

A public hearing was held pursuant to ED-014-25, adopted by the Legislature on August 5, 2025, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Application for Micro-Enterprise Grant Funds. Legislator Godfrey opened the hearing 5:50 p.m. and closed it at approximately 5:53 p.m.

OFFICIAL RECORD

Lockport, New York
September 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wydysh at 6:05 p.m.

Clerk Tomasino called the roll. All Legislators were present.

Legislator Andres led a moment of silence for Charlie Kirk.

Chairman Wydysh thanked everyone who attended the Fall NYSAC Conference and gave a special thanks to the Sheriff and his staff for their presence at the conference.

Chairman Wydysh called Amy Schiifferli to the lectern to speak on the recent changes to Wetlands Expansion. DEC will be hosting a presentation to clarify some of these changes a date and time to be determined.

Chairman Wydysh called Legislator Hill and Sheriff Michael Filicetti to the lectern to read a proclamation declaring September 14 -20th, 2025 as "Sheriffs Week" in Niagara County.

8 citizens spoke on the Agenda.

Recess.

Moved by Bradt, second by Robins to accept the Preferred Agenda.

Resolution No. CW-019-25 was read at this time. (Appears in numerical order)

Resolution No. AD-036-25 was read at this time. (Appears in numerical order)

Resolution No. AD-032-25

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

BUDGET MODIFICATION – BEAUTIFICATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission continues to make voluntary in lieu of tax payments to Niagara County on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission continues to support the use of these funds for various activities of the Niagara County Center for Economic Development related to economic and tourism development, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County is hosting the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) statewide fall conference and President's Reception, which will bring hundreds of elected and appointed county officials from all over New York State to Niagara Falls and Niagara County, creating a positive economic impact, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Committed Fund Balance, and

WHEREAS, funds have been graciously received from sponsors of the event, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Convention Center is uniquely situated to provide as host and culinary professionals for the end of conference event for the hundreds of elected and appointed county officials from all over New York State, and

WHEREAS, under Niagara County's Purchasing Guidelines, the Niagara County Legislature and the requisite committee(s) have the discretion to waive the guidelines for a professional services contract, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the agreement, the County Attorney will review for approval as to legal form, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature approves the waiver of the Niagara County Purchasing Policy for Professional Services for the NYSCA conference event, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the agreement with the Niagara Falls Convention Center shall be executed pursuant to Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County allocate up to \$55,000 in Niagara Falls Bridge Commission funding and sponsor donations for the 2025 NYSAC Fall Conference, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A.28.8020.811 40599.01	Appropriated Fund Balance Committed Funds	\$50,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A.28.8020.811 42705.00	Gifts and Donations Revenue	\$ 5,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.28.8020.811 74550.29	Programs Beautification Program	\$55,000
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. AD-033-25

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

PURCHASE OF IN REM PROPERTY

WHEREAS, online bidding took place from July 23, 2025 commencing at noon through August 6, 2025, at 10:00 am for the public auction for the sale of properties acquired by the County of Niagara by its In Rem Action, and

WHEREAS, as a result of said auction, the attached list of properties were struck down to each of the named individuals for the price indicated for each parcel, said price being the highest bid price received, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the purchase offers set forth in the attached list and any alternate bidder from the sale herein referenced be, and the same hereby are, accepted and the Chairman of the legislature is hereby authorized and directed to execute suitable quit-claim deeds, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, upon the receipt by the County Treasurer of the entire balance due on the purchase price of said properties, at which time said deeds,

as provided in the terms of sale shall be recorded in the Niagara County Clerk's Office in the name of the respective purchaser.

Lot#	Serial#	SBL#	Purchaser	Bid Price
4	2022-020	70.02-1-26	Franklin LaPort	\$ 32,800.00
5	2021-023	71.01-1-9	LPC North31 Investments LLC	\$ 29,500.00
9	2022-031	146.13-2-57	Susan Zummo	\$ 39,600.00
11	2022-183	118.20-2-1	Kohinoor Akther	\$102,300.00
13	2022-067	40.00-1-60.122	AlAmir AlFatihah	\$ 1,025.00
15	2021-071	39.00-1-39.1	Nicholas Curtis	\$ 23,800.00
16	2021-073	39.17-1-62	Gold Key Prime LLC	\$ 38,000.00
17	2021-075	39.17-1-69	Michael Bellagamba	\$ 4,150.00
18	2022-078	130.83-2-20	Sneha Pablani	\$ 31,500.00
19	2022-086	132.13-1-14	Brian Scholtisek	\$ 2,900.00
20	2022-094	144.27-2-18	General Profesional Services LLC	\$ 64,400.00
22	2022-098	145.10.3-8	Munawar Din	\$ 120.00
23	2022-099	146.13-2-21	Yash Paghadal	\$ 1,525.00
24	2022-100	146.13-2-3	Kenneth Candella	\$ 1,325.00
25	2022-101	146.13-2-51	Donald Hardy Jr	\$ 2,600.00
26	2022-102	146.13-2-52	Michael Johnson	\$ 2,050.00
27	2022-103	146.13-2-53	Khalid Othman	\$ 2,300.00
28	2022-104	146.13-2-54	Khalid Othman	\$ 2,500.00
29	2022-105	146.13-2-55	Khalid Othman	\$ 3,150.00
30	2022-106	146.13-2-56	LPC North31 Investments LLC	\$ 2,275.00
31	2022-107	146.13-2-57	Mark Mundier Jr	\$ 3,550.00
32	2022-108	146.61-1-13	Yash Paghadal	\$ 2,025.00
33	2022-109	146.17-4-24	Randall Brown	\$ 1,550.00
36	2022-138	86.17-1-67	Yogeshrie Sewdarsan	\$ 13,200.00
39	2022-171	162.12-1-5.111	Adefowo Oduyungbo	\$ 2,650.00
41	2022-179	49.00-1-71.2	Nathan Cudzilo	\$ 23,800.00
43	2021-168	22.40-2-53	Kristine Washbon	<u>\$ 26,100.00</u>
				\$ 460,695.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. AD-034-25

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**ABOLISH REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES AIDE POSITION/CREATE & FILL ACCOUNT
CLERICAL III (HELP PROGRAM) - REAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the duties of Real Property Tax Services Aide do not meet the present needs of the Real Property Department, and

WHEREAS, the duties of Account Clerical III (HELP Program) represent the duties necessary for the daily operations of the Real Property Department, and

WHEREAS, the flexibility and scope of duties of Account Clerical III (HELP Program) better serves the Real Property Department's needs, and

WHEREAS, the change reflects no cost increase to the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that effective September 16, 2025 the position of Real Property Tax Services Aide (Position #10524), CSEA Job Group V at \$42,042 to \$46,901 per year, be abolished, and be it further

RESOLVED, that effective September 16, 2025 the position of Account Clerical III (HELP Program), CSEA Job Group VI at \$43,589 to \$49,413 per year, be created and filled.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. AD-035-25

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**ABOLISH REAL PROPERTY INFORMATION CLERK POSITION/CREATE & FILL TAX MAP
TECHNICIAN (HELP PROGRAM)-REAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the duties of Information Clerk do not meet the present needs of the Real Property Department, and

WHEREAS, the duties of Tax Map Technician (Help Program) represent the duties necessary for the daily operations of the Real Property Department, and

WHEREAS, the flexibility and scope of duties of Tax Map Technician better serves the Real Property Department's needs, and

WHEREAS, the change reflects no cost increase to the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that effective September 16, 2025 the position of Real Property Information Clerk (Position #111), CSEA Job Group VII at \$45,700 to \$52,507 per year, be abolished, and be it further

RESOLVED, that effective September 16, 2005 the position of Tax Map Technician, CSEA Job Group VI at \$43,589 to \$49,413 per year, be created and filled.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. AD-036-25

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**CONTRACT WITH AVENU INSIGHTS & ANALYTICS, LLC
SHORT TERM RENTAL COMPLIANCE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the short term rental business has grown exponentially over recent years, which led New York State to pass recent legislation for the regulation of short term rentals, and

WHEREAS, this new legislation provides local governments such as Niagara County with guidance on regulating this expanding industry, and

WHEREAS in response, Niagara County adopted Local Law No. 1 for 2025, imposing a tax on the occupancy of hotel rooms pursuant to tax law subsection 1202-t, and

WHEREAS to comply with the local law, Niagara County issued a Request for Qualifications for professional services to assist the Niagara County Treasurer’s Office with short term rental compliance services, and

WHEREAS, the awarded company shall assist the County in a number of things, including but not limited to: identifying property listings and owners, identifying non-compliance, provide monitoring services, including compliance with zoning and permitting, perform community outreach, host an online registration page and to meet any requirements imposed upon Niagara County by any New York State statute rules or regulations concerning short term rentals, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has selected a competitive bid for professional services as a result of the RFP process, and would like to grant the contract to Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC for the time period of one year with four-one year extensions upon approval , and

WHEREAS, the fee for services for the first year would be \$29,916 with a 5% increase each year should the County elect to extend the contract, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the contract, the County Attorney will review the contract for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney’s review, the contract may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Approved for Submission.

