations Committee: 3-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 110-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE
FY18 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS TARGETED GRANT
(FY18 SICG) WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 116-2021 approved the contract for the FY18 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant (FY18 SICG) in the amount of \$6,000,000 for the Office of Emergency Services to concentrate on improving interoperability and operability of communication systems in New York State with a contract period of March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2025, and

WHEREAS, a one-year extension has been approved by New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services through February 28, 2026 (X2Z33895 56000 SICG), and

WHEREAS, this grant allows State support through grant funding to enhance county public safety operations by focusing on the strengthening of critical communications infrastructure, closing gaps in national interoperability, and ensuring that county communication systems are updated to ensure they are capable of supporting multijurisdictional response,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a one-year extension with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for Fiscal Year 18 (FY18) Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant (SICG), and any other necessary documents as required by this grant, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until fully expended.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 110-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension for the FY18 Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant (FY18 SICG) with New York State Office of Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Services", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Operations Committee: 3-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 111-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO MODIFY THE 2025 BUDGET FOR
THE TRANSIT PROGRAM IN THE PLANNING OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, capital funds are available from the New York State Department of Transportation to purchase equipment for the public transit fleet, and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to purchase and install technology including: Mobile data terminals, wifi, automatic vehicle location systems, security cameras, and electronic passenger counting, and

WHEREAS, this increase requires a budget modification,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Planning Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

N2B56302 25000	N Technical Equipment	\$14,310
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INCREASE REVENUE:

N2B35945 56002	N SA Capital Funds for Bus	\$14,310
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the grant is fully expended.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 111-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Treasurer to Modify the 2025 Budget for the Transit Program in the Planning Office", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Operations Committee: 3-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 112-2025

**ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE
APPOINTED TO IMPLEMENT THE ARMING OF PROBATION OFFICERS IN
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY
EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING TO ARM THE OFFICERS, AND MODIFYING THE
2025 BUDGET FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Webster, District 11

WHEREAS, in May of 2024, Resolution No.172-2024 was adopted following a review by a Board Appointed Committee that recommended Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County should be armed, as recognition of the challenges in the environment that they work in, and to provide an improved level of safety for the Officers, and

WHEREAS, the process of implementation in St. Lawrence County has been well-informed and intentional, as it has included the continued work of the Board Appointed Committee, and information gathered from staff, to ensure that all aspects of the decision are considered carefully before a recommendation is made, and

WHEREAS, following the initial recommendation, the Board Appointed Committee determined five subject areas that required more work to successfully implement the arming of officers, so the Group, along with staff from the Department, divided into five (5) subcommittees: Research, Policy, Training, Budget, and Implementation, and

WHEREAS, the subcommittees included members of the Board of Legislators, a member of the Public, key County stakeholders, and members of the Probation Department field and supervisory staff to ensure all necessary areas were considered, and

WHEREAS, the subcommittees each met four (4) times and completed their work on February 13th and the Board Appointed Committee met on February 27th to finalize recommendations so the process can move forward and Probation Officers can be armed and trained in the field by the summer of 2025, and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewing budget implications has indicated that funding has been received from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for pretrial services in the amount of \$206,139 and this would be an appropriate use of these funds to pay for the equipment and training needed to develop proficiency in Probation Officers, which would include at least one Supervisor, and the Director, to be trained, and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewing implementation strategies recommended that Psychological Evaluations become part of the process and are required for employees who choose to become armed and for all new hires, and

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WHEREAS, the subcommittee tasked to review implementation recommended that the use of body cameras be implemented simultaneously during times of client interaction in the field, so there will be an opportunity to verify activities that occur in the field, and

WHEREAS, as a part of the work to determine the appropriate level of training, the timeline was established with a couple of back-up options relative to the ability of the SUNY Potsdam Academy, the Jefferson County Probation Department, and the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office to assist in meeting the needs of the officers to prepare them for the responsibility associated with being armed, and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewed training regimens available through the organizations listed above, as well as evolving from an optional training regimen for all staff, armed or not, to be mandated to an annual training regimen that includes but is not limited to: defensive tactics, deescalation training, motivational interviewing, verbal judo, training in the safe handling of weapons, Stop the Bleed, firearms training twice per year, and

WHEREAS, based on the Department being armed, the County will acquire and pay for the maintenance of weapons, gun belts, equipment, maintenance, storage units, and train appropriate staff on the cleaning, inspection, and safety of the weapons, and

WHEREAS, based on the items identified by the Committee, the initial set-up cost to the County would be approximately \$85,000 given that ten (10) field staff will be trained and at least two (2) supervisory staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators accepts the recommendations from the Committee Appointed to Implement the Arming of Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the acquisition of the necessary equipment and training regimen established to effectively arm Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County and supports future budgets that include necessary costs for all new hires, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the Probation Department, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

Q1031404 43007	Q Other Fees & Services	\$47,500
Q1031404 46800	Q Guns & Rifles	13,000
Q1031404 46801	Q Ammo & Targets	<u>24,500</u>
		\$85,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

Q1033105 56000 ATI	Q SA ATI Pre Trial	\$85,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Probation Department provide annual updates on the status of arming of probation officers.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 112-2025 Entitled "Accepting the Recommendations from the Committee Appointed to Implement the Arming of Probation Officers in St. Lawrence County, Authorization to Acquire the Necessary Equipment and Training to Arm the Officers, and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Probation Department", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Operations Committee: 3-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 113-2025

**ACCEPTING FY24 OPERATION STONEGARDEN PROGRAM (OPSG) GRANT
FROM NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND
MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee

WHEREAS, New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded a FY24 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG), in the amount of \$290,000 to key law enforcement agencies in St. Lawrence County, with a contract period of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS, the mission of Operation Stonegarden is to utilize State, County, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies to enhance border security within the County, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office will receive \$49,081.96 and will act as a pass-through agency for four local entities: the City of Ogdensburg Police Department (\$42,243.17), Village of Canton Police Department (\$20,707.08), Village of Massena Police Department (\$36,647.83), and Village of Potsdam Police Department (\$30,701.38), and

WHEREAS, the remaining funding of \$110,618.58 is allocated to three (3) state-level law enforcement agencies (NYS Police, NYS Park Police and NYS DEC) who will do their own reporting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes accepting the FY24 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security, upon the approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

S1Z31101 12000 SG4	S CRIM Supervisory/Admin	\$2,000
S1Z31101 13000 SG4	S CRIM Technical	3,354
S1Z31101 18000 SG4	S CRIM Overtime	18,608
S1Z31102 25000 SG4	S CRIM Technical Equipment	15,000
S1Z31104 43007 SG4	S CRIM Other Fees and Services	130,299
S1Z31104 44000 SG4	S CRIM I/D Automotive Expenses	6,120
S1Z31104 81000 SG4	S CRIM Retirement	2,112
S1Z31108 83000 SG4	S CRIM Social Security	1,423
S1Z31108 84000 SG4	S CRIM Worker's Compensation	<u>466</u>
		\$179,382

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INCREASE REVENUE:

S1Z43895 57000 SG

S SG Federal Aid

\$179,382

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any remaining funds will be rolled over to future budgets until the Grant is fully expended.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 113-2025 Entitled "Accepting FY24 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Operations Committee: 3-10-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 114-2025

AUTHORIZING THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO RENDER LEGAL AID TO NEW YORK STATE CORRECTION OFFICERS IN DEMANDING APPROPRIATE STAFFING LEVELS AND SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE INCREASE IN SECURITY OF CORRECTION OFFICERS IN NEW YORK STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

By Ms. Curran, Chair, Operations Committee
Co-Sponsored by Mr. Forsythe, District 2; Mr. Sheridan, District 4

WHEREAS, the operation of correctional facilities represents a crucial component of the criminal justice system in the United States, and correction officers play a vital role in protecting the rights of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity, and

WHEREAS, there are over 16,000 correction officers and employees in the State of New York who oversee the correctional facilities and are responsible for the care, custody, and maintenance of more than 31,000 inmates, and

WHEREAS, these officers endure immense physical and psychological demands as part of their work, combined with unpredictable hours and crippling overtime; they are often working excessive hours, even on days when they were scheduled to be off-duty, and

WHEREAS, more than half of the correctional facilities in New York State are over 40 officers below their Budgeted Fill Level (BFL), indicating an acute staffing shortage, with some facilities over 70 officers below their BFL, and

WHEREAS, according to data from the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS), there were over 2,000 assaults on staff statewide in the year 2024, which was far more than the previous four years, and there have already been 160 recorded assaults in the 2025 calendar year, and

WHEREAS, assaults among incarcerated individuals were substantially higher in 2024 than in previous years, more than double the amount in 2020, with 249 already in 2025, and

WHEREAS, on Monday, February 17, 2025, and Tuesday, February 18, 2025, in the face of deteriorating conditions within the prisons, approximately 25 correctional facilities around New York state experienced a “Wildcat” strike, and

WHEREAS, the correction officers have remained on strike and have presented the New York State Department of Corrections with a list of demands from the striking officers, demands that officers point to as necessary to reinstate a safe working environment, and

WHEREAS, Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, which includes the Taylor Law, prohibits strikes by public employees and their employee organizations and also mandates the Office of the New York State Attorney General, to request immediate injunctive relief against any threatened or actual violation of the Taylor Law’s terms, and

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WHEREAS, the State of New York has commenced a legal action against the striking correctional officers in Erie County, in a matter titled “New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Petitioner, -vs- New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association, Inc. and John Doe and Jane Doe” (said names of “John Doe” and “Jane Doe” being fictitious persons), being public employees employed by the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision), and

WHEREAS, as part of the legal action, striking correction officers across the State of New York, including correction officers from two (2) facilities within St. Lawrence County, have received notice of termination of healthcare, and direct orders for return to work, and

WHEREAS, due to the constraints imposed by law, New York State Correction Officers and Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPBA), the Union for the striking correction officers, has been limited in what assistance they may provide to the striking correction officers, and

WHEREAS, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators would like to use its authority to assist in protecting those correctional officers from the harsh outcomes threatened by the State of New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Attorney to evaluate how to render legal aid to New York State correction officers in demanding appropriate staffing levels and solutions to address the increase in security of correction officers in New York State correctional facilities, and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Attorney will provide updates to the Board of Legislators on a weekly basis until assistance on this matter is complete.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 114-2025 Entitled “Authorizing the St. Lawrence County Attorney to Render Legal Aid to New York State Correction Officers in Demanding Appropriate Staffing Levels and Solutions to Address the Increase in Security of Correction Officers in New York State Correctional Facilities”, adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Services Committee: 3-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR AN EXTENSION TO A WORKFORCE
GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH
IN COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services received funding modifications from Office of Mental Health (OMH) Workforce Grant, and

WHEREAS, the OMH Workforce Grant is administered by and managed by OMH to distribute funding to eligible providers to enhance workforce, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 109-2022 modified the 2022 Budget for Community Services and Resolution No. 107-2023 modified the 2023 Budget for Community Services for this grant, which has now been extended through March 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, during a joint grant reconciliation process with OMH in 2024, it was discovered that of the initial \$24,000 award, \$18,448 had been expended, leaving \$5,552 outstanding, and

WHEREAS, per OMH request, a letter was sent to the Office requesting an extension of the funding through March 31, 2025, and was subsequently approved, and

WHEREAS, Community Services would use the remaining OMH Workforce Grant funds for professional training and education,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to Modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services for an extension to a Workforce Grant from New York State Office of Mental Health, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A3143204 41102	A MHOC Educational Workshops	\$5,552
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A3144905 57000	OMH Workforce Grant	\$5,552
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April 7, 2025

I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 115-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2025 Budget for an Extension to a Workforce Grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health in Community Services", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Services Committee: 3-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 116-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
COORDINATED CARE SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PREPARATION
OF THE 2024 CONSOLIDATED FISCAL REPORT**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, Community Services has recognized an ongoing need for assistance in preparing the 2024 Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR), and

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

WHEREAS, CCSI has provided this service for St. Lawrence County since 2021, with the average cost for this work since 2021 is \$14,000 per year, and

WHEREAS, CCSI has done quality work each year compiling the financial data into the CFR, and

WHEREAS, the services of CCSI would be acquired to prepare and submit the 2024 CFR and provide specialized Local Government Unit (LGU) fiscal support for Community Services at a rate of \$115 per hour, not to exceed \$20,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. for the preparation of the 2024 Consolidated Fiscal Report, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 116-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. for the Preparation of the 2024 Consolidated Fiscal Report", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Services Committee: 3-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 117-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR TWO (2)
COURT-BASED MENTAL HEALTH NAVIGATORS AWARDED BY NEW YORK
STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health has awarded two (2) Mental Health Court Navigators for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, these Navigators will support justice-involved individuals with mental health needs who are currently in the community, and will coordinate voluntary care to support their health, wellness, and recovery, and

