St. Lawrence County

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FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA KEVIN ACRES, CHAIR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 ***BOARD ROOM AND LIVE VIA YOUTUBE *** ***5:30 P.M. ***

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES August 29
- 3. HIGHWAY DON CHAMBERS
 - A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Service Agreement with TRANE US Inc. for Heating, Venting, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Services for the Department of Highways (Res)
 - B. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways for Increased Fuel, Repair, and Overtime Expenses (Res)
 - C. Approving a Change Order with Lawman Heating and Cooling for the Construction of Fuel Island Stations at the Lisbon, Russell, and Potsdam Highway Outpost Facilities (Res)
 - D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Supplemental Agreement with Brooks Washburn, Architect for Additional Services for the Potsdam Outpost Facility and Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways (Res)

4. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Award and Sign a Contract with Waste Management for Processing Recyclable Materials from the Ogdensburg Recycling Transfer Facility (Res)

5. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

- A. Authorizing Collection of Omitted Taxes (Res)
- B. Adoption of the Equalization Rates for 2023 County Taxes (Res) (Info)

6. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

- A. Authorizing the Forgiveness of Interest, Penalties, and Certain Fees on the Property Known as "The Oswegatchie River Cranberry Reservoir Regulating District" Located At 50 Riverside Drive in the Town of Clifton (Res)
- B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Amended Contract with Odin Environmental, LLC, for Phase II Environmental Investigations on Property Owned by the Estate of Lawrence Churchill and Andy Maslin & Donna Maslin (Res)

- C. Transferring an Easement to National Grid for the Benefit of Dillon Smith and Charisse Smith over a Portion of Reforestation Land Owned and Maintained by St. Lawrence County (Res)
- D. Transferring Funds from the 2019 Tax Foreclosure Sale to the Environmental Remediation Reserve Account (Res)
- E. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the County Attorney's Office for the Self-Insurance Fund due to Increased Costs in Scheduled Loss of Use Awards (Res)

7. TREASURER - RENEE COLE

- A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Treasurer's Office for Taxes on County Reforestation Properties (Res)
- B. Amending Resolution No. 22-2022, "Bank Depositories and Investment of County Funds" (Res)

8. COUNTY CLERK - SANDY SANTAMOOR

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the County Clerk's Office for the Purchase of Equipment Related to the Turnkey Management Solution System (Res)

9. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOE SEEBER

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) for the Department of Social Services (Res)

10. LEGISLATOR RITA CURRAN

A. Condemning United States Army Guidance Directing Soldiers to Apply for SNAP Benefits and Calling on the Department of Defense to Investigate Salary Increases for Active Duty Military Personnel (Res)

11. LEGISLATOR JOE LIGHTFOOT

A. Authorizing the County Attorney to Act "of Counsel" to the Plaintiffs in Antonyuk et. al V. Bruen et. al Challenging the Conceal Carry Improvement Act as a Violation of the United States Constitution (Res)

12. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE - RUTH DOYLE

- A. Treasurer
 - 1. Fill Chief Payroll Clerk, Position No. 104300001

13. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS – RUTH DOYLE

A. Information and Update (Discussion)

14. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for Property Maintenance Needs and Energy Costs (Res)

- B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for Exterior Maintenance and Updates at the County Courthouse Complex and Modifying the 2022 Budget to Open a capital project in the County Administrator's Office (Res)
- C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Maintenance Agreement for a Monochrome Digital Press in Central Printing and Mail and Modifying the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator's Office (Res)
- D. Authorizing a Contract with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. to Participate in the New York State Purchasing Card (P-Card) Program (Res)
- E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation for Elevator Maintenance in County Facilities (Res)

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

16. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Adopting Proposed Local Law C (No. ___) for the Year 2022, "Authorizing the Use of Video or Similar Service for Remote Attendance of Meetings of Public Bodies Acting in the Name of St. Lawrence County Pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 for the State of New York" (Res)

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17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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18. ADJOURNMENT – If there is no further business.

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AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TRANE US INC. FOR HEATING, VENTING, AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways has specialized HVAC units throughout its buildings, including the new outposts in Lisbon, Potsdam and Russell, and

WHEREAS, the County has contracted with TRANE US, Inc. ("TRANE") for the maintenance of these units for the past several years, and

WHEREAS, TRANE has updated the renewal documents for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 to include the new Highway outposts at a total cost of \$20,846.58 (HR051304 42202),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a service agreement with TRANE US, Inc. for heating, venting, and air conditioning (HVAC) services for the Department of Highways, upon approval of the County Attorney.