Moved by Godfrey, seconded by Nemi, to implement the portion of Rule 15 that pertains to voting on a resolution as opposed to referring it to committee.

Carried.

Moved by Godfrey, seconded by Nemi.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CS-039-25

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**BUDGET MODIFICATION – UTILITY CHARGES STEVENS STREET
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Health is required to pay new Stevens Street location utility expenses, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health will reimburse 36% state aid for article 6 program utility expenses beginning with occupation expected in August 2025, and

WHEREAS, the County will cover the balance from the Low-Cost Power Committed Fund Balance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A.20.4010.000 40599.01	Low-Cost Power Committed Fund Balance	\$ 26,389.55
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A.20.4090.000 43401.00	State Aid	\$ 4,310.99
A.20.4189.401 43401.00	State Aid	\$ 1,332.01

A.20.4010.000 43401.00	State Aid	\$ 1,630.95
CM.20.4046.418 43401.00	State Aid	\$ 102.43
CM.20.4046.418 45031.02	Interfund Transfers from Committed FB	\$ 182.11
CM.20.4189.406 43401.00	State Aid	\$ 1,334.09
CM.20.4189.406 45031.02	Interfund Transfers from Committed FB	\$ 2,371.73

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.07.9901.000 79010.00	Contribution to Other Funds	\$ 2,553.84
A.20.2960.000 74850.02	Electric	\$ 624.68
A.20.2960.000 74850.03	Gas	\$ 624.68
A.20.4059.000 74850.02	Electric	\$ 2,092.23
A.20.4059.000 74850.03	Gas	\$ 2,092.23
A.20.4090.000 74850.02	Electric	\$ 6,172.66
A.20.4090.000 74850.03	Gas	\$ 6,172.66
A.20.4189.401 74850.02	Electric	\$ 1,850.05
A.20.4189.401 74850.03	Gas	\$ 1,850.05
A.20.4010.000 74850.02	Electric	\$ 6,265.21
A.20.4010.000 74850.03	Gas	\$ 2,365.21
CM.20.4189.406 74850.02	Electric	\$ 1,852.91
CM.20.4189.406 74850.03	Gas	\$ 1,852.91
CM.20.4046.418 74850.02	Electric	\$ 142.27
CM.20.4046.418 74850.03	Electric	\$ 142.27

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CS-040-25

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**BUDGET MODIFICATION
FLEXIBLE FUND FOR FAMILY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Executive Budget did make Federal funds available to local districts to provide a comprehensive array of services to meet the needs of eligible Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and individuals, and

WHEREAS, these funds enable Niagara County to direct resources toward a number of areas of program needs, including, but not limited to Employment related activities, Child Welfare Services, PINS Detention Diversion Services, Substance Abuse Assessments, Domestic Violence Screenings, Title XX Services, JD/PINS Fostercare Costs, Child Care & Development, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Dept. of Social Services will continue to contract with various agencies that will provide the necessary services in accordance with the Niagara County Flexible Fund for Family Services Plan submitted to NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) and NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) at no additional cost to the County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the Social Services 2025 budget:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.22.6010.000 44610.00	DSS Admin Revenue	\$ 125,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.22.6010.000 74500.01 Contractual Exp-Contractual \$ 125,000

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CS-041-25

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

NIAGARA COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU – NEW YORK STATE AID APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has been designated as eligible to receive State Aid for 2025-26 youth programs through its Youth Bureau from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$251,016, \$130,191, \$104,357, \$122,200, and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Planning Law mandates the Niagara County Youth Bureau must apply for such funds, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review the documents for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of the County Youth Bureau be, and hereby is, authorized to make application for the following program funds:

Youth Development Program	\$251,016
Youth Sports and Education Opportunity	\$130,191
Youth Team Sports	\$104,357
Runaway and Homeless Youth	\$122,200
TOTAL	\$605,764

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents relating to the application, subject to the review by the County Manager and the approval of the County Attorney.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CS-042-25

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

2025 CONTRACT STATE AID COLA/MINIMUM WAGE - MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) and New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) has approved additional State Aid COLA/Minimum Wage for the calendar year of 2025 for various agencies, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized to engage in the process to carry out the necessary agreements between the County and the various sub-contractors as aforesaid, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A 40599.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 783
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INCREASE REVENUES:

A.21.4322.412.43490.09	Mental Health Association	\$ 1,648
A.21.4322.413.43490.12	WNY Independent Living	\$ 4,489
A.21.4322.414.43490.10	Northpointe Council	\$ 63,878
A.21.4322.424.43490.10	Cazenovia Recovery	\$ 43,926
A.21.4322.425.43490.10	BestSelf Behavioral Health	\$ 6,860
CM.21.4322.415.43490.01	Mental Health Programs (Community Missions (CMI), Dale Association, Mental Health Association (MHA), United Cerebral Palsy, Spectrum)	\$ 206,196
CM.21.4322.415.43490.05	Reinvestment Programming (CMI, MHA, New Directions)	\$ 17,492
CM.21.4322.415.43490.08	Community Support Services (Community Missions, MHA)	\$ 8,480
CM.21.4322.416.43489.04	Case Management Programs (Community Missions)	\$ 3,275
CM.21.4322.423.43490.14	Supported Housing (Community Missions, DePaul)	\$ 48,941

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.21.4322.412.74500.01	Mental Health Association	\$ 2,431
A.21.4322.413.74500.01	WNY Independent Living	\$ 4,489
A.21.4322.414.74550.08	Northpointe Council	\$ 63,878
A.21.4322.424.74500.08	Cazenovia Recovery	\$ 43,926
A.21.4322.425.74500.01	BestSelf Behavioral Health	\$ 6,860
CM.21.4322.415.74500.01	Community Support/MH Services Programs (Community Missions, Dale Association, Mental Health Association, United Cerebral Palsy, Spectrum)	\$ 214,676
CM.21.4322.415.74550.06	Reinvestment Programming (CMI, MHA, New Directions)	\$ 17,492
CM.21.4322.416.74500.01	Case Management Programs (Community Missions, MHA)	\$ 3,275
CM.21.4322.423.74500.01	Supported Housing (Community Missions, DePaul)	\$ 48,941

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CS-043-25

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SVCS -
ABOLISH FULL TIME SENIOR LICENSED CLINICIAN POSITION AND PART TIME LICENSED
CLINICIAN/ CREATE AND FILL FULL TIME SUPERVISING LICENSED CLINICIAN
BUDGET MODIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (NCDMH) is committed to providing exceptional treatment and integrated care services to Niagara County residents in need, and

WHEREAS, position changes within the Department is necessary to address departmental and client needs, and

WHEREAS, NCDMH has evaluated the work and responsibilities within the Crisis Services program, and has determined that the nature of the responsibilities in oversight of the work of the Crisis Counselors and Mobile Crisis Team requires a supervisor (verses senior) who also has the ability to provide mental health diagnosis, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (NCDMH) is committed to providing exceptional treatment and integrated care services to Niagara County residents in need, and

WHEREAS, position changes within the Department is necessary to address departmental and client needs, and

WHEREAS, NCDMH has evaluated the work and responsibilities within the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program and has determined the work has proven to be more case management in nature versus clinical in nature. Creating a Case Manager position would allow us to fulfill care management responsibilities, monitor the stability of clients in the community, and assist clients in successfully reaching their treatment goals, and