WHEREAS, the Navigators will work within the courts and interface closely with community partners to foster the connection to behavioral health services, and

WHEREAS, they will focus on County Court as well as the City Court in Ogdensburg, and

WHEREAS, these positions and programmatic expenses will be funded by NYS Office of Mental Health with recurring State Aid,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Community Services for two (2) court-based Mental Health Navigators awarded by New York State Office of Mental Health for St. Lawrence County:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A3343201 11000 FO	Direct Service Workers	\$113,480
A3343201 12000 FO	Supervisory/Admin	3,000
A3343208 81000 FO	Retirement	15,274
A3343208 83000 FO	Social Security	8,182
A3343208 84000 FO	Workers' Compensation	2,996
A3343208 84500 FO	Group Life Insurance	208
A3343208 86000 FO	Hospital & Medical Insurance	33,908
A3343208 86500 FO	Dental Insurance	1,475
A3343208 89000 FO	Vision Insurance	453
A3343204 407HS FO	A FO Human Services Bldg Rent	2,121
A3343204 408HS FO	A FO Human Services Bldg Maintenance	2,075
A3343204 42000 FO	A FO Office Supplies & Expenses	1700
A3343204 42001 FO	A FO Computer Supplies	3000
A3343204 43007 FO	A FO Other Fees & Services	2,000
A3343204 42004 FO	A FO Other Ext Data Processing	816

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A3343204 42101 FO	A FO I/D Copying Equipment	208
A3343204 42302 FO	A FO Other Phone Services	3,168
A3343204 41102 FO	A FO Educational Workshops	1,490
A3343204 44500 FO	A FO Other Travel Reimburse	1,443
A3343204 44000 FO	A FO I/D Automobile Expenses	1,340
A3343204 44100 FO	A FO I/D Fuel Charges	<u>1,340</u>
		\$199,677

INCREASE REVENUE:

A3334905 56000 FO	A SA Other Mental Health	\$199,677
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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 117-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2025 Budget for Community Services for Two (2) Court-Based Mental Health Navigators Awarded by New York State Office of Mental Health for St. Lawrence County", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 118-2025

**AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE AND FILL TWO (2) CASE MANAGER POSITIONS
FOR THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH COURT
NAVIGATOR PROGRAM IN COMMUNITY SERVICES**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health has awarded two (2) Mental Health Court Navigators for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, these Navigators will support justice-involved individuals with mental health needs who are currently in the community, and will coordinate voluntary care to support their health, wellness, and recovery, and

WHEREAS, the Navigators will work within the courts and interface closely with community partners to foster the connection to behavioral health services, and

WHEREAS, they will target County Court as well as the City of Ogdensburg Court, and

WHEREAS, the OMH State Aid Letter dated January 3, 2025 awarded St. Lawrence County annual funding in the amount of \$199,677 for the Navigator Program, and

WHEREAS, the needs of this new program can best be met by creating and filling , Case Manager(s), and

WHEREAS, these OMH Court Navigator Program Case Manager vacancies have been reviewed and approved by the County Administrator to move forward to the full Board of Legislators for consideration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes two (2) Case Manager Positions (Position No. 512200005 & 512200006) in the Community Services Department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the funding is reduced or eliminated, the positions will not become County-funded without additional Board of Legislators approval.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 118-2025 Entitled "Authorization to Create and Fill Two (2) Case Manager Positions for the New York State Office of Mental Health Court Navigator Program in Community Services", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Services Committee: 3-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 119-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CHILDREN AND YOUTH
WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, The Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program (CYSHCN) provides resources and referrals for children in the community, and their families, to ensure access to healthcare, insurance, information and support services, and

WHEREAS, The New York State Department of Health requires counties to indicate if they will participate or decline to participate in the CYSHCN Program, with declining counties to be ineligible for funding until 2030, and

WHEREAS, The St. Lawrence County Public Health Department has been declared eligible for funding, with a proposed annual award amount of \$65,853 (PE044895 57000 CSHN), with program funding to be awarded for a five-year period from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2030,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an Intent to Participate with New York State Department of Health for the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 119-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Intent to Participate in the New York State Department of Health Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Services Committee: 3-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 120-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES WITH HEALTHY ALLIANCE FOUNDATION, INC. FOR
REFERRALS IN THE SOCIAL CARE NETWORK**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, a Social Care Network (SCN) is a fundamental part of New York's 1115 Waiver Amendment to better enable health related social needs (HRSN) screening and the delivery of social care services to eligible Medicaid Members, and

WHEREAS, Healthy Alliance Foundation, Inc. was designated by the New York State Office of Insurance Programs as the SCN Lead Entity for St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, entering into a contract with Healthy Alliance Foundation, Inc. allows for bidirectional referrals in the SCN to be made, along with reimbursement for identified services, and

WHEREAS, identified services to be provided includes but are not limited to: Screening, Navigation, Enhanced HRSN Care Management, Housing Support, Nutrition, and Transportation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Healthy Alliance Foundation, Inc. on behalf of the Public Health and Community Services Departments, for the purpose of joining the SCN, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 120-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for Public Health and Community Services with Healthy Alliance Foundation, Inc. for Referrals in the Social Care Network", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Services Committee: 3-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 121-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES FOR THE
PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT AND APPROVAL OF RATES RELATED TO SERVICES
FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department engages the services of several individuals and agencies to provide services for the Preschool Special Education Program, and

WHEREAS, the Preschool Special Education Program Contracts cover the following services: Center-Based Program (PK040504 46502), Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) (PK040504 47700), Evaluation (PK040504 48600) at rates set by the New York State Education Department, and Related Services (PK040504 47700) at rates set by St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the rates paid to providers for Related Services (PK040504 47700) are set by the County and reflect cost from the agency providing services, with no change over 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts for services for the Preschool Special Education Program in the Public Health Department, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves the following rates for Related Services for the Preschool Special Education Program:

<u>Service:</u>	<u>Maximum Rate per Half Hour:</u>
Audiology	\$75
Counseling	\$64
Teacher of Hearing Impaired	\$58
Occupational Therapy	\$69
Physical Therapy	\$61
Speech Therapy	\$63
Group Rates (OT, PT, ST – per child)	\$45
Teacher of Visually Impaired	\$50
1:1 Aide	\$14
Interpreter	\$16
Teaching Assistant	\$15
Psychological Services	\$60
1:1 Medical Aide	\$17
Orientation & Mobility	\$66
Parent Training	\$64
School Health Services/Nurse	\$55

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School Social Work	\$64
Coordination 2 or more related services	\$64
Assisted Technology Service	\$54
Nutritional Services Home Visit	\$60

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 121-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for Services for the Preschool Special Education Program in the Public Health Department and Approval of Rates Related to Services for the Preschool Special Education Program", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Services Committee: 3-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 122-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH
FIRST STUDENT, INC. FOR PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department is mandated by the New York State Education Department to provide transportation to students receiving center based services in the Preschool Special Education Program (PK040504 44401), and

WHEREAS, a competitive process for services was completed, and the Department would like to enter into the first year extension to the existing contract (authorized in Resolution 199-2022) for a term of three (3) years with the option of two (2) one-year (1) extensions with First Student, Inc., with the original contract period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the original contract was in the amount of \$590 per bus route/per day (driver/driver assistant) for one (1) year (not to exceed \$985,000), with an annual increase using the CPI (Consumer Price Index) as calculated by the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics as of the first day of the month in which the County exercises its option, or three and one-half (3.5%) percent, whichever is less, for transportation based on the latest 12-month period for the subsequent years, which makes the current cost \$629.58 per bus route/per day, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the transportation is conducted by fifteen (15) of seventeen (17) school districts and when there is a gap in those services and for the remaining districts, First Student is able to fill that need for the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension with First Student, Inc. for Preschool Special Education Transportation Services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 122-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension with First Student, Inc. for Preschool Special Education Transportation Services", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Services Committee: 3-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 123-2025

**MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE
SHELTER ARREARS EVICTION FORESTALLMENT PROGRAM**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, New York State has appropriated funds to provide services and expenses related to the payment of shelter arrears necessary to retain housing for certain households that are in receipt of or who would be eligible for ongoing or emergency Public Assistance, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance created the Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment (SAEF) Program to provide vital shelter arrears assistance to help eligible households retain permanent housing, and

WHEREAS, the maximum of six (6) months of arrears assistance per household can be provided through the SAEF program, and

WHEREAS, the funding is for services provided between October 1, 2024 and September 30, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for Social Services for the Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment Program as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60104 43007 SAEF	D SAEF Other Fees and Services	\$45,612
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DAG36105 56000 SAEF	D SA SAEF Revenue	\$45,612
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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 123-2025 Entitled "Modifying the 2025 Budget for Social Services for the Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment Program", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Services Committee: 3-17-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
PATTI FARLEY-SPILMAN FOR SPACE IN THE VILLAGE
OF GOUVERNEUR AT 99 WEST MAIN STREET**

By Mr. Webster, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the main offices of the St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services are located at 6 Judson Street, Canton and beginning in 2021 there was an increase in staff for Children's Services, making additional space necessary with the added benefit of decreased response time to calls around the County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 309-2021, adopted in October 2021, authorized an agreement for space in Ogdensburg for the Social Services Children's Services Unit to test the ability of staff to serve the people of the County from a satellite location designed to root employees in the community and situate them closer to both schools and families, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, an analysis was prepared that evaluated the pilot program, shared feedback from employees, described existing and evolving strategies to assist families with measurable success factors, and made recommendations that were adopted in Resolution No. 185-2022 and later that year Resolution No. 372-2022 was adopted, which opened an additional satellite office in Massena, New York, and

WHEREAS, currently the Ogdensburg location has twenty-seven (27) staff who are focused on Child Protective Services (at an average of 22 visits per week), fraud investigations, and foster care that has created a better environment for County staff and a closer connection to the community, and

WHEREAS, currently the Massena location has twelve (12) staff and focuses on Child Protective Services, eligibility programs (1550 cases and 2700 SNAP cases), and visitation (at an average of 25 visits per week), and

WHEREAS, currently the Clifton-Fine Hospital hosts one (1) staff intermittently at no County cost that handles approximately one hundred (100) eligibility program cases, and

WHEREAS, the success of these satellite locations for Social Services has benefitted the staff and the surrounding community so the next request would be to pursue a third satellite location in the Village of Gouverneur, and

WHEREAS, a location has been identified at the existing County Satellite Offices in the Village of Gouverneur which would allow the Department to further decrease response times and provide better working knowledge of the Gouverneur community, and

WHEREAS, the office is located at 99 West Main Street, Gouverneur and the current lease agreement is from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025 and includes five (5) additional one (1) year lessee options, with the current rental rate at \$12.20 per square foot, and

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WHEREAS, Probation currently occupies 1,308 square feet of the building and Social Services would occupy 1,987 square feet with approximately a total of 3,295 square feet of space in the building, and

WHEREAS, the rental rate will increase by 3% for each additional one (1) year option exercised,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease agreement with Patti Farley-Spilman for space in the Village of Gouverneur located at 99 West Main Street, Gouverneur, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 124-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with Patti Farley-Spilman for Space in the Village of Gouverneur at 99 West Main Street", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Finance Committee: 3-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 125-2025

**SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW E
(NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2025, “A LOCAL LAW SUPERSEDING COUNTY LAW
SECTION 215 TO EXTEND A LEASE TO EMPIRE STATE MINES, LLC. FOR
EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTY OWNED MINERAL RIGHTS”**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, under the Real Property Tax Law, the County of St. Lawrence serves as the tax-enforcing entity with the ability to collect and foreclose upon unpaid tax debts, and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s, prior to the current statutory scheme, it was possible to both assess and tax mineral right interests separate and distinct from the interests of the real property for which those mineral rights were derived from, and

WHEREAS, during the period from 1950 to 1979, the County of St. Lawrence (hereinafter referred to as "County") became the record title owner of ninety-three (93) parcels of mineral rights located in the Town of Edwards, Town of Clare, Town of Fine, Town of Fowler, Town of Pitcairn, Town of Hammond, Town of Macomb, Town of Rossie, and Town of Gouverneur which is recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office (collectively, the "Parcels"), and

WHEREAS, the County has never explored the Parcels to determine if they are of any value or are bereft of benefit, and

WHEREAS, since acquisition, while the mineral rights have not been exercised, the County has continued to make the underlying towns whole for all lost tax income related to the mineral rights, and

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2025, the Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 29-2025 authorizing one or more lease agreements on certain parcels in the Southern Region of St. Lawrence County with Empire State Mines, LLC (“ESM”), subject to review and approval by the County Attorney, and