Finance Committee: 9-26-2022

RESOLUTION NO.	
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MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR INCREASED FUEL, REPAIR, AND OVERTIME EXPENSES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 261-2022 authorized a budget modification to address the increase cost of operations after a review of the financial update for the second quarter of 2022, and

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

WHEREAS, additional highway projects have resulted in increases in the rental of County-owned machinery for bridge and paving projects, and

WHEREAS, the Department has seen increases in overtime due to vacancies and the increased workload due to the busy construction season, and

WHEREAS, there is \$38,018 set aside in the contingency account for overtime, and the ability for a department to reapportion funds within its department will provide options in the future if these funds are needed before the end of the year, and

WHEREAS, the cost of motor equipment repair parts continues to escalate and these increases are offset by increases in revenue and other decreases in appropriation lines,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways for increased fuel, repair, and overtime expenses, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HM351101 13000 HM351104 40600	H MR Technical H MR Machinery Rental INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:	\$80,000 <u>182,056</u> \$262,056
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HM351101 18000	H MR Overtime	\$80,000
HA050104 41600	H Admin Electricity	1,000
HA050104 44105	H Admin Natural Gas Purchases	3,700
HG051484 40600	H HSOG Machinery Rental	20,000
HM151124 40600 H1	H H1 Machinery Rental	93,990
HM551124 40600 B1	H B1 Machinery Rental	68,066
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	INCREASE REVENUE:	4-0-3,
HM026505 55000	H LR Sale of Scrap & Excess	\$4,700

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HR051301 13000	H RM Technical		\$5,082
	INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:	.9	
HD051304 42200 HR051301 18000	H ER I/D Equip Repair & Main H RM Overtime		\$55,500 <u>5,082</u> \$60,582
	INCREASE REVENUE:		,
HD012895 55000	H Equip Repairs – Other Departments		\$55,500

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APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER WITH LAWMAN HEATING AND COOLING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FUEL ISLAND STATIONS AT THE LISBON, RUSSELL, AND POTSDAM HIGHWAY OUTPOST FACILITIES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 142-2021 authorized the construction of Highway Outpost Facilities in the Towns of Lisbon and Russell, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 52-2022 authorized the construction of Highway Outpost Facilities in the Town of Potsdam, and

WHEREAS, the construction of fuel islands at all three outposts will incur additional costs not included in the original contracts, and

WHEREAS, construction is completed on the Lisbon and Russell outposts, and

WHEREAS, the general contractor for the Potsdam site, Lawman Heating and Cooling, has agreed to construct a foundation for fuel islands at all three outposts, and

WHEREAS, the cost is offset by the Russell Salt Storage building being under budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators approves a change order for the construction of Fuel Island stations at the Lisbon, Russell, and Potsdam Highway Outpost Facilities, upon approval of the County Attorney, to:

General Contractor: Lawman Heating & Cooling

Fuel Island for Lisbon, Russell and Potsdam Outposts

Not to Exceed \$53,000

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AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BROOKS WASHBURN, ARCHITECT FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR THE POTSDAM OUTPOST FACILITY AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution 261-2019 authorized the Chair to sign a contract with Brooks Washburn, Architect, for the design, bid document preparation and cost estimates for new salt/sand and motor equipment storage facilities for an amount not to exceed \$161,932, and

WHEREAS, a budget modification is needed for additional engineering and design fees for the Potsdam Outpost,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a supplemental agreement for additional services for the Potsdam Outpost Facility, upon approval of the County Attorney, to:

Consultant:

Brooks Washburn, Architect

Contract Title:

Salt/Sand & Motor Equipment Storage Facilities

Town of Potsdam

Additional

Engineering/

Not to Exceed \$35,000

Design Fee:

HR051304 430ED

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HR051304 430ED

H RM Engineering Design

\$35,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

HR051301 13000

H RM Technical

\$35,000

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

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RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR PROCESSING RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FROM THE THE OGDENSBURG RECYCLING TRANSFER FACILITY

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 294-2022 authorized the Chair to sign contracts for the construction of a Recycling Transfer Facility located at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station, and

WHEREAS, the County is responsible for the processing of recyclable materials for efficient transport, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Department solicited bids for the processing of recyclable materials from the Ogdensburg Recycling Transfer Facility, and

WHEREAS, the base price listed is based on the market at the time of the bid submission and the price each month will be adjusted based on current market conditions, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract for processing recyclable materials from the Ogdensburg Recycling Transfer Facility in Ogdensburg, upon approval of the County Attorney, to:

Contractor:

Waste Management

Base Price:

\$115/ton

50% Paid When Commodity Value is above Processing Fee

100% Commodity Value Share over Processing Fee

Contract Title:

Processing Recyclable Materials

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

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RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING COLLECTION OF OMITTED TAXES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Sections 520 and 551 of the Real Property Tax Law make provisions for the taxation of exempt property upon transfer of title and addition of omitted parcels from the roll of the previous year, and

WHEREAS, Section 520 states that the property shall be taxed pro rata for the unexpired portion of any fiscal year during which said transfer of title occurred, and

WHEREAS, for purposes of any fiscal year or years during which title to such property is transferred, such property shall be deemed to have been omitted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes collection of omitted taxes to the 2023 tax roll pursuant to Sections 520 and 551 under Title 3 of Article Five of the Real Property Tax Law.