WHEREAS, NCDMH is committed to and has demonstrated operating in a fiscally responsible manner, and

WHEREAS, abolishing the Licensed Clinician position and creating the Case Manager position will reduce the departmental budget, is supported 100% through State Aid, and is at no cost to the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that one Licensed Clinician (vacant as of November 27, 2024), Grade 11, Step 3, position number MHD300100.10817, salary \$64,493.10 – 70,138.53, be abolished, effective September 28, 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, that one full time Case Manager, Grade 10, Step 1, position number, MHD300100.XXXXX, salary \$55,705.23 - \$64,675.80, be created within the Niagara County Department of Mental Health, and filled effective September 28, 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, the following 2025 budget modification be effectuated:

DECREASE REVENUE:

A.21.4310.000.43490.05	Reinvestment Programs	\$ 4,573
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.21.4310.000.71010.00.10817	Positions (Licensed Clinician)	\$ 16,803
A.21.4310.000.78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$ 2,134
A.21.4310.000.78200.00	FICA	\$ 1,285
A.21.4310.000.78300.00	Worker's Comp	\$ 351
A.21.4310.000.78400.01	Hospital/Medical Insurance	\$ 4,885
A.21.4310.000.78400.05	HRA Employer Contribution	\$ 354
A.21.4310.000.78700.00	NYS Disability Insurance	\$ 26
A.21.4310.000.78800.00	Flex 125	\$ 457

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.21.4310.000.71010.XXXXX	Positions (Case Manager – Mental Health)	\$14,513
A.21.4310.000.78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$ 1,843
A.21.4310.000.78200.00	FICA	\$ 1,110
A.21.4310.000.78300.00	Worker's Comp	\$ 303
A.21.4310.000.78400.01	Hospital/Medical Insurance	\$ 3,257
A.21.4310.000.78400.05	HRA Employer Contribution	\$ 213
A.21.4310.000.78700.00	NYS Disability Insurance	\$ 26
A.21.4310.000.78800.00	Flex 125	\$ 457

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

WHEREAS, NCDMH is committed to and has demonstrated operating in a fiscally responsible manner, and

WHEREAS, abolishing a Senior Licensed Clinician and Part Time Licensed Clinician and creating a Supervising Licensed Clinician position will reduce the departmental budget, is supported 100% through State Aid, and is at no cost to the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that one Senior Licensed Clinician (vacant as of May 26, 2025), Grade 13, Step 1, position number MHD300100.10867, salary \$70,010.64 – 80,899.56 and one Part Time Licensed Clinician (vacant as of March 4, 2024), Grade 11, Step 3, position number, MHD300100.13827, salary \$34,311.60 - \$37,315.08, be abolished, effective September 28, 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, that one full time Supervising Licensed Clinician, Grade 14, Step 1, position number, MHD300100.XXXXX, salary \$76,021.47 - \$88,134.48, be created within the Niagara County Department of Mental Health, and filled effective September 28, 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, the following 2025 budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.21.4310.000.43490.05	Reinvestment Programs	\$ 28,203
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DECREASE REVENUE:

A.21.4310.000.41620.00	Mental Health Fees	\$ 38,257
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.21.4310.000.71010.XXXXX	Positions (Supervising Licensed Clinician)	\$ 19,806
A.21.4310.000.78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$ 2,515
A.21.4310.000.78200.00	FICA	\$ 1,515
A.21.4310.000.78300.00	Worker's Comp	\$ 414
A.21.4310.000.78400.01	Hospital/Medical Insurance	\$ 3,257
A.21.4310.000.78400.05	HRA Employer Contribution	\$ 213
A.21.4310.000.78700.00	NYS Disability Insurance	\$ 26
A.21.4310.000.78800.00	Flex 125	\$ 457

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.21.4310.000.71010.00.10867	Positions (Senior Licensed Clinician)	\$ 18,240
A.21.4310.000.71010.00.13827	Positions (PT Licensed Clinician)	\$ 8,973
A.21.4310.000.78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$ 3,457
A.21.4310.000.78200.00	FICA	\$ 2,081
A.21.4310.000.78300.00	Worker's Comp	\$ 569
A.21.4310.000.78400.01	Hospital/Medical Insurance	\$ 4,885
A.21.4310.000.78700.00	NYS Disability Insurance	\$ 52

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CS-044-25

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SVCS -
ABOLISH FULL TIME LICENSED CLINICIAN POSITION/ CREATE AND FILL FULL TIME
CASE MANAGER BUDGET MODIFICATION**

Resolution No. CS-045-25

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**BUDGET TRANSFER – A4310
COUNTY ORDERED COUNTY MANDATED COSTS**

WHEREAS, the County is required by Criminal Procedure Law Articles 730.20 and 730.50, and Family Court Act Article 120, to pay for Court ordered hospital in-patient stays and mental health examinations, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the bills generated by the length of hospital stay imposed by Court Orders for year 2024, outstanding expenses currently exist, and

WHEREAS, based on these current Court Orders the expenses to the end of the year will exceed budget, and

WHEREAS, during the State 2021 budget process, in Spring 2020, the State determined that 100% of the costs would be the responsibility of the Counties, negating the longstanding practice of the State paying 50% of the mandated costs, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Mental Health administers payment of these bills on behalf of the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, should there be additional Court Ordered expenses before end of the year, another request will be necessary, and be it further

RESOLVED, the following budget transfer be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A.40599.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 682,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.21.4310.000 74550.17	Department of Mental Hygiene	\$ 682,000
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CSS-095-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ACCEPT HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT FOR FORENSIC LABORATORY**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a Highway Safety Grant for the Forensic Laboratory from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$35,000 for the performance period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory is going to assist in raising people's awareness in drugged driving and reduce traffic fatalities by providing timely Toxicology services and by participating in data sharing with ITSMR, and

WHEREAS, the Forensic Lab will use the funds to accomplish these goals by purchasing more costly supplies and equipment for the Toxicology unit's analysis in driving involved cases, and

WHEREAS, the grant will be included in the 2026 budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Highway Safety Grant for the Forensic Laboratory may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CSS-096-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ACCEPT HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a Highway Traffic Safety Grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$108,071 for the performance period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, this grant is a continuation of an existing program and is fully funded by the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, and

WHEREAS, the funds are used for Highway Safety education by funding position #6247 Traffic Safety Educator position, to educate pre-K and school aged children on bicycle and car safety, and to educate the public in an effort to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and deaths on the roads in Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the funds are included in the 2025 budget and will be included in the 2026 budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Traffic Safety Educator position continue to be co-terminus with the grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Highway Traffic Safety Grant may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CSS-097-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BI2 TECHNOLOGIES SOLE SOURCE DESIGNATION FOR SUPPORT
AND MAINTENANCE OF IRIS AND MVP SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, the New York State Sheriff's Association made Inmate Identification and Recognition System (IRIS) and Med Verify Plus (MVP) Systems available to the Niagara County Sheriff's Office at no cost through BI2 Technologies, and

WHEREAS, IRIS is the nation's only secure, encrypted, real-time national criminal justice data sharing network, based on iris recognition technology, which enables law enforcement agencies across the county to positively identify individuals in seconds, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office does not utilize the Med Verify Plus (MVP) module, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office wishes to continue to utilize the IRIS system which now needs annual support and maintenance, and

WHEREAS, BI2 Technologies, LLC is the only company who can provide support and maintenance to their programs, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Sheriff's Office be authorized to waive the requirement for additional bids to purchase support and maintenance contracts for the IRIS System and that BI2 Technologies LLC be recognized as the sole source provider for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office IRIS System and its support and maintenance.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CSS-098-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

BUDGET MODIFICATION – ACCEPT FY22 EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CANINE TEAM GRANT

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services that it is the recipient of an FY2022 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the performance period April 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, this grant will allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase needed law enforcement equipment including but not limited to Consultant costs to provide Explosive Detection Canine Team training, , overtime and fringe to attend training, K9 activity tracking system subscription, as well as operational and training equipment, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 budget needs to be revised in order expend the grant funds, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney review, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services FY22 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.17.3645.000 44305.02	Civil Defense Homeland Security	\$ 15,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3645.000 71050.00	Overtime Expense	\$ 2,053
A.17.3645.000 74500.01	Contractual Expense	\$ 3,000
A.17.3645.000 74500.02	Service Contract	\$ 522
A.17.3645.000 74600.03	Training and Education	\$ 800
A.17.3645.000 74750.05	Law Enforcement Supplies	\$ 7,900
A.17.3645.000 78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$ 525
A.17.3645.000 78200.00	FICA Expense	\$ 157
A.17.3645.000 78300.00	Workers Compensation Expense	\$ 43