WHEREAS, during negotiations with ESM concerning such lease agreements, the County and ESM have discussed entering into an agreement for up to forty (40) years to encourage development of the mineral rights on some of the Parcels and an agreement of up to twenty-five (25) years that would grant ESM an option to enter with the County into similar lease agreements concerning the balance of the Parcels, under terms and conditions that are mutually agreeable, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law § 215, counties are generally precluded from leasing county-owned property for periods of time that exceed five (5) years, and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 24, a county may lease county-owned property for a period greater than five (5) years, upon the passage of a local law subject to permissive referendum, and

WHEREAS, in exchange for the lease and option agreements, ESM would commit to the following:

- Upon the expiration of a lease or option agreement relating to any Parcel, to turn over to the County all exploration data and similar information relating to that Parcel that ESM has generated during the term of the agreement; and
- 4. To commit to maintain employment at ESM's facility in St. Lawrence County with the expectation of greater expansion should sufficient mineral deposits be located; and
- For any new jobs created relating to the exploration and development (including mining) of the Parcels, to give first priority for such jobs to residents of St. Lawrence County who are qualified for such jobs and who apply for such jobs;

WHEREAS, the lease and option agreements would be advantageous to both the County and ESM, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators has made it a priority to assist in economic development that brings with it the potential for job creation in the County, and

WHEREAS, the law requires that adoption of a local law pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §24 be preceded by a public hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing on proposed Local Law E (No. __) for the Year 2025, "Adopting a Local Law Superseding County Law Section 215 to Extend a Lease to Empire State Mines, LLC. for Exploration and Development of County Owned Mineral Rights" will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 5:50 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW E (NO. __) FOR THE YEAR 2025,
"A LOCAL LAW SUPERSEDING COUNTY LAW SECTION 215 TO EXTEND A
LEASE TO EMPIRE STATE MINES, LLC. FOR EXPLORATION AND
DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTY OWNED MINERAL RIGHTS"**

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

A local law, pursuant to Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, authorizing the County of St. Lawrence, notwithstanding any contrary provision of Section 215 of the County Law of the State of New York, to enter into: (1) a lease agreement of up to forty (40) years, consisting of an initial term of twenty-five (25) years and renewals thereafter for five (5) additional years, for up to fifteen (15) additional years, during which time the lessor would have the right to explore, extract and otherwise develop the mineral rights the County owns on fifty-six (56) of ninety-three (93) parcels located in the Town of Edwards, Town of Clare, Town of Fine, Town of Fowler, Town of Pitcairn, Town of Hammond, Town of Macomb, Town of Rossie, and Town of

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Gouverneur which are recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office (collectively, the "Parcels"); and (2) an option agreement of up to 25 years, consisting of an initial term of 5 years and renewals thereafter for one (1) additional year, for up to twenty (20) additional years, during which time the lessor could explore for the presence of minerals on the balance of the Parcels and would have the option to enter with the County into similar lease agreements to further explore, extract and otherwise develop the mineral rights on some or all of those Parcels.

Section 1. Purpose

The County of St. Lawrence desires to enter into the aforesaid agreements with Empire State Mines, LLC.

Section 2. Legal Authority

New York State County Law Section 215(4) provides that a county may lease a property it owns for a term not to exceed five years. However, pursuant to County Law Section 2(b), a county may enter into lease agreements for terms greater than five years if the county authorizes such lease agreements by local law. New York State Municipal Home Rule Law Section 24 provides that any local law that changes a provision of law relating to leasing of real property is subject to referendum on petition (permissive referendum).

Section 3. Applicability

The County of St. Lawrence is authorized, notwithstanding New York State County Law Section 215(4), which is hereby superseded, to enter with Empire State Mines, LLC into the aforesaid lease agreements, for durations of up to forty (40) years.

Section 4. Effective Date

Notice of the adoption of this local law subject to permissive referendum shall be published in the official newspaper of the County. This local law shall take effect at the end of the permissive referendum period upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State, and if a permissive referendum is held, upon approval at the permissive referendum upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 125-2025 Entitled "Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law E (No. __) for the Year 2025, "A Local Law Superseding County Law Section 215 to Extend a Lease to Empire State Mines, LLC. for Exploration and Development of County Owned Mineral Rights"", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee
Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Finance Committee: 3-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 126-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN APPLICATION TO THE ST. LAWRENCE
RIVER VALLEY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County (“County”) has developed a strategic plan to target potentially environmentally contaminated properties throughout the County to assist in making these once economically productive properties beneficial to their communities again, and

WHEREAS, the County commenced an action against property located in the Town of Hammond due to tax delinquency by a tax foreclosure proceeding on November 1, 2020, for unpaid ad valorem real property taxes with respect to the following property located in St. Lawrence County (hereinafter referred to as the “Site”), and:

“Site”

- Record Owner: Rosalyn Salamacha
- Site Address: 18 S Main Street, Hammond, New York
- Tax ID #: 127.053-3-1
- DEC Spill No: 2109158
- DEC Spill Cleanup Status: Open

WHEREAS, the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund (the "Fund") was created by Navigation Law §179, and

WHEREAS, following acquisition of judgment and title to the Site by the County, in 2022 and 2023, pursuant to an authorized agreement between the County and the Fund, the Fund performed a partial cleanup of petroleum contaminants at the Salamacha Site, and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, due to the existence of the original structure, complete remediation was not possible at that time, and

WHEREAS, the agreement between the Fund and the County still requires the State of New York, through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, to perform all necessary environmental remediation at the Site should the existing structure be removed, at a cost to be solely borne by the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate redevelopment of the Site, the County wants to secure funds to assist in the demolition of the original structure at the Site, which would permit the State of New York to complete remediation and permit the County to list the property for sale, and

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WHEREAS, funds are available from the St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program to assist in the anticipated cost of demolition of the Site,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an application to the St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign any documentation necessary for the application, administration, reporting and close-out of this project.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 126-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Application to the St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Finance Committee: 3-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 127-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH VENESKY & CO.
TO PREPARE THE ANNUAL INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION REPORT FOR
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2024, 2025, AND 2026**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St Lawrence County is required to submit an annual Indirect Cost Allocation Plan, and

WHEREAS, a competitive process was undertaken to retain service for the preparation of the St. Lawrence County Annual Indirect Cost Allocation Report (CAR), and

WHEREAS, after a review of the quotes, the County Treasurer recommends retaining the firm of Venesky & Company whose quote was \$14,000 each for the fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026, and

WHEREAS, an optional three (3) year extension, which would include a small increase (\$500), has also been offered for \$14,500 each year for fiscal years 2027, 2028, and 2029 and will be evaluated at the end of the initial three (3) year contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Venesky & Co. to prepare the Annual Indirect Cost Allocation Report for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026 for \$14,000 each year (BL010104 43007), upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 127-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Venesky & Co. to Prepare the Annual Indirect Cost Allocation Report for St. Lawrence County for the Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Finance Committee: 3-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT
AUTHORIZING DRESCHER & MALECKI, LLP TO PREPARE THE ANNUAL
AUDITS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution 282-2020 was adopted authorizing the chair to sign a contract with Drescher & Malecki, LLP to prepare the St. Lawrence County Annual Audit Reports for the fiscal years 2021 (\$59,750), 2022 (\$60,500), and 2023 (\$61,250), and

WHEREAS, an optional two-year extension was offered in the amount of \$62,000 for 2024 and \$62,750 for 2025, and

WHEREAS, the scope of work provided annually by Drescher & Malecki, LLP includes the general purpose financial statements, the single audit including the NYS Department of Transportation, and the Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR) for the Mental Health Services in St. Lawrence County Community Services, and

WHEREAS, Drescher & Malecki, LLP have provided a high-caliber service and have a thorough understanding of the requirements of municipal audits and continue to be a valuable resource to the County, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Treasurer to continue to retain the services of Drescher & Malecki, LLP,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract extension with Drescher & Malecki, LLP to prepare the annual audits for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 (BL010104 43007).

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 128-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Extension to the Agreement Authorizing Drescher & Malecki, LLP to Prepare the Annual Audits for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Finance Committee: 3-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2025

**AUTHORIZING A CORRECTION OF ERRORS FOR
GOUVERNEUR WRESTLING CLUB, INC.**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the 2025 Town and County Tax Bill for Gouverneur Wrestling Club, Inc tax map number 159.004-1-17 did not receive a Wholly Exempt Non Profit Exemption, and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Article 5 allows for Correction of Assessment Rolls and Tax Rolls using the RP 554 Form for certain errors and filed with the Director of Real Property Tax Services and approved by the Board of Legislators, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property has affirmed that a correction should occur pursuant to Article 5 of the Real Property Tax Law and is recommending that the taxes be corrected,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes Real Property Tax Law correction of taxes, as follows:

Name:	Gouverneur Wrestling Club, Inc
St. Lawrence County:	Gouverneur
Tax Roll Year:	2025
Tax Map No.:	159.004-1-17
Original Bill:	\$6,685.49
Corrected Bill:	0
Reason:	Real Property Staff did not apply the Wholly Exempt Non Profit Exemption to this property.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 129-2025 Entitled "Authorizing a Correction of Errors for Gouverneur Wrestling Club, Inc.", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Finance Committee: 3-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 130-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
HIGHWAYS TO PROVIDE FUEL SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF CANTON**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Village of Canton uses a fleet of motor vehicles to provide various services for the Village throughout the year, and

WHEREAS, the fuel system of the County, located at the Department of Highways, has the capacity to provide fuel to the Village of Canton fleet, allowing them a significant cost savings (HR051304-441FI, HR027705-550GR), and

WHEREAS, this contract shall become effective on April 1, 2025, and shall expire on June 30, 2027,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for the Department of Highways to provide fuel services to the Village of Canton, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 130-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for the Department of Highways to Provide Fuel Services to the Village of Canton", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Finance Committee: 3-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2025

RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 296-2024 AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL AGREEMENT ON STATE HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 296-2024 authorized a four (4) year Agreement (HS023025 55000) with New York State Department of Transportation entitled “Snow and Ice Agreement” with certain municipalities as subcontractors (HS051444 465CO), and

WHEREAS, the term of the 2024-2029 Snow and Ice Agreement is five (5) years and the present term of the Agreement expired on June 30, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a five (5) year contract extension with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Snow and Ice Control Agreement on State Highways, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the approval of agreements with the municipalities that perform snow and ice control as subcontractors of St. Lawrence County.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 131-2025 Entitled “Rescinding Resolution No. 296-2024 and Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Five (5) Year Contract Extension with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Snow and Ice Control Agreement on State Highways”, adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Finance Committee: 3-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE
PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES AT THE HAROLD B. SMITH BUILDING**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the contract with Securitas is nearing its term and Resolution No. 7-2025 was passed in January 2025 for the opportunity to create a new title in the Sheriff's Office and pilot a new model of security with part-time Special Patrol Officer (SPO) Positions, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is hiring Special Patrol Officers (SPO) to for the provision of security services at the Harold B. Smith Building, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am through 4:30 pm, as well as any other time deemed necessary, and

WHEREAS, SPOs will conduct security screenings; respond to in-progress incidents in and around the Harold B. Smith Building; as well as coordinate and assist law enforcement and medical personnel when necessary, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will provide the Sheriff's Office with the authority to assume responsibility for the security of the Harold B. Smith Building and the safety of the individuals in it, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Canton will maintain jurisdiction over the location and the Special Patrol Officers will assist if there is a need for the Village Police Department to respond,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an Agreement between the Department of Social Services and the Sheriff's Office for the provision of security services at the Harold B. Smith Building (DAA60104 430SS), upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 132-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement Between the Department of Social Services and the Sheriff's Office for the Provision of Security Services at the Harold B. Smith Building", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

Finance Committee: 3-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 133-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN APPLICATION TO THE EMPIRE STATE
DEVELOPMENT COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AND
COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, funds are available for county-led infrastructure projects across the State of New York through the Empire State Development (ESD) County Infrastructure Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the County Courthouse Complex and H.B. Smith Building are subject to flooding during significant rain events, and

WHEREAS, the County has investigated flood mitigation options and is further aware that the Village of Canton is planning a significant update to storm water infrastructure in the area immediately surrounding this County property, and

WHEREAS, Empire State Development has confirmed the eligibility of a project to increase resiliency of the Village storm water system and to harden public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, this program offers up to \$500,000 for such projects and requires equal matching funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an application to the ESD County Infrastructure Grant Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign any documentation necessary for the application, administration, reporting and close-out of this project, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators commits funds of up to \$225,000 toward the required local match, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes payment of the required \$250 application fee by wire transfer to Empire State Development Corporation.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 133-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Application to the Empire State Development County Infrastructure Grant Program and Committing Matching Funds", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

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Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 134-2025

**ADOPTING LOCAL LAW D (NO._) FOR THE YEAR 2025, "AMENDING THE
SANITARY CODE OF THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT"**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of St. Lawrence as follows:

ARTICLE 1: SHORT TITLE, GENERAL DEFINITIONS, GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Short Title

1. The rules and regulations herein contained together with any and all amendments thereto shall constitute and comprise the Sanitary Code of the St. Lawrence County Health Department and be known and may be cited as the St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code.