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ADOPTION OF THE EQUALIZATION RATES FOR 2023 COUNTY TAXES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Section 900 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law requires that county taxes be levied upon the basis of the full valuation of taxable real property determined in accordance with Article 8 of that law, and

WHEREAS, Article 8 requires the apportionment of county taxes upon the aggregate full value of taxable real property in each city and town determined by dividing the assessed valuation thereof by the county equalization rate established for each city and town by the county equalization agency, and

WHEREAS, Section 804 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law requires the adoption of the county equalization rates by the county legislature,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators adopts the equalization rates for 2023 County Taxes, as follows:

MUNICIPALITY	EQUALIZATION RATE
Ogdensburg	96.00
Brasher	95.50
Canton	86.00
Clare	2.48
Clifton	85.00
Colton	96.00
Dekalb	84.00
Depeyster	55.00
Edwards	78.00
Fine	100.00
Fowler	9.50
Gouverneur	86.00
Hammond	87.00
Hermon	99.00
Hopkinton	93.00
Lawrence	88.00
Lisbon	70.00
Louisville	71.00
Macomb	45.00
Madrid	80.50
Massena	92.00
Morristown	93.00
Norfolk	75.00
Oswegatchie	97.00
Parishville	5.60
Piercefield	91.00

Pierrepont	79.50
Pitcairn	98.00
Potsdam	84.00
Rossie	94.00
Russell	65.50
Stockholm	76.00
Waddington	78.00

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County of St Lawrence

New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Office of Real Property Tax Services WA Harriman State Campus

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Date: Aug 10, 2022 Time: 8:38 AM

		2022 Equalization	Trate oraine		
Municipal Code	Municipal Name	(A) 2021 State Equalization Rate	(B) 2022 State Equalization Rate and Sta	on	(C) Percentage Change in Estimate of Full Value
101000	City of Ogdensburg	100.00	96.00	Final	4.17%
401200	Town of Brasher	100.00	95.50	Final	4.71%
402000	Town of Canton	90.00	86.00	Final	4.65%
402200	Town of Clare	2.99	2.48	Final	20.56%
402400	Town of Clifton	90.00	85.00	Final	5.88%
402600	Town of Colton	100.00	96.00	Final	4.17%
402800		93.00	84.00	Final	10.71%
403000	Town of Dekalb	59.50	55.00	Final	8.18%
403200	Town of De Peyster	86.00	78.00	Final	10.26%
403400	Town of Edwards	100.00	100.00	Final	0.00%
403600	Town of Fine	11.80	9.50	Final	24.21%
403800	Town of Fowler	93.00	86.00	Final	8.14%
404000	Town of Gouverneur	96.00	87.00	Final	10.34%
404200	Town of Hammond	100.00	99.00	Final	1.01%
404400	Town of Hermon	94.00	93.00	Final	1.08%
404600	Town of Hopkinton	100.00	88.00	Final	13.64%
404800	Town of Lawrence	75.00	70.00	Final	7.14%
405000	Town of Lisbon	81.00	71.00	Final	14.08%
405200	Town of Louisville	48.50	45.00	Final	7.78%
405400	Town of Macomb	84.00	80.50	Final	4.35%
405600	Town of Madrid	100.00	92.00	Final	8.70%
405800	Town of Massena	100.00	93.00	Final	7.53%
406000	Town of Morristown	79.00	75.00	Final	5.33%
406200	Town of Norfolk	100.00	97.00	Final	3.09%
406400	Town of Oswegatchie	6.09	5.60	Final	8.75%
406600	Town of Parishville	100.00	91.00	Final	9.89%
406800	Town of Piercefield	88.00	79.50	Final	10.69%
407000	Town of Pierrepont	100.00	98.00	Final	2.04%
407200	Town of Pitcairn	90.00	84.00	Final	7.14%
407400	Town of Potsdam	100.00	94.00	Final	6.38%
407600	Town of Rossie	70.00	65.50		6.87%
407800	Town of Russell	83.00	76.00		9.21%
408000	Town of Stockholm	86.00	78.00		10.26%
408200	Town of Waddington	00.00	7 0.00	, ,,,	

Column C is the percentage change in the estimate of full value between the 2021 State equalization rate and the 2022 State equalization rate due to the change in full value standard.

This percentage change is important because county and school taxes are apportioned according to a municipality's share of the full value of the county or the school. A municipality will be apportioned a larger share of the tax levy if its full value increases by a larger percentage than others, or if its full value decreases less than the decrease for other municipalities in the county or school.

The information shown in columns B and C is subject to change as other rates are established in the county. You will be sent a complete report when we have established 2022 State equalization rates for all municipalities in your county.

Finance Committee: 9-26-2022

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE FORGIVENESS OF INTEREST, PENALTIES, AND CERTAIN FEES ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS "THE OSWEGATCHIE RIVER CRANBERRY RESERVOIR REGULATING DISTRICT" LOCATED AT 50 RIVERSIDE DRIVE IN THE TOWN OF CLIFTON

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Oswegatchie River Cranberry Reservoir Regulating District ("ORCRRD") is the title owner to land located at 50 Riverside Drive in the Town of Clifton with a Tax Map #205.070-2-12.12, and

WHEREAS, in 1987, ORCRRD and Trafalgar Power, Inc. entered into a 50-year lease for lease of premises allowing Trafalgar to install a power generator, obtain a FERC license and provided for the lessee to pay any ad valorem taxes assessed to the leased premises, and

WHEREAS, in about 2004, Trafalgar declared bankruptcy and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court appointed Algonquin Power Corporation to manage the facility, and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the lease, by order of the bankruptcy court, and FERC license were transferred to Ampersand Power, and

WHEREAS, Ampersand failed to pay the lease payments for a number of years claiming they were unaware of a lease addendum setting the lease payment amounts and the dispute was finally resolved by Ampersand conveying all of their interest in the lease back to ORCRRD, and