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CSS-099-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BUDGET MODIFICATION - CREATE AND FILL TEMPORARY
CORRECTION OFFICER POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has a Correction Officer who has been out of work with an injury since October 2024 without an anticipated return date except an anticipated 4-6 month recovery after anticipated surgery, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified of an upcoming retirement in early 2026, and

WHEREAS, vacant positions in the Niagara County Jail create overtime and additional demands on the current Correction Officers, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that one temporary Correction Officer position be created and filled effective 9/17/2025 at DSA Correction Officer Step 1 at an hourly rate of \$26.93/hour, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the temporary position will be abolished upon return of the injured Correction Officer, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3150.000 71010.00 Posn # 4043	Position Expense	\$15,820
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3150.000 71010.00 Posn # NEW	Position Expense	\$15,820
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CSS-100-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BUDGET MODIFICATION - ACCEPT CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Division has been awarded a grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of 32,000 for the performance period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, this grant is a continuation of an existing program and is fully funded by the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the grant is to increase the proper use and installation of child safety seats in New York State, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 budget needs to be amended to make part of the grant funds available in the current year, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Child Passenger Safety Grant may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

CM.17.3989.303 44389.09	Other Public Safety Traffic	\$4,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CM.17.3989.303 74800.16	Supplies/Service Maintenance	\$4,000
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CSS-101-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS INC SOLE SOURCE DESIGNATION
FOR SUPPORT AND MONITORING OF TEXT TO 911 SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution CSS-037-21 on April 20, 2021 approving Niagara County to enter into a contract with TeleCommunication Systems Inc., for the installation of Text to 911 Service and 2 years of service and monitoring for a total cost of \$19,150 as the lowest of three bids, and

WHEREAS, the Text Control Center (TCC) receives the Text to 911 calls made in Niagara County from the Wireless Carriers and sends the text messages to the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Motorola Vesta 911 Call Handling equipment over an internet connection, and

WHEREAS, TeleCommunication Systems Inc., is the only company who can provide the support and maintenance for the current Text to 911 Service, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Sheriff's Office be authorized to waive the requirement for additional quotes for service and monitoring for the TeleCommunication Systems Inc., Text Control Center and that TeleCommunication Systems Inc., be recognized as the sole source provider for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Communications Center Text Control Center service and monitoring, and be it further

RESOLVED, that after review by the County Attorney's Office, the Niagara County Sheriff be authorized to enter into a two-year agreement for support and maintenance with Telecommunication Systems Inc., pursuant to Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CSS-102-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE
ACCEPT BYLAWS AND APPOINT CHAIRMAN TO NIAGARA COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE (LEPC)**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC) was duly established by Niagara County in accordance with the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), and

WHEREAS, the LEPC operates under adopted bylaws, which outline the committee's structure, duties and procedures, and

WHEREAS, the previously adopted bylaws have been reviewed and amended by two-thirds majority of the committee, and

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the position of Chairman of the Niagara County LEPC, and

WHEREAS, it is essential to ensure the continued effective operation and leadership of the LEPC to fulfill its responsibilities under EPCRA and protect the community from the risks of hazardous chemical releases, and

WHEREAS, a qualified individual, Jonathan Schultz, has been identified and nominated by the LEPC to fill this critical leadership position, and

WHEREAS, the bylaws state that any changes must be approved by the County Legislature, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County LEPC bylaws be accepted as amended, effective September 16, 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Jonathan Schultz is hereby appointed as the Chairman of the Niagara County Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC).

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CSS-103-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
CREATION OF A NIAGARA COUNTY CRITICAL INCIDENT SUPPORT TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Emergency Services Office, Department of Mental Health, and Public Health, recognizes the need for crucial support and resources necessary to provide to first responding organizations and its members during the aftermath of critical incidents, and

WHEREAS, Emergency Services, Mental Health, and Public Health have developed a plan to establish the Critical Incident Support Team (CIST), and

WHEREAS, the team shall be composed of individuals with relevant expertise and will be subject to completion of the Individual and Group Crisis Intervention course by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, and

WHEREAS, the CIST will provide timely and appropriate support, resources, and interventions to first responding agencies, their members, and families that have been impacted by critical incidents to mitigate the psychological and emotional strain, and

WHEREAS, the proposed CIST plan is reasonable and necessary for the effective and responsible organization of operation of the Critical Incident Support Team (CIST) to serve Niagara County first responders, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature believes the organization and operation of a Niagara County Critical Incident Support Team (CIST) is in the best interest of the all first responding agencies and their members, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby authorizes the organization and operation of the Niagara County Critical Incident Support Team (CIST), in accordance with the proposed Plan to serve the first responders of Niagara County.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CSS-104-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE
SOLE SOURCE STANDARDIZATION OF ESO SOLUTIONS, INC FOR EMS
ELECTRONIC PATIENT CARE REPORTING SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Emergency Services EMS division has an electronic patient care reporting (EPCR) system which is a requirement under New York State Public Health Law, and

WHEREAS, the EPCR system currently used by Niagara County EMS was built out by ESO Solutions, Inc., and

WHEREAS, ESO Solutions has provided a quote to perform said work for \$13,087.10, said amount requiring two (2) quotes pursuant to Niagara County's purchasing policy, and

WHEREAS, ESO Solutions, Inc., is the only company who can provide the support and maintenance for the EPCR system that was built for Niagara County EMS by ESO Solutions, Inc., now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby waives the purchasing policy requirement for additional quotes for support and maintenance of the EMS electronic patient care reporting system (EPCR system) as it is recognized as the sole source provider for support and maintenance for said system, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Emergency Services Office is hereby authorized to purchase the support and maintenance for the Niagara County EMS division EPCR System, such purchase to be made in consultation with the Purchasing Department and in accordance with budgetary procedures, and said contract is authorized to be executed pursuant to Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CSS-105-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACCEPTANCE OF GUN INVOLVED VIOLENCE
ELIMINATION INITIATIVE GRANT**

WHEREAS, the GIVE (Gun Involved Violence Elimination) Initiative is a statewide comprehensive strategy that focuses exclusively on reducing shootings and homicides by promoting integrated, evidence based strategies, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County District Attorney's Office, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office and the Niagara County Probation Department, in conjunction with the Niagara Falls Police Department, applied for the renewal of funding under the 2025-2026 GIVE Initiative, and

WHEREAS, The Niagara County District Attorney's Office has received notification that funding has been awarded in the amounts of \$328,270.00 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with no required match from Niagara County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara does hereby accept this award, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature be, and is hereby authorized to execute the grant award documents.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CSS-106-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CRIMES AGAINST REVENUE PROGRAM GRANT ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS, the Niagara County District Attorney's Office has been notified by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services that the Crimes Against Revenue Program grant has been renewed for the calendar year 2025, and

WHEREAS, funding has been awarded in the amount of \$68,810 for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, basic revenue and appropriation figures for said program were calculated and are contained within the District Attorney's operating budget for the 2025 budget year, and

WHEREAS, the program will continue to fund one full time Assistant District Attorney, Position #10969, ATT IV, Step 5, \$120,926.00 annually, with fringe benefits which shall remain coterminous with grant funding, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara does hereby accept this grant award, and be it further

RESOLVED, following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature be, and hereby is authorized to sign the grant award documents.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CSS-107-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND INSURANCE FRAUD
PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

WHEREAS, The Niagara County District Attorney's Office has been notified by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services that the Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Program grant has been renewed for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, funding has been awarded in the amount of \$109,443 and said funds are used to offset expenses for the District Attorney's Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Unit, and

WHEREAS, basic revenue and appropriation figures for said program were calculated and are contained within the CM.02.1989.114 Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention cost center for the 2025 budget year, and