B. General Definitions

1. Whenever used in this Sanitary Code, unless otherwise expressly stated or unless the context or subject matter requires a different meaning, the following terms shall have the respective meanings hereafter set forth or indicated:

- i. "Board" shall mean the Board of Health of St. Lawrence County.
- ii. "Code" shall mean the St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code.
- iii. "County" shall mean the County of St. Lawrence.
- iv. "Department" shall mean the Department of Health of the St. Lawrence County Health District.
- v. "Director" shall mean the Director of Public Health of the St. Lawrence County Health Department or his/her duly authorized representative.
- vi. "Health District" shall mean the St. Lawrence County Health District (the area of St. Lawrence County) established pursuant to the provisions of Section 340 of the Public Health Law.
- vii. "Municipality" shall mean a city, town, village or special district located within St. Lawrence County.
- viii. "Permit" shall mean a written license and/or an authorization to carry on a specified activity or activities as regulated by the St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code, the New York State Sanitary Code, or the New York State Public Health Law, and includes any written approval issued by the Director.
- ix. "Permit Application Fee" shall mean the monetary fees to cover a portion of the cost of issuing the permit.
- x. "Permittee" shall mean a person who holds a valid permit issued by the Director.
- xi. "Person" shall mean an individual, group of individuals, partnership, firm, corporation, association, county, city, town, or village or improvement district, and include the plural as well as the singular.

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xii. “Public Place” shall mean any place or premises wherein the general public is or may be invited, regardless of whether or not such place is owned, maintained or operated by a private organization or agency, but shall not be construed as conferring jurisdiction over a state or federal agency.

xiii. “Sanitary Code” shall mean and comprise the rules and regulations now or hereafter formulated, promulgated and adopted by the Board of Health of the St. Lawrence County Health District pursuant to Section 347 of the Public Health Law.

xiv. “State” shall mean the State of New York.

xv. “State Sanitary Code” shall mean the rules and regulations promulgated by the Public Health Council of the State of New York and designated as the State Sanitary Code.

C. Applicability; Legal Effect

1. The provisions of the Sanitary Code shall be in force throughout St. Lawrence County.
2. The provisions of the Sanitary Code shall have the force and effect of law.
3. The St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code shall be supplemental to the State Public Health Law, the State Sanitary Code and other New York State laws, and shall supersede all local ordinances heretofore or hereafter enacted or promulgated which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Code.
4. It shall be the duty of the Board and the Director to enforce every provision of the Sanitary Code.
5. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to restrict the power of any city, town or village to adopt and enforce additional or existing ordinances relating to health and sanitation, provided that such ordinances are not inconsistent with the provisions of the New York State Public Health Law or the State Sanitary Code.

D. Legal Presumptions; Evidence, Reports as Evidence

1. As provided by the Public Health Law, certified copies of the Sanitary Code shall be received in evidence in all courts and proceedings in the state.
2. As provided by the Public Health Law, every rule, regulation, order and direction adopted by the Board shall state the date on which it takes effect and a copy thereof signed by the Director shall be filed as a public record in the Department, in the State Department of Health and in the office of the St. Lawrence County Clerk and shall be published in such manner as the Board may from time to time determine. No such rule, regulation, or order of direction shall be effective prior to filing as a public record in the New York State Department of Health.
3. As provided by the Public Health Law, the written reports of state and local health officers, inspectors, code enforcement officers, law enforcement officers, environmental conservation officers, investigators, nurses and other representatives of state and local health officers on questions of fact pertaining to, concerning or arising under and in connection with complaints, alleged violations, investigations, proceedings, action, authority and orders related to the enforcement of the Sanitary Code, the Public Health Law, the State Sanitary Code or any local health regulation shall be presumptive evidence of the facts so stated therein, and shall be received as such in all courts and places.

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E. Construction

1. This Sanitary Code is intended to be consistent with applicable federal and state law and shall be construed, whenever necessary, to achieve such consistency.
2. This Sanitary Code shall be liberally construed for the protection of health and safety in the Health District.

F. Severability of Provision

1. In the event that any provision of this Sanitary Code is declared unconstitutional or invalid, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the applicability of such provision to other persons and circumstances and the constitutionality or validity of every other provision of the Sanitary Code shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE 2: ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

A. The Board of Health; Officers, Meetings

1. The purpose of the St. Lawrence County Board of Health is to prevent disease and untimely death, and to promote good health within the county. This is accomplished through an organized effort and the coordination with community agencies, private physicians, and other health care providers.
2. Members of the Board of Health of St. Lawrence County shall be appointed by the County Board of Legislators. The members of the Board of Health serve at the pleasure of the County Board of Legislators. The County Board of Legislators shall select one of the legislators to serve as a voting member on the Board of Health. The Board of Health shall have not less than seven (7) and not more than eight (8) voting members. At least one of the Board of Health members shall be a physician licensed to practice in the state of New York, and two of whom shall be a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or any combination thereof licensed to practice in the state of New York.
 - i. The voting members of the Board of Health shall be appointed for six (6) year terms, and they are eligible to be re-appointed for an indefinite number of consecutive terms. To preserve continuity, the terms of the voting members shall be staggered.
3. Annually the Board of Health shall elect a President and Vice-President for a term of one (1) year and shall designate the County Public Health Director to act as its Secretary. At least one of the two elected officers must be a physician in accordance with Public Health Law. The election shall take place at the January annual meeting. The term of office shall be from one annual meeting until the next or until new officers take office. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Health and shall be its official head. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and substitute during his/her absence. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all official records and correspondence and see that a record of activities is kept.
4. The Board of Health shall meet at least 8 times per year. The President of the Board may schedule special meetings for urgent matters requiring the action of the Board of Health with at

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least 24 hours prior notice to each member. An annual meeting shall be held during the month of January each year.

i. A quorum shall be the presence of at least half (1/2) of the voting members of the Board.

ii. A designated staff person shall record minutes of each Board of Health meeting and shall include a record of attendance. After approval of the minutes, they shall be kept on file at the Department of Health.

iii. Members of the public may provide public comment at a Board of Health meeting for a maximum of three (3) minutes per person. The total time allotted for public comments at a Board of Health meeting shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes.

5. The Board of Health shall be vested with the powers and duties as set forth in Article III of the New York State Public Health Law and such other articles as may be applicable.

i. Annually the Board of Health shall direct the Public Health Director to submit to the St. Lawrence County Administrator an estimate of expenditures and revenues for the following year as required by law.

ii. The members shall serve on a committee for a special purpose when appointed by the President of the Board.

iii. The Board of Health shall require an annual report of expenditures by the St. Lawrence County Department of Health from the Public Health Director.

iv. The Board of Health may adopt or revise the St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code in accordance with the New York State Public Health Law.

6. The Board of Health shall appoint a Public Health Director, qualified in accordance with the NYCRR Volume 10 (A) 11.180, to administer the public health programs for the County of St. Lawrence under the direction of the St. Lawrence County Board of Health. The Public Health Director is appointed subject to the approval of the New York State Health Department and the confirmation of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators

i. The Public Health Director may recommend contracts for provisions of therapeutic services subject to approval by the St. Lawrence County Administrator and Board of Legislators.

ii. The Public Health Director shall employ and supervise the personnel of the St. Lawrence County Health Department subject to the approval of the Board of Health and the County Administrator. He/she is responsible for enforcement of the St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code as well as the New York State Sanitary Code and Public Health Law. He/she is responsible for sanitary surveillance, public health promotion, and distribution of information about disease prevention. He/she must secure prompt reporting of communicable diseases as well as birth and death registrations. He/she is required to report the annual expenditures of the Department of Health to the County Administrator. He/she shall also serve as chairperson on the County's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Committee and oversee planning and response for public health emergencies including communicable disease and terrorism events.

7. These bylaws shall be reviewed and/or revised by the Board of Health annually.

i. Changes to the bylaws require written notification to the voting members at least one (1) week before a meeting of the Board of Health, and approval of the changes requires at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote for adoption at the meeting.

B. The Board and Director; Quasi-Judicial Powers

1. As provided by the Public Health Law, the Board or the Director may:
 - i. Issue subpoenas which shall be regulated by the civil practice laws and rules;
 - ii. Compel the attendance of witnesses;
 - iii. Administer oaths to witnesses and compel them to testify;
 - iv. Designate, by resolution, one of its members to sign and issue subpoenas;
 - v. Appoint one or more Hearing Officers as shall be necessary to carry out its functions and duties. The Hearing Officer shall have the same powers possessed by the Board to hold hearings and shall make findings of fact and recommendations to the Board;
 - vi. Issue warrants to any peace officer of any municipality in the County to apprehend and remove such person or persons subject to its orders or regulations;
 - vii. Prescribe and impose penalties for the violation of, or failure to comply with any provision of the Sanitary Code, of the provisions of the State Sanitary Code as provided for in Article 2.0, to be sued for, and recovered by it in any court of competent jurisdiction;
 - viii. Make such orders and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the suppression of nuisances or other matters in its judgment is detrimental to public health; and to publish or post same in any such manner deemed appropriate; and,
 - ix. Maintain actions in any court of competent jurisdiction to restrain by injunction violators of their orders, rules and regulation of the Board, or otherwise to enforce such orders and regulations.

C. Director; General Powers

1. As provided by the Public Health Law, the Director shall:
 - i. Promote the spread of information as to the cause, nature and prevention of prevalent diseases, and the preservation and improvement of health;
 - ii. Take such steps as may be necessary to secure prompt and complete reports by physicians of reportable diseases;
 - iii. Attend conferences called by the State Commissioner of Health or his/her authorized representatives; and,
 - iv. Enforce within the Health District the provisions of the Public Health Law, State Sanitary Code, and Sanitary Code.
 - v. Appoint an officer or employee of the Department to exercise any of the above referenced powers or actions.

D. Filing a Public Health Nuisance Complaint

1. The St. Lawrence County Public Health Department will make every effort to resolve public health complaints and Public Health Nuisances that fall within its authority. The Board of Health needs citizen participation to assist in the prevention and elimination of hazards to the public health. Both St. Lawrence County Board of Health and citizens have a responsibility in this effort to maintain a healthy environment. The Public Health Nuisance complaint process can be a vital part of this effort when it is used appropriately.
2. A concerned citizen should take the following two steps prior to filing a formal complaint with the Public Health Department:

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i. Ask if the complaint condition is health related. The enforcement ability of Public Health is limited to conditions which threaten the public health. A condition may certainly be a nuisance to you, but it may not be a public health nuisance. See further articles to determine if the condition is covered under the county regulation.

ii. Address your concerns to the offending party, and try to work out a solution directly. If you attempt to resolve the problem this way, but are unsuccessful, then it may be appropriate to file a complaint using the appropriate complaint form.

3. A complaint must be submitted in writing in the manner and form as prescribed by the public health department, unless it is deemed appropriate by the Director of Public Health that a circumstance warrants accepting a submission other than in writing.

4. The complaint form, established and approved by the Public Health Director, should be filled out in full with directions to the property and the details of the complaint conditions. The complaint must be signed, and an address and daytime phone number provided. It is important that the inspecting sanitarian be able to contact the complainant if more information is needed. Signed complaints will be given priority. Anonymous complaints will be investigated when time is available. Please complete, sign, date and mail to the Public Health Department at the noted address.

5. If you have concerns about signing the form, or becoming identified by a public records request honorable by law, contact a trustee in your township to file the complaint. Options to investigate, legally enter property and fully resolve are severely limited by anonymous complaints. Contact information must be provided to actively investigate actionable complaints.

6. Complaints are generally investigated in the order in which they are received. Turnaround time is usually a week to ten days, but may be less, depending on the number of complaints received.

7. Once a Public Health Nuisance complaint is filed with our office it becomes a public record. Anyone may obtain a copy of a complaint file upon request.

E. Inspections; General

1. During their regular business hours, the Director may inspect any premises, matter, or thing, subject to the provisions of this Sanitary Code and the State Sanitary Code.

2. The authorized representatives of the Department may, during their business hours, inspect any record required to be kept pursuant to the Public Health Law, State Sanitary Code, or the Sanitary Code.

F. Inspections; Interference

1. No person shall interfere with, obstruct or refuse to allow an employee or authorized representative of the Department to enter upon and inspect any premises, place or thing within the jurisdiction of the Department, in the discharge of his/her official duties or Department business.