WHEREAS, ORCRRD received a tax bill for the year 2020 for real estate taxes due on the leased parcel, a petition, and notice of tax foreclosure, and

WHEREAS, ORCRRD is willing to pay the 2020 tax bill but has requested that the County compromise the amount by removing all interest, penalties, and fees associated with the 2020 delinquency to its original amount of \$5,397.18, given the fault of the delinquency on Ampersand Power,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizing the forgiveness of interest, penalties, and certain fees on the property known as "The Oswegatchie River Cranberry Reservoir Regulating District" located at 50 Riverside Drive in the Town of Clifton, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Legislators under Real Property Tax Law § 1138, the base taxes for the year 2020, in the amount of \$5,397.18, associated with land located at 50 Riverside Drive in the Town of Clifton with a Tax Map #205.070-2-12.12 and owned by the Oswegatchie River Cranberry Reservoir Regulating District with such remaining interest, penalties, and fees accumulated to date to be forgiven.

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AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH ODIN ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC, FOR PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE ESTATE OF LAWRENCE CHURCHILL AND ANDY MASLIN & DONNA MASLIN

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

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

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2022, the Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 213-2022 which amended the original contract to include initial environmental investigations to be performed on the Maslin Site and the Churchill Site, and

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

WHEREAS, following execution of the amended contract with Odin Environmental, LLC, Odin performed a site ground penetrating radar inspection which uncovered buried petroleum tanks at the sites, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the discoveries, additional testing and soil borings are required to determine the extent of any contamination at the two locations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amended contract, and any other documentation necessary to effectuate the terms of the agreement, with Odin Environmental, LLC, for Phase II Environmental Investigations on property owned by the Estate of Lawrence Churchill and Andy Maslin & Donna Maslin, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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TRANSFERRING AN EASEMENT TO NATIONAL GRID FOR THE BENEFIT OF DILLON SMITH AND CHARISSE SMITH OVER A PORTION OF REFORESTATION LAND OWNED AND MAINTAINED BY ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence is the record title owner of a tract of land in the Town of Colton on the Lenny Road identified as Section 105.001/Block 3/Lot 2 with Tax Map No. 1005.001-3-2 pursuant to a deed recorded in the County Clerk's Office at Liber 272 on Page 248, and

WHEREAS, the County of St. Lawrence has dedicated such parcel as "reforestation lands" which are managed by the St. Lawrence County Soil and Water District, and

WHEREAS, National Grid, on behalf of neighboring landowners Dillon Smith and Charisse Smith, have requested an easement over a portion of the land owned by St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law §215(1), the Board of Legislators has general control and dominion over all lands owned and maintained by the County and must authorize any conveyance of an interest in real property owned by the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to transfer an easement to National Grid for the benefit of Dillon Smith and Charisse Smith over a portion of Reforestation Lands owned and maintained by St. Lawrence County, upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

Finance Committee: 9-26-2022

TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE 2019 TAX FORECLOSURE SALE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION RESERVE ACCOUNT

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 342-2007 established the Environmental Remediation Reserve Account (ENRS) from the excess revenue from the 2007 tax sale for the purpose of investigating contaminated parcels and other environmental initiatives within the County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 58-2014 recommended to all future Board of Legislators that excess tax sale revenue over budget be used to help fund and maintain the ENRS Account, and

WHEREAS, this year, the remediation efforts have increased through the Real Tax Property Environmental Remediation Program, and

WHEREAS, the balance in the account as of August 30, 2022 is \$3,957 and is in need of replenishment for future environmental initiatives, and

WHEREAS, the 2019 tax foreclosure sale, which occurred in 2021, recognized more in revenue than was budgeted and a portion of those funds are recommended to be transferred to the ENRS account to support the additional environmental remediation work currently underway in 2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to transfer funds from the 2019 Tax Foreclosure Sale to the Environmental Remediation Reserve Account, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0911 50300

FUND BAL, Unreserved Unappropriated

\$50,000

INCREASE RESERVED FUND BALANCE:

01TG0899 50300 ENRS Environmental Remediation Reserve

\$50,000

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MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE SELF-INSURANCE FUND DUE TO INCREASED COSTS IN SCHEDULED LOSS OF USE AWARDS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Self-Insurance Fund is responsible for the payment of Workers' Compensation related expenditures, and

WHEREAS, part of the administration of the workers' compensation claims requires an assessment of files that may not be prepared for full and final settlement but where a claimant has reached maximum medical improvement, and

WHEREAS, under New York Workers' Compensation Law, a Schedule Loss of Use Award may be made when a claimant has reached maximum medical improvement and the claimant's body part(s) have a permanent loss of use as a result of their work-related injury, and

WHEREAS, under a Schedule Loss of Use Award, compensation is limited to a certain number of weeks based on the body part and severity of the disability, according to a schedule set by law, and

WHEREAS, the employer see a credit both from the fact that the temporary benefits that have been paid are deducted from the total Schedule Loss of Use Award, and future full and final settlements are reduced by that credit as an advance against the final value of the claim, and

WHEREAS, these Schedule Loss of Use Award are largely viewed within the industry as the end of claim incapable of being fully and finally settled due to some other impediment such as continued employment, and

