

## OFFICIAL RECORD

Lockport, New York  
January 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hill at 6:01 p.m.

Clerk Tomasino called the roll. All Legislators were present.

Chairman Hill called Legislator Elder to the lectern to speak on the importance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

No citizens spoke on the Agenda.

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

### **Resolution No. AD-001-26**

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: January 20, 2026

### **AUTHORIZATION FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS/CORRECTIONS - 2026**

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law, Sections 554 and 556, provides for an administrative correction of error process that assists property owners in obtaining refunds and/or corrections for real property tax payments or billings, and

WHEREAS, certain clerical errors, unlawful entries and errors in essential fact, as defined in the New York State Real Property Tax Law, are permitted to be corrected by a taxing jurisdiction based upon the recommendation of the Director of Real Property Tax Services, and

WHEREAS, the taxing jurisdiction can delegate, by resolution, on an annual basis, to an official who is empowered to authorize payment of bills without prior audit, the authority to perform the duties of the tax levying body in regard to Real Property Tax Law, Sections 554 and 556, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Treasurer is hereby delegated the authority to perform the duties of the tax levying body during 2026 when the Real Property Tax Director's recommended refund and/or correction is twenty five hundred dollars or less, and be it further

RESOLVED, that on or before the fifteenth day of each month, the Niagara County Treasurer shall submit a report to the Niagara County Legislature of the refunds and/or corrections processed during the preceding month, containing the name of each recipient, the location of the property, and the amount of the refund.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

### **Resolution No. AD-002-26**

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: January 20, 2026

### **ABOLISH/CREATE POSITIONS RISK AND INSURANCE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature desires to restructure the composition of the leadership of the Risk and Insurance Services Department, and

WHEREAS, there is a vacant Principal Insurance Program Assistant and vacant Senior Insurance Program Assistant position in the Department, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the duties to be performed are more appropriately classified as Insurance Program Assistant II and the Principal Insurance Program Assistant position is not needed at this time, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Risk Manager position is necessary to provide oversight of the daily operations of the Department, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an Insurance Plans Administrator position is necessary to provide expert technical guidance to Niagara County leadership, and

WHEREAS, the restructuring of the Department pursuant to this resolution would result in a projected cost savings this year of approximately \$56,570, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to enter into an employment agreement with Jennifer Pitarresi who possesses the technical expertise needed to perform the duties of the newly created Insurance Plans Administrator, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Principal Insurance Program Assistant position #13915 and Senior Insurance Program Assistant position #13278 will be abolished effective January 26, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a department head Risk Manager position at Flat salary grade 13 \$83,605 - \$105,932 and an Insurance Program Assistant II position at CSEA grade 8 will be created effective January 26, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a flat salary FLSA exempt Insurance Plans Administrator at \$85,000 will be created effective January 26, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney finalize an employment agreement with Jennifer Pitarresi to perform the duties of the newly created Insurance Plans Administrator position.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. CS-001-26**

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**MH – REQUEST FOR WAIVER FROM THE NIAGARA COUNTY  
PURCHASING PROCEDURES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Mental Health enters into contracts with not-for-profit agencies for the provision of mental health, alcohol and substance abuse, and developmental disabilities services, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) provides funding for the jail-based substance use disorder treatment, including medication assisted treatment, and transition services in Niagara County Jail, and

WHEREAS, Peaceprints of WNY currently provides pre-release and post release services for inmates in the Niagara County Jail through their Project Blue program, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office desires to have streamlined services, communication, and coordination of pre-release and post-release services, including for individuals with substance use disorder, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Purchasing Guidelines allow for waiver of Requests for Proposal for professional services contracts where justification exists, and

WHEREAS, waiver of Requests for Proposal will serve the interests of Niagara County and its taxpayers by minimizing the interruption of services between previous provider and a new provider and streamlining operations within the jail setting with a provider who has a strong track record of providing quality services, maintaining communication, effective coordination and fiscal accountability, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature has already approved the budget of \$266,555 for Jail-Based Services (screening, assessment, counseling, discharge planning, medication assisted treatment, and follow-up) in the adoption of the 2026 County Budget so no budget modification will be necessary, 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 Peaceprints of WNY as aforesaid, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. CSS-001-26**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
AWARD OF 911 SYSTEM HARDWARE REFRESH WITH SUPPORT FOR  
NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEALED BID**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Purchasing Department issued Sealed Bid #2025-53 – 911 System Hardware Refresh with Support for Niagara County Sheriff's Office on December 4, 2025, and

WHEREAS, only one response was received for the bid opening on December 23, 2025, which was from Kraus Associates, Inc. d/b/a AK Associates, PO Box 2880, Concord, OH 03302, in the amount of \$430,506.93, and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Kraus Associates, Inc. d/b/a AK Associates has been evaluated for compliance with the Sealed Bid parameters and appropriateness of cost, and