2. No person shall interfere with, obstruct, harass, molest, resist, or refuse to cooperate with any representative of the Department in the discharge of his/her official duties.

G. Inspection; Taking Samples

1. The Director may take and remove any substance or thing or any necessary part or portion thereof from any premise or place as a sample for investigation or evidence when in the opinion of such representative such substance or thing may be dangerous or detrimental to public health.

H. Notices; Postings

1. Notices shall be in the English Language, provided, however, if the Department is of the opinion that the person or persons to whom a required warning, notice or instructional sign is addressed may not understand the English Language, the Department may require that such warning, notice or sign shall appear legibly both in English and other designated languages.

2. No person shall remove, mutilate, conceal, obstruct or tear down any notice or placard of the Department posted in or on any premises or public place without written permission of the Director or his/her designee.

I. Service of Notice

1. Unless otherwise expressly provided by the Public Health Law, by any other provision of this Sanitary Code, or by the State Sanitary Code, service of Notice of Hearings shall be made in the manner prescribed for personal service of a summons as set forth in the New York State Civil Practice Law and Rules or by registered or certified mail. If service is to be made upon an infant, incompetent, partnership, corporation, governmental subdivision, board or commission, it shall be made upon the person or persons designated to receive personal service pursuant to Article Three of the New York State Civil Practice Law and Rules.

J. Enforcement Office Conferences

1. The Director or his/her designee may conduct an office conference to address, rectify, and/or correct any application, complaint, circumstances or alleged violation of this Sanitary Code or the State Sanitary Code.

2. Such conference shall be scheduled for a specific date and time, with notice provided to the person or persons concerned. The Respondent may attend any such conference with legal representation, in their discretion and at their expense.

3. Notice for such conference shall set forth the date and time and place of the conference; the name of the person or persons concerned; the purpose of the conference; and general specification with reference to the particular provisions of this Sanitary Code, State Sanitary Code, Public Health Law or other health law or rule or regulation involved, if any.

4. On the day of the conference, the Director or his/her designee shall note the names and addresses of the persons appearing at such conference and shall thereafter proceed with the business of the conference.

5. Nothing herein contained shall preclude the Department from taking any action which may be deemed appropriate or advisable in the circumstances, other than conducting such conference.

6. The person who conducted the conference shall make and file a report with the Board of Health.

7. Subsequent to the office conference, the Director may do one of the following:

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- i. Enter into a stipulation with the person(s) concerned, which shall be reviewed by the Board of Health and with Board of Health final approval, shall become a final order.
- ii. Set the matter down for a formal hearing.
- iii. Direct that any other action shall be taken as authorized by law or this Sanitary Code.

K. Hearings

1. The Board or the Director may move to hold a formal hearing on any application, complaint, circumstance, or alleged violation of the Public Health Law, Sanitary Code and any other rule, regulation or code under jurisdiction of the Department. For purposes of such hearing, the Board or Director shall appoint a Hearing Officer, who shall be an attorney licensed in New York State.
2. Unless otherwise provided in the Public Health Law or Sanitary Code, such hearings shall be on at least fifteen (15) days notice to the person or persons concerned.
3. The Notice of Hearing shall set forth:
 - i. The time and place of the hearing;
 - ii. The purpose of the hearing;
 - iii. Charges and violations complained of, if any, with specific reference to the provisions and section of the Public Health Law, State Sanitary Code, and the Sanitary Code involved;
 - iv. The right to present evidence;
 - v. The right to examine and cross-examine witnesses; and
 - vi. The right to be represented by counsel
4. Witnesses shall be sworn in and testimony shall be recorded or transcribed by a certified court stenographer or transcriptionist. The copy of audio or digital recording of the hearing shall be provided within a reasonable time after the conclusion of the hearing, if requested by the hearing officer, the respondent or representative of the Department. The Director may employ the use of a Court stenographer or transcriptionist, with the cost for such being borne by the Department.
5. On the return day of the hearing, the Hearing Officer shall note the appearances of the persons attending the hearing. All witnesses shall be sworn and testimony shall be recorded and/or transcribed.
6. The Hearing Officer shall thereafter recommend proposed findings of fact and conclusions, thereafter, the Board or the Director shall make a formal order, setting forth the determination, conditions, if any, to be complied with, and penalties, if any.
7. The order provided for in Article 2.J.6 shall be maintained in the Department and a copy thereof shall be served on all respondents.
8. Nothing herein contained shall preclude the Department from taking any other action, as may be prescribed by law, nor shall the Department be precluded from taking such other action by virtue of the order made pursuant to this section.

L. Hearings; Appearances

1. At any hearing conducted pursuant to this code, any party to the proceedings may appear personally with or without counsel and shall be given the opportunity to present evidence and to examine and to cross-examine witnesses. All appearances shall be noted on the official record of hearings.

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2. At any hearing conducted pursuant to this code, if a party shall appear without counsel, the Hearing Officer shall advise such party of his/her right to obtain counsel and their sole expense; and that if he/she desires to proceed without counsel, that he/she may call witnesses, cross-examine witnesses, and produce evidence in his/her behalf.

M. Investigations; Hearings; Adjournments

1. The Hearing Officer may grant adjournments upon request of any party to the proceedings, provided that an adjournment shall not be for an indefinite period of time, but shall be set down for a certain day.

2. If any adjournment is requested in advance of the hearing date, such request shall be submitted to the Hearing Officer, in writing, and shall specify the reason for such request.

3. In considering an application for adjournment of a hearing, the Hearing Officer shall consider whether the purpose of the hearing will be affected or defeated by the granting of such adjournment. Further, the Hearing Officer shall consider whether the allegations involve any imminent public health or safety concerns.

N. Investigations; Hearings; Subpoenas

1. The Hearing Officer or the Director may issue subpoenas upon request of any party to the proceedings of any hearing.

O. Investigations; Hearings; Procedures

1. The Hearing Officer shall not be bound by the formal rules of evidence in the conduct of a hearing, but the determination shall be founded upon sufficient legal evidence to sustain it.

2. Upon the conclusion of a hearing, the Board or the Director shall take such action as it deems proper, and shall execute an order setting forth its findings and determinations.

3. The action of the Board or the Director may include the assessment of civil penalties as provided by law or this code.

4. An order of suspension or revocation of any permit or license may contain such provisions as to renewal or reinstatement as the Board or the Director shall direct.

5. The Board alone may direct a rehearing or require the taking of additional evidence, and may rescind or affirm a prior determination after such rehearing.

6. The minutes of a formal hearing shall be made available to all parties for examination at the office of the Department. Copies of the transcript of the hearing may be obtained at the Department's current rate for copying of records.

P. Post-Hearing Procedures

1. The Director shall serve upon the respondent(s) copies of findings of fact, conclusions and orders made as a result of a formal hearing.

2. Service of findings of fact, conclusions and order(s) shall be made in the manner prescribed for the service of Notice of Hearings.

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3. The Director, without notice, may order service of notice by any means reasonably determined to give notice to the person or entity if service, after due diligence, cannot be made in a prescribed method as set forth in the CPLR of the State of New York.

Q. State and County Code Enforcement: Violations; Criminal Penalties

1. Any Person who violates, disobeys or disregards the terms of any lawful order or regulation of the State Sanitary Code, the Sanitary Code, this Code, or the Board shall be subject to the imposition of a civil penalty by the Board, not to exceed the maximum civil penalty set forth by NYS Public Health Law § 309(1)(f) for each single violation or failure or omission to act.

2. As provided by Section 348 of the Public Health Law, the provisions of this code shall have the force and effect of law and any non-conformance or non-compliance with any provision thereof shall constitute a violation punishable on conviction which may include a term of imprisonment not exceeding fifteen (15) days.

3. As provided by Section 229 of the Public Health Law, the provisions of the State Sanitary Code shall have the force and effect of law and the non-compliance or non-conformance with any provision thereof shall constitute a violation punishable on conviction which may include a term of imprisonment not exceeding fifteen (15) days.

4. The penalty provided in this section may be recovered by an action brought by the Director or Board in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

S. Willful Violation of Health Laws

1. As provided by Section 12-b of the Public Health Law, a person who willfully violates or refuses or omits to comply with any lawful order or regulation prescribed by the Board or Director, is guilty of a misdemeanor; except, however, that where such order or regulation applies to a tenant with respect to his/her own dwelling unit or to an owner occupied one (1) or two (2) family dwelling unit, such person is guilty of an offense for the first violation punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) and for a second or subsequent violation is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed -one hundred dollars(\$100.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

2. A person who willfully violates any provision of this chapter, or any regulation lawfully made or established by any public officer or board under authority of this chapter, the punishment for violating which is not otherwise prescribed by this chapter or any other law is punishable by imprisonment not exceeding one year or by a fine not exceeding two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars or by both.

T. Separate Violation

1. Each day or part of a day on which the violation occurs shall constitute a separate violation.

U. Violation of Public Health Laws or Regulations; Penalties and Injunctions

1. As provided by Section 12 of the Public Health Law, any person who violates, disobeys or disregards any term or provision of the Public Health Law, Sanitary Code, any order of the Board or of any lawful notice, order or regulation pursuant thereto for which a civil penalty is not

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otherwise expressly prescribed by law, shall be liable to the County for a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for every such violation.

2. The penalty provided for in subdivision one (1) of this section may be recovered by an action brought by the Board or Director in any court of competent jurisdiction.

3. Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to alter or repeal any existing provisions of the law declaring such violations or any of them to be misdemeanors or felonies or prescribing the penalty therefore.

V. Enforcement; Violations, other than by Prosecution

1. The Department may seek to obtain the voluntary compliance with this code by way of notice, warning or educational means.

2. This Section shall not be construed to require that such non-compulsory methods must be employed or attempted before proceedings by way of compulsory or other legally prescribed procedures.

W. Permits and Licenses; Operation with Permit

1. The Director shall have the authority and power to order the cessation of operations or construction of any business, establishment, or facility required by the code to obtain a permit.

2. The Director may employ the assistance of law enforcement officers and other officials as provided by the provisions of the Public Health Law and other applicable statutes and rules and regulations to enforce the order herein provided for.

3. The owner or operator of any business, establishment, or facility closed or directed to cease operation or construction pursuant to this section shall be entitled to a hearing to be held within a reasonable time if the owner or operator of the facility requests a hearing, in writing, within ten (10) days of the order of the Director.

X. Duty to Comply

1. Compliance with the regulation or any portion thereof shall not relieve any person of the duty comply with other municipal, State, or Federal Laws and regulations.

ARTICLE 3: PERMITS AND LICENSES

A. Permits and Licenses; Applications

1. Application for a permit or the renewal of a permit shall be made on forms furnished by the Department and shall contain all information called for by said forms and include the required application fees.

2. Application for a permit or for the renewal of a permit shall be accompanied by such other information, evidence or documentation as the Department may require or as may be provided by the code.

3. A permit issued to a particular person, or for a designated place, purpose, or vehicle, shall not be valid for use by any other person, or for any other place, purpose or vehicle than that designated therein. Such permits or written approvals may contain general and specific

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conditions and every person who shall have obtained a permit or written approval, as herein required, shall conform to the conditions prescribed in said permit or written approval, and to the provisions of the Code.

4. In addition to the information specifically required to be submitted to the Department, or if no specific information is required for certain permits, the Department shall require the following information:

i. The name, residence and business address of the applicant; and, if the applicant is a partnership or group, the name of each partner or member and, if the applicant is a corporation, the name of each officer and director(s) of the corporation;

ii. Information concerning the applicant, its individual members or officers, relating to education, training or experience, and history of prior criminal conviction, including violations and offenses, other than motor vehicle offenses, record of insolvency or bankruptcy, and copy of a driver's license or non-driver identification.

iii. Proof of Worker's Compensation Coverage or signed attestation that such insurance is not required;

iv. The ability of the applicant, or of its individual members or officers, to read and write English or provide an interpreter;

v. For the initial permit application, a written official document or a statement issued by the appropriate municipal authority having jurisdiction and concern with the zoning laws, ordinances, or regulations of the municipality in the operation, facility, premises, or use for the permit is sought stating that the operation, facility, activity, premises or use, if permitted, will not violate any existing zoning law, ordinance or regulation of such municipality;

vi. Application for a permit or for the renewal of a permit shall be accompanied by such other information, evidence or documentation as the Department may require, or as may be otherwise provided by the code.

5. Application for a permit or for the renewal of a permit shall be made by and signed by:

i. In the case of an individual who is to be the permittee, by the individual or his/her representative duly authorized in writing; or,

ii. In the case of a partnership, by a general partner or a representative of the partnership duly authorized in writing; or,

iii. In the case of an unincorporated association or group, by an officer or representative duly authorized in writing of the association or group authorizing the making of such application; or, corporation, who shall submit a certified copy of a resolution of the board of directors of the corporation, authorizing the making of such application and designating the duly authorized officer or representative to act on behalf of the corporation;

iv. In the case of a municipality, other than the county, by the executive officer or representative duly authorized in writing.