WHEREAS, these Schedule Loss of Use Award, common during economic downturns, have created a deficit in the Benefits and Awards account which also covers the claimants' medical and indemnity payments, and

WHEREAS, County Law, Article 7, Sections 363 and 366, allows the County Board of Legislators to make additional appropriations or increase existing appropriations from the unappropriated fund balance within a particular fund, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to transfer funds from the Self-Insurance Plan Reserve account, by increasing the appropriated fund balance to cover those payments as they come due,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the County Attorney's Office for the Self-Insurance Fund due to increased costs in scheduled Loss of Use Awards, as follows:

DECREASE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

07TG0911 50300 Fund Bal, Unreserved Unappropriated \$500,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

07TG0910 50300 Fund Bal, Unreserved Appropriated \$500,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

LI017204 40301 SI Workers Comp Benefits and Awards \$500,000

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MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR TAXES ON COUNTY REFORESTATION PROPERTIES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County owns several reforestation properties that are utilized for the production of timber and forest products, recreation and watershed protection, and

WHEREAS, the County is responsible for remitting taxes to the tax districts in which these properties are located, and

WHEREAS, the 2022 taxes for these parcels have exceeded the 2022 budgeted appropriation and a budget modification is necessary,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Treasurer's Office for taxes on County Reforestation Properties, as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T3019504 49800

T Taxes on County Reforestation

\$5,855

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T3013254 43007

T Other Fees & Services

\$5,855

Finance Committee: 9-26-2022

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AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-2022, "BANK DEPOSITORIES AND INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS"

By Mr. Acres, 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:

Depository Name	Maximum
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

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.

Note: Changes are reflected in bold.

INVESTMENT POLICY FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

I. SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all moneys 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 listing 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.

Finance Committee: 9-26-2022

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT RELATED TO THE TURNKEY MANAGEMENT SOLUTION SYSTEM

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office is the office of record for all real property, civil and criminal records, as well as pistol and rifle records, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office is required to reproduce these documents on a regular basis, and is currently using the Info Quick Solutions, Inc. (IQS) Turnkey Management Solution System, which allows these records to be digitized, and

WHEREAS, the current contract with IQS expired on August 31, 2022, and a review of services provided identified potential savings of \$162,255, and

WHEREAS, the hardware and maintenance of hardware will now be provided in-house which will result in a savings of \$32,451 annually, once implemented,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer is authorized to modify the 2022 Budget for the County Clerk's Office for the purchase of equipment related to the Turnkey Management Solution System, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$47,000
	INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:	
K1114102 22001 K1114102 22002	K CC Computer Hardware K CC Personal Computer	\$26,600 <u>20,400</u> \$47,000

Finance Committee: 9-26-2022

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MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, updated information regarding funding allocations for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program is available and it is necessary to modify the 2022 Budget for Social Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) for the Department of Social Services as follows:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DAG60101 11000 ERAP	D ERAP Direct Service Worker	\$12,595
DAG60108 81000 ERAP	Retirement	1,835
DAG60108 83000 ERAP	Social Security	919
DAG60108 84000 ERAP	Workers' Compensation	336
DAG60108 84500 ERAP	Group Life Insurance	27
DAG60108 86000 ERAP	Hospital & Medical Insurance	4,033
DAG60108 85600 ERAP	Dental Insurance	187
DAG60108 89000 ERAP	Vision Insurance	68
DAG60104 43007 ERAP	D ERAP Other Fees and Services	<u>6,000</u>
		\$26,000
	INCREASE REVENUE:	
DAG46105 57000 ERAP	D ERAP Federal Aid	\$26,000

Finance Committee: 9-26-2022

RESOLUTION NO.	
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CONDEMNING UNITED STATES ARMY GUIDANCE DIRECTING SOLDIERS TO APPLY FOR SNAP BENEFITS AND CALLING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO INVESTIGATE SALARY INCREASES FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL

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

- WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County serves as home to many soldiers of the U.S. Army and their families, stationed at Fort Drum in Jefferson County, and
- WHEREAS, in August of 2022, the U.S. Army quietly released guidance which says troops and their families can sign up for food stamps if they are struggling financially due to inflation, and
- WHEREAS, the guidance from Sergeant Major of the Army (SMA) Michael Grinston states that "service members and their families may be eligible" for SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and provides information on how to apply, and
- WHEREAS, the SNAP Program provides benefits for low-income families to purchase food and is operated at the local level through the Department of Social Services in each county in New York, and
- WHEREAS, earlier this year, participants in a bipartisan congressional hearing warned food insecurity among military veterans is a crisis that has worsened since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, and
- WHEREAS, with low pay and elevated prices for food and gas as a result of inflation, some soldiers may eventually feel forced to accept food and housing assistance from the same government that determines their monthly income, and
- WHEREAS, Mackenzie Eaglen, an analyst at the American Enterprise Institute, claims that "24% of enlisted personnel are food insecure," per the Pentagon, and
- WHEREAS, according to the federal government, a recent Army enlistee with two years of experience or less receives just shy of \$22,000 a year in salary, a salary that has remained fairly stagnant for decades, with no cost of living adjustment (COLA) in sight, and
- WHEREAS, an individual working a minimum wage job at 40 hours a week under the recently raised New York State minimum wage standard would secure an annual salary of \$27,456 in St. Lawrence County, more per year than a soldier in the U.S. Army, and
- WHEREAS, rather than recommending that soldiers and their families receive SNAP benefits, the US Army and the Department of Defense should investigate COLA increases and implement an appropriate wage schedule for soldiers serving the United States,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators condemn the recommendations of the US Army to soldiers and their families that they utilize SNAP benefits for food scarcity and to combat inflationary pressures, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Legislators calls upon its Federal Representatives to encourage the Department of Defense to analyze the salary structure of servicemen and servicewomen to provide a salary commensurate with the service provided by these individuals to their country, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to United States Senator Charles Schumer, United States Senator Kristen Gillibrand, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, and Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III.