WHEREAS, this program will continue to fund one full time Assistant District Attorney, and one full time Criminal Investigator which shall remain coterminous with grant funding, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara does hereby accept this grant award, and be it further

RESOLVED, that prior to the execution of the grant award contract, the County Attorney will review the grant award contract for approval as to legal form, language, and compliance, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature be, and hereby is authorized to execute the grant award documents.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CW-017-25

From: Committee of the Whole.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY LIGHT SYSTEM REPAIR AT
NORTH TONAWANDA RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TOWER**

WHEREAS, an unexpected light system failure occurred at the North Tonawanda Radio Communications Tower causing safety concerns for aircraft, and

WHEREAS, the tower is approximately 300 feet tall; therefore since the U.S. FAA requires warning lights on structures greater than 200 feet to prevent collisions with aircraft, a notice to airmen (NOTAM) was submitted on September 2, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Patriot Towers, Inc., has a history of working on the County's radio communication towers and was able to provide a quote to make the necessary repairs at a cost of \$27,891, and

WHEREAS, an Emergency Purchase Justification Form was provided to the Niagara County Purchasing Department and the Chairman of the Legislature to approve the declaration of emergency for the repair, and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Declaration was approved on September 9, 2025 for a non-competitive award of the contract for the emergency light system repair at the North Tonawanda Radio Communications Tower to Patriot Towers, Inc., now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature accept the notice of the Emergency Light System Repair project at the North Tonawanda Radio Communications Tower, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Emergency Light System Repair project contract be awarded to Patriot Towers, Inc., and that following the County Attorney's review, the contract may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Andres, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CW-018-25

From: Committee of the Whole.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**EMERGENCY RESTORATION WORK – BOARD OF ELECTIONS/RECORDS STORAGE BUILDING
1961 TRANSIT RD BURT, NY 14028**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has prepared emergency specifications for the Records Storage/Board of Elections Building located at 1961 Transit Road, Burt NY for the amount of \$17,742.44 , and

WHEREAS, these repairs are needed as soon as possible, as the long term disrepair of the roof has resulted in numerous leaks, and

WHEREAS, these leaks have resulted in musty, damp work areas and compromises insulation, ceiling, walls and rugs, and

WHEREAS, the landlord selected SERVPRO, 100 Peters Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002, to perform the required work, but has chosen to not pay the fees associated with the required repairs, and

WHEREAS, the County has decided to pay for the repairs for the amount of \$17,742.44 and deduct it from the monthly rent pursuant to the terms of Paragraph 7 of both leases, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account numbers A.10.1410.000 74200.01 and A.14.1450.000 74200.01, Rents/Leases Rent, for the amount of \$17,742.44 and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole has approved the bill to be paid, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language, and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

DECREASE REVENUE:

A.10.1440.000 74200.01	Rents/Leases Rent	\$ 1,867.07
A.14.1450.000 74200.01	Rents/Leases Rent	\$ 15,875.37

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.15.1620.000 74800.03	Building Maint/Repairs/Supplies	\$ 17,742.44
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RESOLVED, that the emergency repair work at Records Storage/Board of Elections Building located at 1961 Transit Road, Burt NY for the amount of \$17,742.44 performed by SERVPRO, 100 Peters Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002, be paid by the County of Niagara and deduct it from the monthly rent, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review and signature by the Chairman of the Legislature, that the County pay the amount of \$17,742.44 to SERVPRO for the emergency repair and cleanup.

Moved by Foti, seconded by Speranza.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. CW-019-25

From: Committee of the Whole.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND
APPROVING THE PURDUE DIRECT SETTLEMENT AND ENTERING
A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
TO AN ACTION RELATING TO THE OPIOID CRISIS**

WHEREAS, there is a pending matter in which multiple municipalities in the State of New York have engaged in extensive negotiations for a settlement agreement ("the Agreement") with the following defendants: Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., regarding the companies' manufacturing and distribution of opioids, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Settlement Agreement; with a share of monies being allocated among state and local governments across the country, which must be used in a restricted manner on "Approved Uses", and

WHEREAS, political subdivisions in the State, including Niagara County will now have an opportunity to become a party to this group settlement, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the direct settlement agreement, the settlement reached also includes a bankruptcy plan, and settlement of their ongoing bankruptcy proceedings, and

WHEREAS, as part of the bankruptcy settlement, the County's representation Napoli Shkolnik is requesting authorization to vote on our behalf for the bankruptcy settlement, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Niagara to resolve this matter with respect to the Distributors without further litigation and execute the Settlement Agreement and Settling Subdivision Participation Release Form to participate and receive a share of the settlement and authorize Napoli Shkolnik in Bankruptcy Court, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the execution and delivery on behalf of and in the name of the County of Niagara by the Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature, Rebecca J. Wydysh, or her designee, of the proposed Settlement Agreement is hereby authorized, and the Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature, Rebecca J. Wydysh, or her designee, is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the Niagara County Attorney, Claude A. Joerg, and directed to execute the proposed Settlement Agreement in a form substantially similar thereto the bankruptcy authorization to vote form, authorizing Napoli Shkolnik as designee and execute such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement with the Distributors.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. ED-015-25

From: Economic Development and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**BUDGET MODIFICATION - TO COVER EMPOWER NIAGARA ALLOCATION
REIMBURSEMENTS FOR REMAINDER OF 2025 BUDGET YEAR**

WHEREAS, Niagara County administers the Empower Niagara Program which offers low-cost hydro power allocations to qualifying small businesses, and

WHEREAS, the low-cost hydro power allocations result in cash reimbursements to qualifying companies to assist them in paying their electric bills, and

WHEREAS, the electric commodity rates and delivery charges in 2025 have increased at a faster rate than anticipated, totally depleting the funds made available in the 2025 budget for reimbursement to Empower Niagara businesses, and

WHEREAS, the historically high pricing is expected to persist, with the upcoming winter having the potential to set new records for gas and electric pricing in New York State, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that in order to fulfill the County's obligations stemming from the agreements between the County and the ten existing Empower Niagara businesses, and per the advice of the County's energy consultant, that additional funds be placed in the Niagara County Economic Development 2025 budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the Niagara County Economic Development 2025 budget as set forth below:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.15.1620.108 42655.03	Sale of Excess Power	\$80,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.15.1620.108 74500.01	Contractual	\$80,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

A.28.8020.813 42189.01	Activities – Eco Dev	\$80,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.28.8020.813 74550.30	Empower Niagara	\$80,000
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. ED-016-25

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

RESOLUTION TO SET A HEARING TO CONSIDER INCLUSION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LAND INTO NIAGARA COUNTY'S AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, New York State Agriculture and Markets Law 25AA, Section 303-b requires a public hearing upon termination of the annual thirty (30) day period within which a land owner may submit a request for inclusion of land which is predominantly viable agricultural land within a certified agricultural district prior to the county established 8-year review period, and

WHEREAS, a notice of the public hearing shall contain a statement that one or more requests for inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land within a certified agricultural district have been filed with the county legislative body and shall identify the land proposed to be included, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature shall conduct a public hearing on the 21st day of October, at 5:45 p.m. for public and municipal input upon termination of the annual thirty (30) day period within which a land owner may submit a request for inclusion, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall publish the following notice in the Lockport Union Sun and Journal, and the Niagara Gazette, as well as, post such notice on the home page of the County's website, and such notice shall give in writing directly to those municipalities whose territory encompasses the lands which are proposed to be included in an agricultural district.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Niagara County Legislature will conduct a public hearing on the 21st day of October at 5:45 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers, Courthouse, Lockport, New York, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land within agricultural district #7. Three (3) parcels have been proposed for inclusion. The Niagara County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board recommends the inclusion of the following parcels of predominantly viable agricultural land into the Agricultural District: Parcel 136.00-1-49.11, consisting of 24.13 acres, located on Mapleton Road in the Town of Lockport; Parcel 136.00-1-35, consisting of 28.06 acres, located on Mapleton Road in the Town of Lockport; Parcel 108.00-1-4.1, consisting of 23.29 acres, located on Gothic Hill Road in the Town of Lockport. Questions about Agricultural District inclusion may be directed to Amanda Henning, Cornell Cooperative Extension at app27@cornell.edu.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. ED-017-25