6. Every individual application for a permit or for renewal of a permit shall be eighteen (18) years of age or over; and, in the case of a partnership application, the partner signing the application shall be eighteen (18) years of age or over.

7. Application for a permit or for renewal of a permit shall constitute an agreement that the permittee assumes responsibility for the operation, conduct and maintenance of the activity authorized by the permit, in accordance with the provisions of the Sanitary Code and the conditions required by the permit, and to inspections pertaining thereto.

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8. Application for a permit or for renewal of a permit shall constitute consent to fully inspect and investigate the premises including but not limited to: the collection and analysis of samples, testing, photographing and/or videotaping, and interviewing.

B. Permit Applications; Fees

1. The fees as adopted by the Board for various permits must be paid at the time of application for the permit.
2. Application for a permit or for the renewal of a permit shall be accompanied by all outstanding fees and/or previous violation fines, as relating to prior County Sanitary Code enforcement actions levied against the specific facility owner making application for a permit.
3. The Director may also establish and charge reasonable fees for the filing in his/her office of required reports, plans or necessary documents.

C. Permits and Licenses; Posting; Expiration

1. Every permit shall expire on the date stated on the permit and may only be extended by the Department, in writing, for a specified limited time not to exceed sixty (60) days.
2. Every permittee shall apply for a renewal of a permit no later than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of such permit unless otherwise required by this code, the State Sanitary Code, or the Public Health Law.
3. It is the responsibility of the permittee to contact the Department for necessary forms for the renewal of permit.
4. A permittee shall comply with the conditions contained in the permit and the provisions and requirements of this code, the Department, the State Sanitary Code, and the Public Health Law under which such permit was issued.
5. Every permit shall be kept on the premises designated or covered by the permit and shall be posted in a conspicuous place on such premises in such manner as to be clearly visible to the public. It shall be available for inspection at all times by the Department.
6. Permits shall remain the property of the Department and shall be surrendered to a duly authorized representative of the Department on demand upon the expiration thereof or when suspended or revoked as herein provided.

D. Permits and Licenses; Not Transferable

1. Any attempted or purported transfer of a permit to a person not designated as the permittee therein, or for a purpose or place or vehicle not authorized by such permit, shall be cause to revoke such permit.
2. In the event of a reorganization of a permitted entity, the Department may approve, in writing, the continuation of an activity authorized by a permit provided that such change of organization has been duly recorded with the Department within ten (10) days after such change of organization and the Department receives acceptable proof that the reorganized entity is the legal successor to the permitted entity.
3. In the event that the facility is transferred to new ownership and/or operator, if applicable, the owner/operator must improve the facility to meet all applicable current codes prior to this Department issuing a permit.

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E. Permits and Licenses; Suspension and Revocation

1. The Board may suspend or revoke a permit for violation or non-conformance with the conditions or requirements of the permit or provisions of the code under which such permit was issued.
2. The Board may suspend or revoke a permit for cause after due notice and hearing.

F. Permits and Licenses; Refusal to Issue

1. Except as may be otherwise provided in the Public Health Law or the State Sanitary Code:
 - i. The Department may refuse to issue a permit or a renewal thereof when the application is incomplete or not accompanied by the required fee, if any;
 - ii. The Department may refuse to issue a permit or renewal thereof when the applicant fails to provide information required by the Department;
 - iii. The Department may refuse to issue a permit or renewal thereof if the application or investigation thereof indicates to the Department that the activity, operation or premises to be covered by the permit applied for does not meet the requirements of the code or other provisions of law; or that the maintenance, conduct or operation of such activity, operation or premises does not meet the requirements or provisions of the law or may result in a public health hazard or in a condition which may be dangerous or harmful to health and life;
2. Except upon the express written authorization of the Board, no permit shall be issued to a person who previously had a permit revoked, within the preceding six (6) months, nor to a person who was an officer, director, owner or operator of an entity whose permit was revoked within the preceding six (6) months;
3. Approval of an application for a permit shall be denied for any sufficient or competent reason, including but not limited to any of the following:
 - i. The proposed construction, location, purpose, business or other act is in violation of the provisions of the Public Health Law, the State Sanitary Code, this code or any local municipal law, ordinance or regulation;
 - ii. Inaccurate, incomplete, false or misleading information stated in the application, including any plans or other data submitted in support thereof;
 - iii. Failure of the applicant to demonstrate competency to perform to the satisfaction of the Department;
 - iv. Conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of a violation of the Public Health Law, the State Sanitary Code, this code, or any local municipal law, ordinance or regulation within the preceding six (6) months; provided, however, that the Board may waive the application of this provision upon evidence satisfactory to the Board that the convictions are not likely to be repeated, or for other good and substantial reason or reasons;
 - v. Failure to correct any existing violations or deficiencies pertaining to any particular place, vehicle or business after service of written notice thereof, whether or not related to the pending application.
4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, the Department shall not issue or renew any permit required under this Code to any person who has an outstanding and/or overdue fee, fine and/or unpaid civil penalty imposed by the Department pursuant to provisions of State Public Health Law, State Sanitary Code or the St. Lawrence County Sanitary Code.

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G. Permits and Licenses; Denial: Suspension, Revocation; Forfeiture; Effective Date

1. Except as may otherwise be ordered by the Board or by the Director, the denial of a permit or certificate of approval or the suspension or revocation of a permit or certificate of approval, shall become final upon notice thereof to the applicant or permittee concerned.

2. Service of a notice of denial or refusal to issue a permit or certificate of renewal shall be made in the manner provided in the code (Article 2.H) for the service of a notice of hearing.

3. A permit or written approval shall terminate upon service of a written notice from the Department and hearing and be considered forfeit and shall become null and void under any of the following circumstances:

i. That the process of construction or the operation involved reveals conditions otherwise than as indicated in the approved plans and application; or,

ii. That the construction or operation involved is in violation of any ordinance or regulation of any duly constituted government authority or any political subdivision thereof; or,

iii. That the construction or operation involved is otherwise than in accordance with standards, rules, and regulations pertaining to such construction or the conditions of a permit or written approval issued pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law, the State Sanitary Code, or this Code; or,

iv. That no action has been taken under such permit or written approval within the period specified in the permit or if no period is specified, within a period of one (1) year following the date of issuance thereof, or within a period beyond which the purpose, need or usefulness of the permit or written approval no longer exists, whichever is shorter.

H. Permits and Licenses; Denial Appeal

1. Unless otherwise provided in the Public Health Law or State Sanitary Code, whenever the Department refuses to issue a permit or a renewal thereof or a certificate of approval and no hearing has been had in the matter, the applicant may appeal such action to the Director or Board by serving a notice of appeal in writing on the Department addressed to the Director or to the Board within ten (10) days following the service of notice of denial or refusal to issue the permit.

2. The Notice of Appeal shall set forth in detail the basis for the appeal and shall contain:

i. The full name of the applicant, permittee or party affected;

ii. The type of permit or certificate of approval for which the application was made or the nature of the action complained of;

iii. The place of business listed in the application to which the appeal relates;

iv. The statement that the applicant or permittee or other party affected appeals to the Board to review the action of the Department; and,

v. The signature of the applicant, permittee or party affected, or if the permittee or party affected is not the individual signature and title of a party or other individual of the partnership or group, or of an officer of a corporate applicant permittee or party affected.

3. Unless otherwise provided in the Public Health Law, within ten (10) days following service of the notice of appeal, the applicant, permittee or party affected shall submit a memorandum addressed to the Director or to the Board containing his/her objection to the action of the Department.

4. The Board may, without hearing, reverse, modify or affirm the action of the Department or may require a hearing upon notice as provided in Article 2 of this code.

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I. Operation Without a Permit

1. The Board or Director may issue a written notice to be served upon the person or permittee involved, or upon any person connected with or working in or about an operation to cease the operation, whereupon the operation shall immediately cease, under the following circumstances:

- i. The process of the operation involved reveals conditions otherwise than as indicated in the approved plans and application, and permits as issued; or
- ii. The operation involved is in violation of any ordinance or regulation of any duly constituted government authority or any political subdivision; or,
- iii. The operation involved is otherwise than in accordance with standards, rules and regulations pertaining to the condition of a permit or written approval issued pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law, the Environmental Conservation Law within the jurisdiction of the Department, the State Sanitary Code or this Code.

J. Service of Notice

1. Service of the written notice shall be made in the manner prescribed in Article 2.H for the service of notice of hearings.

ARTICLE 4: GENERAL SANITATION

A. Definitions

1. "Container" shall mean any device in which material is stored, transported, treated, disposed of, or otherwise handled.

2. "Garbage" shall mean putrescible solid waste, including animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, storage, sale, preparation, cooking or serving of foods and not subject to regulation by the St. Lawrence County Flow Control Law. Garbage originates primarily in home kitchens, stores, markets, restaurants and other places where food is stored, prepared or served.

3. "Hazardous Material" shall mean a material or combination of materials which, because of its quantity, concentration, use, physical, chemical, infectious, or radiological characteristics and/or effects, constitute a nuisance or public health hazard and not subject to regulation by the St. Lawrence County Flow Control Law.

4. "Hazardous Waste" shall mean a waste or combination of wastes which, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, infectious, or radiological characteristics and/or effects, may constitutes a nuisance or public health hazard and not subject to regulation by the St. Lawrence County Flow Control Law.

5. "Public Health Nuisance" shall mean any activity or failure to act that adversely affects Public Health.

6. "Offensive Material" shall mean any, garbage, refuse, rubbish, hazardous material, hazardous waste, septage, sewage sludge, sludge, stabilized sludge or any substance or liquid dangerous or detrimental to health not subject to regulation by the St. Lawrence County Flow Control Law.

7. "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, public or private corporation, association, partnership, institution, political subdivision, government agency, public body, joint stock

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association, trust, estate, or other group of individuals or combination of the foregoing, or any legal entity whatsoever, and includes the plural as well as the singular.

8. "Public Health Hazard" shall mean a condition, potential condition, event or sequence of events, deemed by the Director, which may impact or threaten the health of the public.

9. "Refuse" shall mean all waste material including, but not limited to; incinerator residue, street sweepings, blood, fecal matter, manure, dead animals and offal.

10. "Rubbish" shall mean solid or liquid waste material including, but limited to, paper and paper products, rags, furniture, cans, crockery, plastic cartons, plastics, chemicals, paint, greases, sludges, oils and some petroleum products, wood, demolition materials, and tires not subject to regulation by the St. Lawrence County Flow Control Law.

11. "Septage" shall mean the contents of a privy, septic tank, cesspool, chemical toilet, either liquid or solid state or other individual sewage treatment facility which receives domestic sewage wastes.

12. "Sewage Sludge" shall mean the accumulated semisolid suspension of solids deposited from waste waters.

13. "Sludge" shall mean any solid, semisolid or liquid waste generated from a municipal, commercial or industrial waste water treatment plant, water supply treatment plant or air pollution control facility. Sludge does not include the treated effluent from a wastewater treatment plant.

14. "Stabilized Sludge" shall mean sludge that has been treated by a process to reduce putrescibility, significantly reduce pathogenic organisms, and except for lime stabilization, reduce the volatile solids content. Acceptable stabilization processes are defined in 40 CFR Part 257, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Code of Federal Regulations.

15. "Vehicle" shall mean any motor vehicle, water vessel, railroad car, airplane, or other means of transporting offensive material, including hazardous waste.

B. Removal and Transportation

1. No person shall remove or transport or permit the removal or transportation of any offensive material, garbage, hazardous material, hazardous waste, refuse, septage, sewage sludge, sludge or stabilized sludge except in such a manner and in or by such conveyance as will prevent the creation of a nuisance or the loss or discharge of such material. All such material shall be so handled, covered, or treated that it cannot be released, leached or migrated or be accessible to rodents, flies, or other insects or create a nuisance. All vehicles and implements used in connection therewith shall be kept in a non-offensive and sanitary condition and when not in use shall be stored or kept as to not create a nuisance.

C. Storage and Disposal

1. No person shall allow any offensive material to be deposited, stored or held on any premises or place or in any building or structure unless such material is treated, screened, covered, or placed as not to create a nuisance detrimental to health. All containers for the storage of such material shall completely confine the material, shall be rodent and insect proof, and shall be kept in a non-offensive and sanitary condition at all times. All offensive material shall be buried at such distance from any source of water supply or be disposed of at other places so that water supplies will not be subject to pollution or where a nuisance will not be created subject to

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regulations for the protection of public water supplies adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law. Such material shall not be discharged into streams, ponds, or other bodies of water or onto the surface of the ground except with the special permission of the Department or unless a permit is issued in accordance with the provisions of law.