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RESOLUTION NO.	
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AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACT "OF COUNSEL" TO THE PLAINTIFFS IN ANTONYUK ET. AL V. BRUEN ET. AL CHALLENGING THE CONCEAL CARRY IMPROVEMENT ACT AS A VIOLATION OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

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

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Board of Legislators supported the efforts of the State of Louisiana and seventeen (17) other States who filed amicus seeking to challenge provisions of the pistol licensing statutes in New York State through the legal action of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. City of New York, State of New York et. al., and

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

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to that direction, the County Attorney, as a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar, reviewed the briefs filed in the matter of New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. et. al. v. Kevin P. Bruen, In his Official Capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police et. al (hereinafter referred to as 'Bruen') pending before the United States Supreme Court and recommended the Board of Legislators join the efforts in support of the amicus filed by numerous States in opposition to the legal position on pistol licensure in New York State, and

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

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

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

- WHEREAS, in response to the *Bruen* decision, the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul concluded a two-day extraordinary session on July 1, 2022 that led to Governor Hochul signing the "Concealed Carry Improvement Act" so titled by its proponents, and
- WHEREAS, the Concealed Carry Improvement Act moved to circumvent the decision to deprive its citizens of any effective right to self-defense in public in one major way, by exponentially expanding the places ["Sensitive places"] in which a person with a valid license cannot carry a firearm for self-defense, and
- WHEREAS, the Concealed Carry Improvement Act includes alarming provisions that flout the *Bruen* precedent by requiring concealed carry permit applicants to display good moral character; subject their social media accounts for review; submit to in-person interviews with law enforcement; provide four (4) character references; undergo eighteen (18) hours of combined training, an increase from the existing four-hour requirement; and recertify every three (3) years instead of the prior recertification period of every five (5) years, and
- WHEREAS, immediately following the passage of the Conceal Carry Improvement Act, multiple lawsuits were filed challenging the legislation, and one of the more prominent of these suits was *Antonyuk and Gun Owners of America et. al v. Bruen et. al* in the Northern District of New York U.S. District Court, and
- WHEREAS, following a hearing on August 23rd, Chief Judge Glenn T. Suddaby of the Northern District of New York denied the preliminary injunction motion and dismissed the initial filing of *Antonyuk* for lack of standing in an August 31st decision, and,
- WHEREAS, despite dismissing the case for lack of standing, Chief Judge Suddaby included a 22-page evaluation of the plaintiffs' likelihood of success on the merits—noting that this section "was dictum but was include[d]... out of an abundance of caution, because at least a conceivable chance exists that Plaintiffs may take an immediate appeal of this Decision and order to the Second Circuit and be found to, in fact, possess standing, in which case what follows would constitute the Court's holding," and
- **WHEREAS**, the Court excoriated legislative drafting of New York, stating that the law "reads less like a measured response [to *NYSRPA v. Bruen*] than a wish list of exercise-inhibiting restrictions glued together by a severability clause in case some of the more fanciful restrictions were struck down," and
- WHEREAS, in dismissing the action, the Court announced that the dismissal would be without prejudice to the ability of the plaintiff to re-file in the names of the individual New York State residents who had been harmed and constituted the group of members of the Gun Owners of America, and
- WHEREAS, on September 12, 2022, the Board of Legislators passed Resolution No. 306-2022 opposing the recently enacted "Conceal Carry Improvement Act," and authorizing the County Attorney to explore options for legal challenges, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that direction, the County Attorney has spoken with NYSRPA and with the Virginia-based and Mississippi-based legal counsel for the gun Owners of America, Robert Olson and Stephen Stamboulieh, and has been offered the opportunity to act "of counsel" to the litigation, providing material support and guidance as to the state of New York State law and practice pertaining to gun licensure and legal procedure, and

WHEREAS, "of Counsel" is defined as "a lawyer who is not a partner, associate, shareholder, or member of a firm, but who has some sort of a close and continuing relationship with the firm with the common view of the relationship as someone who is providing close, ongoing, regular and frequent contact for the purpose of consultation and advice, acting as a trusted advisor or senior counselor,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Legislators authorizes the County Attorney to act "of Counsel" to the plaintiffs in Antonyuk et. al v. Bruen et. al challenging the Conceal Carry Improvement Act as a violation of the United States Constitution, and

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

St. Lawrence County Vacancy Authorization Form

Treasurer



Chief Payroll Clerk

Subunit (If Applicable):

Reason Vacated: Resignation

Date Vacated: 08/01/2022

Position Will Be: Fulltime

Hours Per Week: 35

Date Submitted: 07/29/2022

Position Number: 104300001

Position # Abolished:

Last Fill Date: 06/18/2018

Appointee Will Be: Permanent

Budget

Fill Request Timeline: Immediately

Temporary Position?