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR BLOCK
GRANT FUNDING TO REPLENISH THE MICRO-ENTERPRISE GRANT FUND**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature has requested that the Niagara County Department of Economic Development apply for funding on its behalf from the New York State Office of Community Renewal (the "OCR") to finance a portion of the micro-enterprise grant fund, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Development Corporation (the "NCDC") is assisting in the facilitation of the Program and has requested that the County provide the OCR funding to the NCDC as a grant for the purpose of assisting small businesses throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the Program will result in substantial benefit to Niagara County in the form of new investment and new employment positions, and

WHEREAS, the County held a public hearing at the Legislative Chambers, Courthouse, Lockport, New York on the 16th day of September at 5:50 p.m., to obtain citizens' views regarding the CDBG program as administered by OCR and the program, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized to submit a grant application on behalf of Niagara County to the OCR to support the Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby designated as the Certifying Officer responsible for all activities associated with the federal environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with the Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review the grant agreement with OCR and all related documents associated with the OCR grant shall be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review the agreement with NCDC for the implementation of the Program, and administration of the OCR grant shall be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. ED-018-25

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**FIXING DATE AND NOTICE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE GOLDEN WILLOW LLC
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the County Legislature wishes to assess the advisability of submitting a Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (the "OCR") for a grant to support the opening of a wedding event venue adjacent to the Sunflowers of Sanborn located at 5432 Baer Road, in Sanborn, New York, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County is required to hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider citizens' comments regarding community needs and the plan proposal prior to submitting an application for CDBG funding, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature shall conduct a public hearing whereat all interested parties shall be heard regarding the CDBG program, the County's community development and economic development programs, and the proposed funding application, and such public hearing will be held at the Legislative Chambers, Courthouse, 175 Hawley Street, Lockport, New York on the 21st day of October, 2025 at 5:50 p.m., and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature, at least eight (8) days in advance of such hearing, shall post a notice on the Niagara County Legislature website, and shall publish such notices once in the Lockport Union Sun & Journal and the Niagara Gazette.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. ED-019-25

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS
THROUGH THE USE OF CULTURAL ENDOWMENT FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Cultural Endowment Funds help support numerous organizations across Niagara County that are important to local communities, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County wishes to support various cultural organizations that are committed to bringing expanded programming and events to further enrich the community and citizens of all ages, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding in the amount of \$320,000 for the Cultural Endowment Fund through the 2025 budget process, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the organizations listed below by appropriating \$19,200 from said Cultural Endowment Fund as follows:

North Tonawanda History Museum	\$2,000.00
Historical Society of North German Settlements in Western New York	\$1,700.00
Historical Association of Lewiston	\$2,000.00
Olcott Beach Carousel Park Association	\$2,000.00
Historical Room at Ransomville Free Library	\$2,000.00
Oakwood Cemetery Association	\$1,500.00
Greater Niagara Ballet Company, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Lockport Main Street, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Lewiston Council on the Arts	\$2,000.00
Niagara Academic Literacy Intervention Program, Inc.	\$2,000.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IF-134-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**SECURITY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET MODIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the County applied for grant funds from the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Funding (Administered by NY State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES)) to enhance and sustain Niagara County's cyber security posture as well as ensure that their information systems are secure and protected from cyber incidents, and

WHEREAS, the County has successfully secured funds from federal funding under the FY2022 Cybersecurity Grant Program, DHSES E-Grant Project ID CY22-1026-E00, in the amount of \$50,000, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE

A.16.3645.000.44305.02	Civil Defense, Homeland Security	\$50,000.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS

A.16.3645.000.74500.02	Contractual Expenses/Maintenance Service	
	Contracts	\$50,000.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IF-135-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS
NIAGARA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Water District has received the amount of \$73,181.00 from Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation as a rebate incentive for electrical upgrades performed at the Grand Island Pump Station, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Water District requests such funds be redirected to cover increasing costs association with building repairs at the Plant and Grand Island Pump Station, and

WHEREAS, such a transfer will not result in any project deficit and nevertheless, there are sufficient funds in the Niagara County Water District's operating budget and fund balance to cover any project deficit if one were to occur, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of the County of Niagara, New York, that the following 2025 budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE ANTICIPATED REVENUE:

FX.31.8310.000 42701.01	Refund Prior Year	\$73,181.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

FX.31.8330.000 74800.03	Supplies/Services, Building Maintenance	\$73,181.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IF-136-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT LEVEL 2 CHARGING STATIONS
FOR NIAGARA COUNTY - CHANGE ORDER NO. 2**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. CW-091-24, dated May 14, 2024, awarded the contract for the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Level 2 Charging Stations, to INF Associates, LLC, 747 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017, for a contract amount not to exceed \$85,000 and amended to accommodate additional make-ready expenses for a contract total of \$95,441, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the contract in the amount of \$3,000 to accommodate additional trenching and materials needed at Royalton Ravine to connect the charging units to electrical panel, for a revised contract amount of \$98,441, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language, and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 2 to increase the contract by \$3,000.00 for the installation of Level 2 charges at the Royalton Ravine Park, Krull Park and the Clyde L. Burmaster Park, for a revised contract amount of \$98,441, be approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the Change Order may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IF-137-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND THE NIAGARA COUNTY
SNOWMOBILE FEDERATION OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Snowmobile Federation of Snowmobile Clubs has requested the County of Niagara to agree to act as a municipal sponsor for a grant available through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Snowmobile Trail Fund, and

WHEREAS, the grant would assist the Niagara County Snowmobile Federation of Snowmobile Clubs in maintaining and operating safe recreational snowmobile trails already existing in the County of Niagara, and

WHEREAS, this grant would assist in grooming and coordinating trails already existing or to be added by lease or other agreements with property owners, and

WHEREAS, this grant will build and maintain a better, safer trail system, which will in turn bring more snowmobiles here, adding dollars to the County economy, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language, and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and the Niagara County Snowmobile Federation of Snowmobile Clubs as appears in the proposed agreement, is hereby approved in all respects and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is authorized to execute the required documents.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IF-138-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA
AND SCOUTING AMERICA TROOP 58**

WHEREAS, the Scouting America Troop 58 has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to use Burmaster Park on September 26th - 28th, 2025 for the purpose of holding a Weekend Campout.

WHEREAS, this program benefits the residents of Niagara County as a whole, and

WHEREAS, the event coordinator will provide all insurances required by the Risk Management Office, and agree to cover all extraordinary expenses associated with event, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with the Scouting America Troop 58, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the agreement, the County Attorney will review the agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and the Scouting America Troop 58 as appears on the proposed agreement, is hereby approved in all respects, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney’s review, the agreement with Scouting America Troop 58’s Weekend Campout may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County contract policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IF-139-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**AWARD OF CONTRACT – COURTHOUSE MAGISTRATE COURT ROOM RENOVATIONS
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has prepared specifications and the Niagara County Purchasing Department has advertised for bids for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - General Construction Project, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were publicly opened and read by our Purchasing Department on August 14, 2025 as tabulated below:

1.	The Peyton Barlow Co., Inc. 360 Delaware Avenue, Suite 300 Buffalo, NY 14202	\$405,000
2.	Huber Construction 136 Taylor Drive Depew, NY 14043	\$409,000
3.	Javen Construction Co. 2575 Baird Road Penfield, NY 14526	\$599,000

and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee has examined the bid, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to allow the project to proceed:

INCREASE REVENUE:

H810.15.1620.000 43021.00	State Aid Court Facilities Revenue	\$405,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

H810.15.1620.000 72200.01	Building Improvements	\$405,000
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - General Construction Project be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, The Peyton Barlow Co., Inc. 360 Delaware Avenue, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14202, in the amount of \$405,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the Agreement for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - General Construction Project may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IF-140-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**AWARD OF CONTRACT – COURTHOUSE MAGISTRATE COURT ROOM RENOVATIONS
ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has prepared specifications and the Niagara County Purchasing Department has advertised for bids for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Electrical Construction Project, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account number HXXX.15.1620.000 72200.01, Building Improvements, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were publicly opened and read by our Purchasing Department on August 14, 2025 as tabulated below:

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| 2. | CIR Electric
2517 Long Road
Grand Island, NY 14072 | \$170,000 |
| 2. | Frey Electric
100 Pearce Avenue
Tonawanda, NY 14150 | \$179,000 |

and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee has examined the bid, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Electrical Construction Project be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, CIR Electric, 2517 Long Road, Grand Island, NY 14072, in the amount of \$170,000, pending New York State Court approval, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the Agreement for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Electrical Construction Project may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IF-141-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**AWARD OF CONTRACT – COURTHOUSE MAGISTRATE COURT ROOM RENOVATIONS
MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has prepared specifications and the Niagara County Purchasing Department has advertised for bids for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Mechanical Construction Project, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account number H810.15.1620.000 72200.01, Building Improvements, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were publicly opened and read by our Purchasing Department on August 14, 2025 as tabulated below:

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| 1. | JW Danforth Company
300 Colvin Woods Pkwy.
Tonawanda, NY 14150 | \$112,500 |
| 2. | Parise Mechanical
1106 Sheridan Drive
Tonawanda, NY 14150 | \$118,000 |

and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee has examined the bid, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Mechanical Construction Project be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, JW Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Pkwy., Tonawanda, NY 14150, in the amount of \$112,500, pending New York State Court approval, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the Agreement for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Mechanical Construction Project may be executed, pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IF-142-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**AWARD OF CONTRACT – COURTHOUSE MAGISTRATE COURT ROOM RENOVATIONS
PLUMBING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has prepared specifications and the Niagara County Purchasing Department has advertised for bids for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Plumbing Construction Project, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account number H810.15.1620.000 72200.01, Building Improvements, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were publicly opened and read by our Purchasing Department on August 14, 2025 as tabulated below:

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| 1. | JW Danforth Company
300 Colvin Woods Pkwy.
Tonawanda, NY 14150 | \$46,500 |
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and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee has examined the bid, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Plumbing Construction Project be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, JW Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Pkwy., Tonawanda, NY 14150, in the amount of \$46,500, pending New York State Court approval, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the Agreement for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Plumbing Construction Project may be executed, pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IF-143-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**CANAL ROAD REHABILITATION FROM NORTH CANAL TO NY 31
(ROCHESTER ROAD) CONSULTANT AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works evaluated proposals from pre-qualified consulting engineering firms to assist the County with the Canal Road from North Canal to NY 31 (Rochester Road) Project, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account H812.15.5112.000 72600.01, Roads, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the required documents, the County Attorney will review them for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the consultant services contract for the Canal Road Rehabilitation from North Canal to NY 31 (Rochester Road) Project be awarded to C & S Engineers, Inc., 499 Col Eileen Collins Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13212, for a contract amount not to exceed \$322,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the Contract may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IF-144-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
NIAGARA COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF CAMBRIA**

WHEREAS, the County desires to support the Town of Cambria's IT requirements by and through providing the services of the County's IT support staff, as assigned by the Director of Information Technology, in exchange for the Town of Cambria sharing the costs and expenses associated with said services provided by the County, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this contract for Niagara County to provide information technology support for the Town of Cambria and to share resources that will help deliver these services in a more efficient and cost effective manner in the local communities of Niagara County through this shared service effort, and at no cost to Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the contract, the County Attorney will review the contract for approval as to legal form, language, and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to sign the contract for shared IT services, including technologies, licensing and utilization of the same hardware and/or software products and vendors, along with the Town of Cambria, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this contract shall be for one (1) year, with an option for four (4) one year renewals notwithstanding the provision that any party to the contract may revoke its inclusion therein by filing a notice of revocation with each signatory, effective within six (6) months of such revocation.

Moved by Foti, seconded by Myers, to implement the portion of Rule 15 that pertains to voting on a resolution as opposed to referring it to committee.

Carried.

Moved by Foti, seconded by Myers.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IL-111-25

From: Legislators Rebecca J. Wydysh, Irene M. Myers and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF LEWISTON, INC.
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Historical Association of Lewiston, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich heritage of the Lewiston area through community events and its maintenance of the Lewiston Museum, and

WHEREAS, the association has planned its annual Lewiston Jeopardy fundraiser event for September 11, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the event will bring together association members, local leaders, and residents for a night of trivia and fun, while raising funds for the ongoing work of the Historical Association of Lewiston, Inc. and the Lewiston Museum, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support the continuation of programs and projects that enhance our local quality of life, protect our cherished historical landmarks and buildings, and promote our unique and valued heritage assets, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Historical Association of Lewiston, Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Historical Association of Lewiston, Inc.

\$1,000.00

Moved by Foti, seconded by Myers.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IL-112-25

From: Legislator Rebecca J. Wydysh and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEWISTON CHRISTMAS WALK WEEKEND
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the mission of The Lower Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce is to strengthen the local economy, represent the interest of business with government, promote community and build business relationships, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Lewiston Christmas Walk Weekend has been planned for December 5th through the 7th, 2025, and

WHEREAS, this over 40-year old tradition highlights the Village of Lewiston merchants, the arrival of Santa Claus to the Village, a weekend of family events and activities, culminating in the Lewiston Christmas Lights Parade, and

WHEREAS, the event will draw large crowds of visitors to the region from surrounding Western New York communities and Canada, to the benefit of local businesses, and

WHEREAS, an event of this magnitude can only be successful through full community participation and sponsorships, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Lewiston Christmas Walk Weekend by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

The Lower Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce

\$2,500.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IL-113-25

From: Legislator Carla L. Speranza and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WRIGHTS CORNERS FIRE COMPANY
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Wrights Corners Fire Company, a 501(c)(3), is a 100% volunteer fire company, and was established in 1939, and

WHEREAS, the Wrights Corners Fire Company provides Fire/Rescue and EMS services through its main hall at 4043 Lake Avenue in the Town of Lockport and its two substations at 5515 Shunpike Road and 7103 Rochester Road in the Town of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, volunteer fire companies across the region are struggling to attract and retain qualified volunteers and meeting increasing training and safety requirements, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the Wrights Corners Fire Company benefits not only persons in the Town of Lockport, but also in neighboring communities such as Newfane and Hartland and the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorizes the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of the Wrights Corners Fire Company by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Wright's Corners Fire Company	\$834.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.	

Resolution No. IL-114-25

From: Legislator Carla L. Speranza and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RAPIDS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Rapids Volunteer Fire Company, a 501(c)(3), is a 100% volunteer fire company serving the residents of the Town of Lockport, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Rapids Volunteer Fire Company provides Fire/Rescue and EMS services through its main hall at 7195 Plank Road in the Town of Lockport and its substation at 6131 Old Beattie Road in the Town of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, the Rapids Volunteer Fire Company responded to 1,294 incidents in 2024 and is on pace for over 1,500 calls in 2025 from the residents and visitors, and

WHEREAS, volunteer fire companies across the region are struggling to attract and retain qualified volunteers and meeting increasing training and safety requirements, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the Rapids Volunteer Fire Company benefits not only persons in Lockport, but also in neighboring communities such as Akron, Newstead, and Clarence, and the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorizes the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of the Rapids Volunteer Fire Company by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Rapids Volunteer Fire Company	\$1,700.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.	

Resolution No. IL-115-25

From: Legislator Carla L. Speranza and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DALE ASSOCIATION
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Dale Association is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, and as a human services agency dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals and providing supportive programs and services to the community, and

WHEREAS, the Dale Association was founded in 1951 as a senior citizens club in response to older people living alone and in need of social and recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the Dale Association faces significant cuts in funding, and

WHEREAS, adult residents in the Town and City of Lockport may receive services for themselves or as caregivers to those in need through the Dale Association, and the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorizes the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of The Dale Association by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

The Dale Association	\$5,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.	