D. Water Supplies

1. No person shall have contracted, undertaken or who is bound by the terms of a lease or any agreement to supply water for any habitable building owned thereby shall shut off or cause to be shut off such water supply so as to result in an unsanitary condition. Whenever a public water supply is available, no other supply shall be furnished for drinking and domestic purposes unless such other supply shall be potable.

2. The Director may order the treatment, abandonment, sealing, or posting, at his/her discretion, of any water supply not of a safe, sanitary quality.

ARTICLE 5: NUISANCES

A. Nuisances; Director's Duty to Investigate

1. The Director shall receive and investigate all complaints concerning nuisances, or causes of danger or injury to life and health in the Health District and may request such complaints to be made in writing in accordance with this Article, Part 8 of the State Sanitary Code and Title 1 of Article 13 of the Public Health Law.

B. Nuisances; Investigation; Reports

1. The Director may enter to inspect or examine upon or within any place or premises where nuisances or conditions dangerous to life and health are occurring or are reasonably believed to be occurring, or which are reasonably believed to be the cause of nuisances existing elsewhere.

2. The owners, agents and/or occupants of any premises shall permit sanitary examinations and inspections to be made pursuant to the provisions of this Article, Part 8 of the State Sanitary Code, and Title 1 of Article 13 of the Public Health Law.

3. The Director shall furnish the owners, agents and/or occupants of the premises with a written statement of the results and conclusions of any examination or inspection conducted pursuant to this article.

C. Nuisances; Abatement and Suppression

1. The Board and/or Director may order the suppression and removal of all nuisances and conditions detrimental to life and health found to exist within the Health District.

2. The Board and/or Director may, in the event of non-compliance with any such order, enter upon the premises to remove or suppress such nuisance, condition, or matter to which said order relates.

3. The expenses of such removal and abatement shall be paid and may be collected in the manner prescribed in Public Health Law 1306, 1307, and 1308

4. The owner of any dwelling is responsible for remediation of an insect infestation.

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5. No dogs, cats, fowl, hogs, goats, cows, horses or other animal shall be kept in a manner which creates a public health nuisance.

6. Dead Animals - A dead domestic or farm animal shall be buried a minimum of 2 feet below grade or disposed of in a sanitary manner, at least 200 ft from any water source (i.e., water supply, wetland, river, stream, or surface water source), by its owner within seventy-two (72) hours after its death or after its carcass has been discovered unless otherwise approved by the Department.

D. Nuisances; Enforcement

1. Any non-compliance or non-conformance with an order issued by the Director pursuant to this Article shall constitute a violation of the provisions of the Sanitary Code and may be subject to the imposition of a civil penalty pursuant to Section 309 of the Public Health Law.

ARTICLE 6: DWELLINGS

A. Definitions

1. "Dwelling" means any building, house structure, vehicle or portion thereof, which is occupied, in whole or part, or intended to be used as a home, residence, living or sleeping place of one or more human beings, either permanently or temporarily, and not regulated under any other article of this Sanitary Code.

2. "Dwelling Unit" means any room or group of rooms, within a dwelling, which are used or intended to be used by one or more persons for living and sleeping with or without facilities for cooking and eating.

3. "Extermination" means the control and elimination of insects, rodents, vermin or other pests by eliminating their harborage places; by removing or making inaccessible material that may serve as their food; by poisoning, spraying, fumigating, trapping, or by any other recognized and legal pest elimination methods approved by the County or State authority having such administrative authority.

4. "New York State Code" means the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

5. "Building Inspector and Local Codes Enforcement Officers" means the Municipal Officials who enforce the New York State Code in their municipality.

B. Plumbing

1. Each and every plumbing fixture, pipe, drain, sewer and sewer connection in every habitable public or private building which is in whole or part leased by the owner or his agent or which is permitted to be used by patrons or the general public, shall be properly plumbed in accordance with the New York State Code, of sanitary design and construction and shall be repaired and maintained in a sanitary condition. The owner, operator or occupant of a building or dwelling or his/her agent in charge thereof shall have common use of a toilet shall be responsible for the satisfactory and sanitary maintenance of such toilet.

2. Every owner, agent, or tenant, who is responsible for the plumbing or sanitary facilities of a building or dwelling shall maintain each and every plumbing fixture, pipe, drain, sewer and

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sewer connection of such building or dwelling in a sanitary condition and shall remove blockages, repair leaks, and replace broken, worn or faulty fixtures or pipes which shall be the cause of an unsanitary condition.

C. Occupancy Without Sewerage Facilities

1. No person shall occupy any dwelling or vehicle as a place of habitation unless sanitary facilities for the disposal of sewage shall have been provided.

D. Rental of Dwelling Without Water Supply

1. No person shall lease or rent any dwelling or dwelling unit unless a safe supply of potable water is available.

E. Water Supply – Cutting Off

1. No owner or lessee of a dwelling, dwelling unit, apartment or business establishment shall cut or turn off the water supply or cause such water supply to be shut off except in case of necessity arising from a serious leak, public health hazard or bursting of pipes. In such cases, repairs shall be made and the water service restored promptly.

F. Connection to Public Sewer

1. Where a public sanitary sewer is available and accessible to a dwelling or habitable building, the owner of such dwelling or building shall connect such building to said sanitary sewer within one year of availability.

G. Garbage and Rubbish Disposal

1. Every dwelling and every dwelling unit shall be provided with a suitable receptacle(s) as may be necessary to contain all garbage and rubbish and all such receptacles shall be maintained in good repair. Receptacles for garbage shall be watertight and provided with tight fitting covers.

2. Every dwelling including the lot on which such dwelling is located shall be kept free from any excessive accumulation of offensive material.

3. Garbage must be disposed of in accordance with local ordinances and in any case in such fashion as not to serve as a breeding or harboring place for vermin, or to create a nuisance.

H. Flies, Insects, Rodents and Vermin

1. All means necessary or required shall be taken to eliminate vermin from any habitable building and to prevent the breeding or harboring of such vermin on the premises. Any poison or chemical used for the elimination of vermin must be used in accordance with the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) laws and any other statute or regulation governing the use of such poison or chemical.

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2. Responsibility for Extermination: Every occupant of a Dwelling containing a single Dwelling Unit shall be responsible for the extermination of any insects, rodents, vermin or other pests therein or on the Premises; the property owner shall be responsible for extermination ; property owner is responsible for the entire building if it is a multi unit dwelling (wordsmith) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, whenever infestation is caused by failure of the Owner to maintain a Dwelling in a rat-proof or insect-proof condition, Extermination shall be the responsibility of the Owner. Whenever infestation exists in two (2) or more of the Dwelling Units in any Dwelling, or in the shared or public parts of any Dwelling containing two (2) or more Dwelling Units, Extermination thereof shall be the responsibility of the Owner. When Extermination is required, the Owner shall use a New York State License/Certified Pesticide Applicator/Technician, unless waived by the Department.

I. Unsanitary Building

1. When the Director determines that any building, dwelling or part thereof is so unsanitary as to be unfit for human habitation or shall cause an unsanitary condition on or adjacent to the premises, a hearing can be scheduled with due notice to the owner. If at the hearing it is determined that the situation constitutes a nuisance or condition detrimental to life and health, the Director may issue an order requiring the owner to abate said nuisance or condition by placing said building or dwelling in a sanitary or habitable condition within a time specified in said order. Upon the failure of said owner to comply with said order, the Director may issue a further order to be affixed conspicuously upon such building or dwelling and served upon the occupant(s) or lessee(s) and upon the owner thereof or his or her agent requiring all persons to vacate such building or dwelling and to discontinue its use at such time as shall be stated in said order. Upon failure of such building or dwelling to be vacated within the time specified, the Board may issue a warrant to the County Sheriff directing that such building or dwelling be vacated and that all persons be removed and the County Sheriff shall forthwith execute such warrant pursuant to law.

J. Local Laws, Ordinances, Enforcement, and Criminal Penalties

1. In cases of matters involving or under the jurisdiction of the New York State Department of Health Environmental District Office and/or the Municipal Building Inspector or Codes Enforcement Officer, the New York State Department of Health Environmental District office and Municipal Building Inspector or Codes Enforcement Officer shall have primary enforcement jurisdiction per the scope of the respective regulatory authority.

2. In enforcing this Article, the Director will be guided by the Building Codes in effect in the municipality (city, town or village) in which such buildings are located, and such other state laws or regulations, as may apply.

3. The Director may request the assistance of a municipality's Building Inspector or Local Codes Enforcement Officer(s) to inspect properties in accordance with the New York State Code or to perform joint inspections of a property or properties with representatives of the Department.

4. Criminal penalties for violations of this Article shall be those provided for in Section 229 of the Public Health Law.

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5. Civil penalties for violations of this Article shall be those provided in Sections 12 and 309 of the Public Health Law. Determinations with respect to violations and/or assessing of penalties shall be subject to review by the St. Lawrence County Health Department.

ARTICLE 7: SEWAGE SYSTEMS

A. Applicability

1. This Article shall apply to the construction and use of any new or modified sewage system designed to discharge sewage without the mixture of industrial or other wastes to the ground or surface waters of the County.

B. Definitions

1. “Applicable Water Quality Standards and Effluent Standards and Limitations,” means all State and Federal water quality standards and limitations to which a discharge is subject under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, or under State law including but not limited to water quality standards, effluent limitations, standards of performance and pretreatment standards.

2. “Dwelling” means any building or structure which is wholly or partly used or intended to be used for living or sleeping by human occupants.

3. “Individual Sewage Treatment System” means a system of piping, tanks or other facilities for the on-site collection, treatment and disposal of sewage.

4. “Offensive Material” means any sewage, fecal matter, manure, offal, garbage, dead animals, meat wastes, pool waste water, any putrescible organic matter, the contents of sewage disposal systems (either liquid or solid state), or any substance or liquid dangerous or prejudicial to health, safety or general welfare, or gives rise to offensive odors as may be determined by the Director or his/her designee.

5. “Other Wastes” means shavings, bark, sand, lime, salt, ashes, petroleum products, tar, dye stuffs, acids, chemicals, and all other discarded matter not sewage, industrial wastes or offensive material which is determined by the Director to be dangerous or prejudicial to health and safety.

6. “Point Source” means any discernible, confined or discrete conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

7. “Pollution Hazard” means a condition resulting from the entry of wastes into any of the waters of the County whereby;

i. The quality of such waters may be adversely affected in their use for bathing, drinking, culinary and other water supply uses; or

ii. A situation determined by the Director to be prejudicial to health and safety of the public is created.

8. “Privy” means any facility or structure provided for the storage or disposal of human excreta without water carriage.

9. “Reserve or Replacement Area” means the area on the site that is kept available for the future individual sewage treatment system should the primary individual sewage treatment system fail.

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10. “Sanitary Sewer” means a system of piping or other facilities used for the collection and transportation of wastes to a community, individual, commercial or public sewage system under the control of the person owning or responsible for the community, individual, commercial or public sewage system or jurisdiction of the Department.

11. “Sewage” means water-carried human waste, human excreta and liquid or water carried waste and laundry wastes from residences and buildings (from water closets, lavatories, sinks, bathtubs, laundry tubs or devices, floor drains or other sanitary fixtures), together with such groundwater infiltration and surface water as may be present, without the admixture of industrial or other wastes.

12. “Sewage System” means all types of sewage related systems listed and defined in this Article (i.e., Commercial, Community, Individual, Public).

13. “SPDES” means New York State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and all pertinent applications, forms, permits and reporting forms.

C. General Provisions

1. An abandoned septic tank, seepage pit, or other device or equipment for the treatment of sewage shall be cleaned and filled to the ground surface in a manner acceptable to the Department.

2. Roof water, foundation drain, cistern overflow, or surface or subsoil drainage shall not be discharged into any individual sewage treatment system.

3. No person shall construct or maintain a Sewage Treatment System, pipe, or drain in the County so as to expose or discharge the sewage contents therefrom to the atmosphere or onto the surface of the ground, by subsurface disposal, by groundwater injection or into any storm sewer, drain or roadside ditch, nor so as to discharge into any watercourse or body of water contained within or touching any part of the land within the County, unless approval for such discharge shall have been issued in accordance with the provisions of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the Department is satisfied that such discharges will not adversely affect public health or create a condition which is detrimental to public health.

D. Application, Approval and Permits

1. All Sewage Systems with a flow of one-thousand (1,000) gallons per day or greater under the jurisdiction of the NYSDEC shall be operated and maintained in accordance with required SPDES permits and any other approvals.

2. Individual sewage system construction or modification permits shall be obtained from the Local Code Enforcement Office in the municipality where the property is located.