No

Salary of Person Leaving: \$58,534

Revenue Generating:

%

Benefits: Yes (56.08%)

\$32,826

Reimbursed by Local, State or Federal Funds: No

%

Base Salary: \$51,857

Budget Mod Attached, If Required?

Grade: II

Net County Cost: \$91,360

Detailed Justification

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

This position is critical to the successful financial operations of the County. The Chief Payroll Clerk is responsible for all payroll related duties. Responsible for reviewing, managing and producing the biweekly payroll for more than 800 staff members including the addition of new staff members, changes in salary or benefit levels, changes in allocations and special check requests. Retirement, deferred compensation and tax payments are prepared biweekly as well.

NYS Retirement reconciliation, reporting and processing is done monthly. Quarterly duties include reconciling the payroll records and filing Internal Revenue Service 941 and NYS- 45 reports. On an annual basis there is year end auditing, processing and filing of employee W2s. Each new year must be set up for new salary and benefit amounts, changes in allocations and contractual updates.

The position supervises a Payroll Clerk and Sr. Account clerk. The Chief Payroll Clerk also plays an integral roll on the County Budget Team and manages the maintenance of the MUNIS Payroll program including troubleshooting problem areas and creating and working through Tyler Technology support tickets.

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County Administrator:

Resolution #:

Finance Committee: 9-26-2022

RESOLUTION NO.

MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE NEEDS AND ENERGY COSTS

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the cost of operating County facilities have increased above the adopted budget which has impacted projects that include but are not limited to items such as elevator maintenance, reopening and replacement of bottle friendly water fountains, and HVAC purchases for heat pump replacements, and

WHEREAS, energy costs have grown at an rate, specifically, the market rates for electricity and natural gas which will require a budget modification as well as adjustment to the predictions for the 2023 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the increase cost associated with energy has resulted, in part, in an increase in sales tax to the County so reinvesting those funds in these areas makes sense, and

WHEREAS, the contingency account provides targeted areas for these appropriation increases with \$100,000 set aside for energy spikes and \$445,000 set aside for capital maintenance needs, and

WHEREAS, additional work being completed in the Department of Social Services to update offices will continue through the end of the year and this will assist with staff relocations and effort to provide an improved work environment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget to address the unanticipated energy costs and facility maintenance and updates, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	\$66,631
BG016204 40900	BLDG Building Supplies & Expenses	14,754
		\$81,385
	INCREASE REVENUE:	
T3011105 55000	T Sales and Use Tax	\$263,500
DA046155 57000 FFAD	D FA FFFS TANF Admin	632
DA036105 56000	D SA General Administration	2,578
DA046105 57000	D FA General Administration	5,449
DAF46115 57000	D FA Food Stamps Administration	1,823
DAF46115 57000 EMXX	D FA Food Stamps Employment	276
DAS36105 560CW	D SA Child Welfare Funding	3,226
DAE46155 57000 FFADD	FA FFS Employment Administration	302

DAS46155 570CW	D FA FFFS Child Welfare Service		111
DAS46155 57000 EAF	D FA FFFS Foster Care Revenue	1,000	612
			\$278,509
	INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:		
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BG016204 40800	BLDG Building & Property Maintenance		\$56,017
BG016204 41600	BLDG Electricity		97,000
BG016204 41802	BLDG Heating-Natural Gas		25,000
BG016204 41802 HSC	BLDG HSC Heating-Natural Gas		1,500
BG016204 42100	BLDG Equipment Rent		2,000
BG016204 43007	BLDG Other Fees & Services		24,000
BG016204 44000	BLDG I/D Automotive Expenses		10,000
BG016204 44100	BLDG I/D Fuel Charges		2,500
BGJ16204 40800	BLDG Jail Maintenance		14,377
BGJ16204 41600	BLDG Jail Electricity		67,500
BGJ16204 41802	BLDG Jail Heating-Natural Gas		30,000
DAA60102 21000	D ADM Furniture & Fixtures		30,000
			\$359 894

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AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE AND UPDATES AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMPLEX AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET TO OPEN A CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the County Courthouse was constructed in 1893 with the addition of new County Clerk's Office in 1924, and a new County Courthouse Complex expansion was completed in 1993, and

WHEREAS, significant exterior maintenance tasks on the County Courthouse Complex have been deferred due to fiscal challenges, the County would like to adequately perform preventive maintenance and earlier this year a competitive process was undertaken to seek interested contractors to work with the County on this project, and

WHEREAS, the exterior conditions of the County Courthouse require attention at this time, to ensure the environmental impacts and visual aesthetics presented to the residents and visitors is both safe and maintained in appropriate form,

WHEREAS, the work at the Court House Complex to be completed includes, but is not limited to: masonry cleaning, painting of window frames and two wooden panels, ornamental iron work; removal and replacement of forty-one (41) concrete sidewalk sections in the front of the 1993 Courthouse, removal of concrete and replacement of a seating surface; supply of twenty three (23) Hawthorn Granite stones; provide aerial drone survey of selected stone features on the Courthouse and County Clerks Building to determine masonry conditions presenting a need for short term and long term planned preventive maintenance, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign contracts, as follows, for the exterior maintenance and updates to the County Court House Complex, upon approval of the County Attorney:

•	Continental Construction LLC, Gouverneur NY (RFP-2022-17)	\$24,060
•	Montroy Contracting, Heuvelton NY (RFP-2022-26)	\$49,500
	Adirondack Natural Stone, Whitehall NY	\$10,096
•	WCT Surveyors, Canton NY	\$1,760

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2022 Budget to open a capital project in the County Administrator's Office, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

T6199509 90600 T IFT GF Transfer to CP \$90,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG616204 43007 CB Court Building Projects \$90,000

INCREASE REVENUE:

T6650319 90100 T IFT CP Transfers from GF \$90,000

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RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR A MONOCHROME DIGITAL PRESS IN CENTRAL PRINTING AND MAIL AND MODIFYING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Central Printing and Mail provides service to county departments for print requests with mailing services, and

WHEREAS, the office maintains a monochrome digital press, which has averaged approximately 793,000 impressions per year over the last three years, including production of all property tax bills, and

WHEREAS, the lease for the current monochrome digital press has expired and a cost analysis on the lease versus purchase a new device and yielded that a purchase provides for savings to the County over a five-year period, and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the device in good working condition, the County would like authorization to include a maintenance agreement into the purchase,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a maintenance agreement for a Monochrome Digital Press in Central Printing and Mail, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700

B SPEC Contingency Account

\$48,250

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BP016702 22000

B CM Office Equipment

\$48,250

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AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW YORK STATE PURCHASING CARD (P-CARD) PROGRAM

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 221-2014 authorized the implementation of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Payment Solutions (P-Card) Program administered by PFM Financial Services, LLC (PFM), and

WHEREAS, since the passage of Resolution No. 221-2014, St. Lawrence County has received rebate revenue averaging \$112,282 per year over the last three years, and since 2015 has earned a total of \$635,041 in rebate revenue (BS027705 55000), and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2022, New York State issued a contract award notification for Purchasing, Travel and NET Card Services to J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., and

WHEREAS, the awarded contract with J.P. Morgan offers extremely competitive rebate percentages and carries the potential for increased revenue to the County, and

WHEREAS, potential efficiencies exist with the ability of J.P. Morgan to integrate with the financial system used by the County, MUNIS, and

WHEREAS, the administration of this program will be the responsibility of the Purchasing Unit, with oversight functions of the responsibility of the County Auditor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. to participate in the New York State Purchasing Card (P-Card) Program.

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AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE IN COUNTY FACILITIES

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the importance of preventive maintenance and adequate response time for repairs has required a review of the current status of contractual relationships the County has for elevator maintenance, and

WHEREAS, the County solicited quotes to provide elevator maintenance for county facilities and Schindler Elevator Corporation has provided the lowest price quote which meets necessary specifications, and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract will be retroactive for five (5) years from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2027, for monthly elevator maintenance at a price of \$1,250 per month (BG016204 43007) for a total annual cost of \$15,000,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation to provide elevator maintenance for County facilities, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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

By Mr. Acres, Chair, Finance Committee

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

Section 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- A. The people's right to witness and observe the governmental decision-making process in action is basic to our society. Access to public portions of meetings of public bodies must be protected and maintained.
- B. We adopt these guidelines in order to provide direction concerning the procedures by which public meetings of this public body may be photographed, recorded and broadcast.

Section 2. RECORDING AND BROADCASTING PUBLIC PORTIONS OF MEETINGS

- A. The public portion of any meeting of a public body may be photographed, recorded and broadcast.
- B. A public body may adopt reasonable rules governing the location of equipment and personnel used to photograph, record or broadcast the public portion of a meeting in order to ensure that the use of such equipment does not detract from or interfere with the deliberative process.
- C. There is no privacy interest in statements made during public portions of meetings of public bodies. Distaste or embarrassment shall not constitute a basis for prohibiting or limiting the photographing, recording or broadcasting of those present at a meeting.

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

- A. Operation of equipment to photograph, record or broadcast a meeting is permitted unless it is obtrusive, disruptive, or interferes with the deliberative process or the right of persons in attendance to observe or listen to the proceedings.
- B. Use of equipment necessary to photograph, record or broadcast is permitted without notice to or express permission from the public body or those in attendance at the meeting.
- C. Use of equipment necessary to photograph, record or broadcast is permitted in a supervised or unsupervised manner.

- D. Use of special lighting or large equipment necessary to photograph, record or broadcast a meeting is permitted unless it is obtrusive or disruptive.
- E. Personnel who operate equipment necessary to photograph, record and/or broadcast a meeting shall be permitted to move about the room, as long as such movement does not disrupt or interfere with the deliberative process.
- F. Use of equipment necessary to photograph, record and/or broadcast a meeting shall not be limited to a location from which such equipment is not reasonably capable of photographing, recording and/or broadcasting.
- G. Persons operating equipment necessary to photograph, record and/or broadcast shall be given a reasonable opportunity to modify their actions in order to avoid interference with the deliberative process.

Section 4. PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Section 5. SEVERABILITY

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

Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

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