Resolution No. IL-116-25

From: Legislator Carla L. Speranza and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA COUNTY FEDERATION OF CONSERVATION CLUBS
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs (NCFCC) is a 501c3 organization encompassing most of the active fishing, hunting, trapping clubs and organizations in Niagara County, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs advises member clubs of the latest fishing, hunting and environmental legislation and pending legislation through its administrative address 702 Ridge Road, Lewiston, NY 14092, and

WHEREAS, the NCFCC is also active in recommending to the New York State Conservation Council, ideas spawned by our member clubs pertaining to environmental laws such as bag limits, size limits, seasons, and other issues, and

WHEREAS, NCFCC sponsors and provides education, training and sporting events throughout the year across Niagara County for people of all ages and promotes awareness of wildlife and habitat conservation, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs benefits not only residents of Niagara County, but also visitors who choose to participate in hunting and fishing sports throughout the year, and the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorizes the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs	\$500.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IL-117-25

From: Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LASALLE-GRIFFON VETERANS FOR FOREIGN WARS POST 917 THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the VFW Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) and is the official charity of the VFW, the oldest and largest organization of combat veterans in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the LaSalle-Griffon Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 917 mission is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts, to serve our veterans, the military and our communities, and to advocate on behalf of all veterans, and

WHEREAS, the LaSalle-Griffon VFW Post 917 ensures that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country, and

WHEREAS, the LaSalle-Griffon VFW Post 917 is a strong organization working to ensure that Veterans of Foreign Wars have a place to call their own in Niagara Falls, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of LaSalle-Griffon Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 917 by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

LaSalle-Griffon Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 917	\$1,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IL-118-25

From: Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA PRIDE
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Niagara Pride is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization serving LGBTQIA + individuals and families in Niagara Falls, and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, Niagara Pride offers services and programs to help ensure of diversity programs in schools, and

WHEREAS, through community support, Niagara Pride can continue to provide trainings for businesses, schools and agencies to build a better life for themselves and their community, and

WHEREAS, Niagara Pride works to provide Pride Celebrations and much more throughout Niagara County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports Niagara Pride by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Niagara Pride	\$1,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IL-119-25

From: Legislators Christopher A. Robins, Jeffrey Elder, Christopher Voccio, Christopher J. McKimmie and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA FALLS VETERANS MONUMENT COMMISSION
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Niagara Falls Veterans Monument Commission is an important organization that runs a world class veterans' monument in Hyde Park in Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, Niagara Falls Veterans Monument Commission is planning several improvements to the monument park, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Niagara Falls Veterans Monument Commission by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara Falls Veterans Monument Commission	\$3,500.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IL-120-25

From: Legislators Christopher A. Robins, Randy R. Bradt, Jesse P. Gooch and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA WHEATFIELD ATHLETICS ALUMNI
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature recognizes the importance of providing athletic and recreational opportunities for the youth in our community, and

WHEREAS, Niagara Wheatfield Athletics Alumni is the parent organization for Niagara Wheatfield Amateur Athletics (NWAA) Football, a youth football program in the Town of Niagara and Town of Wheatfield area, and

WHEREAS, NWAA Football takes the safety of its youth athletes very seriously and has identified a need for additional funding to replace and recertify football helmets and shoulder pads for their youth athletes, and

WHEREAS, without assistance, the rising costs of equipment would contribute to higher registration fees to participate, which may be burdensome on families and prevent children from participating, and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports Niagara Wheatfield Athletics Alumni by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara Wheatfield Athletics Alumni	\$3,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IL-121-25

From: Legislators Christopher A. Robins, Christopher Voccio and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE AQUARIUM OF NIAGARA
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Aquarium of Niagara is an anchor of downtown Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Aquarium of Niagara is, with our community and partners, we celebrate our natural wonders and inspire people to make a difference for aquatic life, and

WHEREAS, the Aquarium of Niagara continues to expand, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorizes the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Aquarium of Niagara by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Aquarium of Niagara	\$1,500.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IL-122-25

From: Legislator Christopher J. McKimmie and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CREATE A HEALTHIER NIAGARA FALLS COLLABORATIVE
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Create a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative has long been committed to improving the health, wellness, and safety of residents throughout the City of Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, the City of Niagara Falls has experienced an increased number of incidents involving bicycles, E-Bikes, and E-Scooters, many resulting in serious injuries and in some cases fatalities, and

WHEREAS, the use of properly fitted bicycle helmets is a proven and effective means of preventing head injuries and saving lives, particularly among children, and

WHEREAS, the Create a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative intends to purchase and distribute bicycle helmets for children in the LaSalle area of Niagara Falls as part of its ongoing public safety and health initiatives, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Create a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund for the purpose of purchasing and distributing bicycle helmets for children in the City of Niagara Falls, as follows:

Create a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative

\$1,000.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

Resolution No. IL-123-25

From: Legislators Christopher J. McKimmie, Christopher A. Robins, Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION LASALLE POST 1142
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the American Legion LaSalle Post 1142, is located in the heart of the LaSalle business district along Buffalo Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, the American Legion LaSalle Post 1142 is home to more than 123 military Veterans, 40 Sons of the American Legion, and 50 Auxiliary members, and

WHEREAS, the American Legion LaSalle Post 1142 plays a vital role in supporting and advocating for the needs of our military veterans, and

WHEREAS, the American Legion is committed to maintaining the LaSalle property as a destination and resource for not only military veterans but members of the community at large, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the American Legion LaSalle Post 1142 by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

American Legion LaSalle Post 1142	\$4,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.	

Resolution No. IL-124-25

From: Legislators Christopher J. McKimmie, Christopher A. Robins, Christopher Voccio and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE NIAGARA FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature recognizes the importance of providing educational and recreational opportunities for the youth in our community, and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Niagara Falls Public Library is a volunteer organization that supports library programs, materials, and services through fundraising and advocacy, and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Library have identified a need for additional funding to enhance and expand youth programming at the LaSalle Branch of the Niagara Falls Public Library, and

WHEREAS, these programs serve to inspire and engage local youth, promoting literacy, creativity, and lifelong learning, and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Friends of the Niagara Falls Public Library by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Friends of the Niagara Falls Public Library	\$2,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.	

Resolution No. IL-125-25

From: Legislator Randy R. Bradt and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: September 16, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTH TONAWANDA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the North Tonawanda Athletic Association (NTAA) is a 501 (c)3 organization that offers a variety of athletic programs to children in the City of North Tonawanda, and

WHEREAS, NTAA strives to provide football and cheerleading programs that focuses on personal growth, team development, leadership skills and participant safety, and

WHEREAS, equipment upgrades are needed to ensure that the athletes are able to safely participate in games, competitions and practices, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership Program Fund through resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports North Tonawanda Athletic Association appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

North Tonawanda Athletic Association	\$7,700.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.	

Resolution No. IL-126-25

From: Legislators Irene M. Myers, Christopher J. McKimmie, Irene M. Myers, Christopher J. McKimmie, Rebecca J. Wydysh, Randy R. Bradt, David E. Godfrey, Richard L. Andres, Jesse P. Gooch, Anthony J. Nemi, Richard E. Abbott, Michael A. Hill, Shawn A. Foti, Christopher Voccio, Christopher A. Robins, Jeffrey Elder and Carla L. Speranza
Dated: September 16, 2025

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities, and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas, and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy, and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity, and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs, and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot

restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans, and
WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers, and

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

Moved by McKimmie, seconded by Myers, to implement the portion of Rule 15 that pertains to voting on a resolution as opposed to referring it to committee.

Carried.

Moved by McKimmie, seconded by Myers.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

APPOINTMENTS:

OFF TRACK BETTING CORPORATION:

Henry Wojtaszek

Appt.

Expires

09/16/25

Moved by Bradt, second by Godfrey.

10 Ayes, 5 Noes- Foti, McKimmie, Robins, Speranza, Elder. Approved.

TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD:

Michael Salada, Chief, Lewiston Police Dept. (replaces Frank J. Previte III)

09/16/25

12/31/25

145 N. Fourth St., Lewiston 14092

Elizabeth A. Fallon, Lt. NYS Police (replaces David Martek)

09/16/25

12/31/26

6566 Dysinger Rd., Lockport 14094

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

Cathie Synor, Director of Administration, Programs and Grants

09/16/25

Niagara County Economic Development

LAW LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Michael A. Hill, 15th District

09/16/25

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Niagara County Legislature

Moved by Bradt, second Myers.

Approved.

Motion by Bradt, second by McKimmie, to adjourn the board.

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned at 7:41 p.m., subject to the call of the Clerk.

No citizens spoke at this time on the General Welfare of the County.

Alysa T. Tomasino

Alysa T. Tomasino, Clerk