E. Operation

1. Property owners are to maintain sewage systems such that they operate safely and do not create a nuisance.

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G. Exposure of Sewage

1. No person shall construct or maintain any privy, cesspool, sewage treatment system, pipe or drain so as to expose or discharge the sewage contents or other deleterious liquid or matter therefrom to the atmosphere or on the surface of the ground or into any storm sewer or drain or so as to endanger any water course or body of water unless a permit for such discharge shall have been issued therefore by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and such discharge shall be made in accordance with the requirements thereof.

H. Harmful or Deleterious Substances

1. No person shall discharge or cause the discharge of, any harmful or deleterious substance to any Sanitary Sewer or Sewage System so as to endanger the use of or the materials of construction of such sewer or system or so as to result in the stoppage or other failure of the Sewage System or subsequent sewage treatment, unless a permit and/or approval for such system or subsequent sewage treatment or a permit and/or approval for such discharge has been secured from the official agency having jurisdiction for such Sewage System or Sewage Treatment Works and such discharge conforms to the terms of such permit.

I. Construction of Article

1. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to mean that the Department has approved the functional ability or adequacy of the system or systems approved pursuant to the provisions of this Article.

2. The Director may, on written application and after review, grant a waiver or variance from a specific provision of this Article. A variance or waiver may be subject to appropriate conditions. A variance may include a time schedule for compliance where such variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Article.

J. Modifications of Director's Order

1. An order issued by the Director pursuant to this Article shall take effect with the period specified in the order.

2. The Director may postpone the effective date of an Order served pursuant to this Article, if such postponement will not result in an immediate danger to the public health; provided, however that no postponement shall be granted unless the Director has determined that the construction, change in treatment or other control measures which may be required to ensure compliance with the Order cannot be completed with the time prescribed by the original effective date because of physical or engineering difficulties, the shortage of necessary materials or equipment or other reasons acceptable to the Department.

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ARTICLE 8: COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

A. Purpose

1. To assure the safety and well-being of the residents of St. Lawrence County through the reduction and/or prevention of the spread of communicable diseases through education and mandatory reporting of suspected or confirmed cases.

B. Definitions

1. “Communicable Disease” shall mean an illness caused by an infectious agent or its toxins that occurs through the direct or indirect transmission of the infectious agent or its products from an infected individual or via an animal, vector or the inanimate environment to a susceptible animal or human host.

C. Rabies

1. All persons shall comply with Article 21, Title 4 of the Public Health Law relating to Rabies and Part 2 of the State Sanitary Code relating to Rabies.

D. Reporting of Cases

1. The reporting of cases and the reduction and/or prevention of the spread of communicable disease shall be in accordance with the definitions and regulations found in Title 10, Chapter I, Part 2 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations and the New York Public Health Law Articles 21, 22 and 23.

E. Duty to Report (Physicians and Institutions)

1. Every physician shall immediately give notice (report) to the Department of every case of communicable disease in St. Lawrence County required by the Department to be reported.

2. If there is no physician in attendance on any case of communicable disease, it shall be the duty of the superintendent or other officer of an institution, householder, hotel or lodging housekeeper, or other person where such case occurs in St. Lawrence County, to give notice (report) to the Department of such case of communicable disease required by the Department to be reported.

ARTICLE 9: UNCONSTITUTIONALITY CLAUSE AND PROVISIONS FOR REVISIONS OR AMENDMENT

A. Unconstitutionality Clause

1. In the event any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Sanitary Code shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of said code shall not be affected thereby.

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B. Provisions for Revision or Amendment

1. This Sanitary Code may be amended or revised by the Board of Health at any regular meeting of the Board provided that a legal notice of intent is published in the County's official newspaper at least ten (10) days prior to such regular meeting of the Board. Such notice shall contain the nature of the proposed change(s) and advise that copies of such change(s) are available upon request in the office of the Department.

ARTICLE 10: EFFECTIVE DATE

A. Every regulation of the Sanitary Code, unless otherwise specifically stated shall take effect immediately upon filing with the St. Lawrence County Clerk.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 134-2025 Entitled "Adopting Local Law D (No.) for the Year 2025, "Amending the Sanitary Code of the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 135-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
TRANE U.S. INC. FOR HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING
(HVAC) SERVICES FOR BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

By Mr. Hull, District 8

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County Buildings and Grounds has specialized HVAC units throughout its facilities, including the Courthouse Complex, the Correctional Facility, the Surrogate Building, the Human Services Center, and the Public Safety Complex, and

WHEREAS, the County has contracted with TRANE US, Inc. (“TRANE”) for the maintenance of these units, and

WHEREAS, TRANE has updated the renewal documents for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 at a total cost of \$39,584 (BG016204 42202),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an annual service agreement with TRANE US, Inc. for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) services, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 135-2025 Entitled “Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Annual Service Agreement with Trane U.S. Inc. for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Services for Buildings and Grounds”, adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 136-2025

AUTHORIZING THE RESTRUCTURING OF INDIGENT DEFENSE IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TO INCLUDE: AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LEASE AMENDMENT WITH LOT 21, INC. AND OPEN A SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IN OGDENSBURG, PAUSING THE OPERATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER, RELOCATING THE OFFICE OF INDIGENT DEFENSE AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH PROVIDERS TO AUGMENT THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, under County Law 716-720, St. Lawrence County has maintained an Office of the Public Defender since 1990, along with a contract through the St. Lawrence County Bar Association for Assigned Counsel under County Law 722 and 18-A, and in 2004, the Office of the Conflict Defender was created, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Conflict Defender handled cases in an effort to decrease the overall cost to the County while providing an attorney staff to represent the indigent, and

WHEREAS, the challenge of recruiting and retaining attorneys and staff has proven challenging to the extent that the Office of the Conflict Defender and the Office of Indigent Defense are unable to be sufficiently staffed at the current time, and

WHEREAS, the remainder of cases handled by the Office of the Conflict Defender would be relocated in whole or in part to attorneys approved as panel attorneys for criminal or family matters through the Assigned Counsel Program, and

WHEREAS, the busiest courts in the County are in Ogdensburg and Massena, and it would benefit the staff to have a satellite office closer to the busy courts and there is currently space available at 206 Ford Street in Ogdensburg, and

WHEREAS, the recommendation for restructuring the Offices to meet the needs of the indigent population who are entitled to representation would be better served if the County were able to house indigent defense in the Office of the Public Defender, and

WHEREAS, additionally, if there were licensed attorneys or firms available and interested in accepting cases, the County would look to ensure competent and panel-approved attorneys were selected to take the cases formerly handled by the Office of the Conflict Defender,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the restructuring of indigent defense in St. Lawrence County to include: authorizing the Chair to sign a lease amendment with Lot 21, Inc. and open a satellite Office of the Public Defender in Ogdensburg, pausing the operations of the Office of the Conflict Public Defender, relocating the Office of Indigent Defense and authorizing contracts with providers to augment the Assigned Counsel Program, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cases that remain open previously handled by the Office of the Conflict Defender will be sent to the Assigned Counsel Program to panel attorneys approved to practice in criminal matters or family matters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a lease amendment with Lot 21, Inc. to provide for space in 206 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 for operations of the Office of the Public Defender, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair be authorized to sign any grant contracts through New York State that require amendments to support operations to maximize revenue against expenses incurred, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a review of operations will be provided to the Board of Legislators following six (6) months and one (1) year to ensure that representation continues to improve and that services are being provided.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 136-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Restructuring of Indigent Defense in St. Lawrence County to Include: Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Amendment with Lot 21, Inc. and Open a Satellite Office of the Public Defender in Ogdensburg, Pausing the Operations of the Office of the Conflict Public Defender, Relocating the Office of Indigent Defense and Authorizing Contracts with Providers to Augment the Assigned Counsel Program", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 137-2025

**APPOINTING THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES
FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY**

By Mr. Webster, District 11

Co-sponsored by Mr. Lightfoot, District 3; Mr. Fay, District 9

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2025, following a public hearing, Resolution No. 95-2024 adopted Local Law C (No. __), for the Year 2025 which officially established the Director of Human Resources, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No.181-2023 established the Position of Personnel Officer as a separate position from the Director of Human Resources, and

WHEREAS, following the fill of the Personnel Officer, a Search Committee was appointed and a search was conducted to find a suitable Director of Human Resources, and

WHEREAS, the recommendation to separate the roles required additional consideration, and after considering the roles serve seventy-two (72) agencies across St. Lawrence County, along with providing guidance to Departments related to implementation of personnel policies, along with handling the implementation of seven (7) union contracts, a determination of separating the roles was approved, and

WHEREAS, the Search Committee made a recommendation to pause the search in July 2024 and resumed consideration of a candidate for the Director of Human Resources and have now recommended that an appointment be made,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators hereby appoints Jonnie Dorothy as the Director of Human Resources at Band VII, Step 6 (\$121,398) through December 31, 2026.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 137-2025 Entitled "Appointing the Director of Human Resources for St. Lawrence County", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 138-2025

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH C&S ENGINEERS, INC.
FOR DESIGN AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE
INTEROPERABILITY TOWER PROJECT IN POTSDAM**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 222-2023 authorized the construction of new telecommunication towers in the Cranberry Lake Fire District, the Town of Fine, and the Village of Potsdam in order to enhance emergency communications through the County, as part of the 2023 Interoperability Tower Project, and

WHEREAS, the County is preparing to construct the emergency communication site in Potsdam to include the installation of a new tower and an equipment shelter, and

WHEREAS, C&S Engineers, Inc. has submitted a proposal to provide the County engineering design and construction administration and inspection services for the Potsdam communications site,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with C&S Engineers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$110,300 (X2Z36404 43007 21SI) for design and project management services for the Interoperability Tower Project in Potsdam, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 138-2025 Entitled "Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with C&S Engineers, Inc. for Design and Project Management Services for the Interoperability Tower Project in Potsdam", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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April 7, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 139-2025

**RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL AND THE NEW YORK STATE
LEGISLATURE TO AVOID INCREASING COSTS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
AND TO ADOPT A STATE SPENDING LIMIT COMPARABLE TO LOCAL
MANDATES**

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

Co-sponsored by Mr. Sheridan, District 4; Mr. Hull, District 8; Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, as elected officials and leaders of New York State, it is incumbent upon us to hold ourselves to the same standards that we profess to others, and

WHEREAS, this is a basic principle and an inherent element of the social contract, and

WHEREAS, the New York State budget appears to have abandoned this principle by mandating counties and local governments stay within a two percent (2%) property tax cap, but often saddling counties with cost increases substantially beyond this two percent (2%) limit, and

WHEREAS, up to eighty percent (80%) of a county's total budget can be dedicated to paying for state and federal mandates, and

WHEREAS, we did not just stumble into this predicament but got here through a series of cost shifts from the state to counties starting with the State and federally defined Medicaid program, Persons in Need of Supervision, indigent legal defense, preschool special education, early intervention, probation and more stemming from the 1960's through today, and

WHEREAS, during the Great Recession, the State reduced reimbursements to counties by nearly \$400 million annually without reducing any of the costs of state-mandated programs, and without lowering state spending on other programs, and

WHEREAS, recent state budgets included a doubling of the hourly rate for 18-B attorneys, leaving counties to pay half the increase at a cost of about \$90 million annually, dramatically increased foster care rates with no state funding support approaching \$200 million, and the state permanently confiscating nearly \$700 million in annual federal Medicaid eFMAP benefits linked to the Affordable Care Act that had been passed through to counties for more than a decade, and

WHEREAS, the property tax cap was first implemented in response to high property taxes, which are a direct result of increases in state mandates, and

WHEREAS, since 2011, New York's budget has grown by over 80 percent, with the average annual increase in general fund spending of 7.7 percent since SFY 2020, and

WHEREAS, the State Division of the Budget acknowledges in recent financial plan documents that revenues from 2024 through 2028 are expected to grow at only 3.5 percent per year and that state spending rate will come in higher than revenue growth, and

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WHEREAS, at the same time, unfunded state mandates have also grown by 37 percent since 2020 and it's important to note that when the state shifts costs to counties and localities, the true value of spending is actually hidden to taxpayers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators calls upon Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature to regularly pass state budgets and other legislation that ensures we are truly making New York a more affordable place to live, work and raise a family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New York State Association of Counties believes the best way to accomplish this goal is to:

- Not increase costs on local governments, or, at a minimum, limit any increase in state-imposed costs on counties to no more than allowable tax cap growth;
- Require the state to stay within the same spending discipline it places on its local governments, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the New York State Association of Counties shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

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I, Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 139-2025 Entitled "Resolution Urging Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature to Avoid Increasing Costs on Local Governments and to Adopt a State Spending Limit Comparable to Local Mandates", adopted April 7, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Kiersten Larrabee

Kiersten Larrabee, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
April 8, 2025