WHEREAS, the 911 System Hardware Refresh project is being funded through a New York State Department of Homeland Security SFY2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911) Grant, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Sealed Bid #2025-53 – 911 System Hardware Refresh with Support for Niagara County Sheriff's Office be awarded to Kraus Associates, Inc. d/b/a AK Associates, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Sealed Bid #2025-53 – 911 System Hardware Refresh with Support for Niagara County Sheriff's Office contract with Kraus Associates, Inc. d/b/a AK Associates, may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. CSS-002-26**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
AWARD OF SEALED BID REMEDIATION OF DUCT WORK  
AND CEILING FOR NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Purchasing Department issued Sealed Bid #2025-52 Remediation of Duct Work and Ceiling for Niagara County Sheriff's Office on October 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, only one response was received for the bid opening on November 25, 2025, which was from D.V. Brown & Associates, Inc., 567 Vickers Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150 in the amount of \$135,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the proposal from D.V. Brown & Associates, Inc. has been evaluated for compliance with the Sealed Bid parameters and appropriateness of cost and is being funded through Capital Project H813 Jail Building Improvements, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Sealed Bid #2025-52 Remediation of Duct Work and Ceiling for Niagara County Sheriff's Office be awarded to D.V. Brown & Associates, Inc., and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Sealed Bid #2025-52 Remediation of Duct Work and Ceiling for Niagara County Sheriff's Office contract with D.V. Brown & Associates, Inc. may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. CSS-003-26**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET MODIFICATION  
ABOLISH COMPUTER PROGRAMMER POSITION AND CREATE AND FILL  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified of the upcoming retirement of their Computer Programmer as of February 13, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has analyzed the current Information Technology needs of the Office and has determined that the Information Technology Technician position is more appropriate for the current demands of the department and agencies that the Sheriff's Office supports, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution No. AD-014-23 on May 16, 2023, to grant residency waivers when there is a demonstrated recruitment difficulty for all Information Technology technical job classifications while continuing to give Niagara County residents preference in hiring decisions, and

WHEREAS, there will be position savings in 2026 by abolishing a Computer Programmer CSEA Group 11 Step 8 position to create an Information Technology Technician CSEA Group 12 Step 1 position, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Computer Programmer Position #4071 CSEA Group 11 Step 8 at \$39.54 per hour be abolished as of March 14, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that one Information Technology Technician position be created and filled in Job Group 12 Step 1 at a rate of \$36.64 per hour effective March 15, 2026, with a residency waiver, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| A.17.3110.000 71010.00 | Position expense            | \$60,830 |
|                        | Computer Programmer (#4071) |          |

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| A.17.3110.000 71010.00 | Position Expense                  | \$ 60,830 |
|                        | Information Technology Technician |           |
|                        | (position # new)                  |           |

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. CSS-004-26**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
BUDGET MODIFICATION - POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution No. CSS-128-25 on December 2, 2025, to accept the Police Traffic Services Grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, in the amount of \$25,810, 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 traffic enforcement overtime with the goal of increasing seat belt usage and reducing dangerous driving behaviors in an effort to reduce serious injuries and deaths from traffic crashes in Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Budget needs to be modified in order to utilize the balance of the grant funds, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| A.17.3110.000 44389.09 | Other Public Safety Traffic | \$23,698 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| A.17.3110.000 71050.00 | Overtime Expense | \$23,698 |
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. CSS-005-26**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
BUDGET MODIFICATION – SFY2025 NEXT GENERATION 911 GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution No. CSS-113-25 on October 21, 2025, to accept the SFY2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911) Grant from the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the period September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030, in the amount of \$1,639,396, and

WHEREAS, this program funding is offered on a one-time basis to allow counties to enhance their public safety operations, including strengthening 911 communication infrastructure focusing on the overarching goal of increasing capabilities to receive and relay 911 calls in accordance with the current National Emergency Number Association (NENA) i3 standard, and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Budget needs to be modified in order to utilize the balance of the grant funds, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

**INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:**

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| A.17.3645.000 43305.02 | Civil Defense Homeland Security | \$1,239,396 |
| Project 17GRTNG911-R1  |                                 |             |

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| A.17.3645.000 72100.15 | Communications Equipment | \$1,239,936 |
| Project 17GRTNG911-E1  |                          |             |

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

**Resolution No. CSS-006-26**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET MODIFICATION  
SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL LOAD WEIGHING DEVICES**

WHEREAS, Niagara County has identified an issue with excessive weight trucks on County roadways and would like the Niagara County Sheriff's Office to be involved in weighing vehicles as part of our Commercial Vehicle Law Enforcement, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office needs to purchase four portable hydraulic/analog low profile wheel loader weighers to aid in the weight enforcement of Commercial Vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the Haenni WL101 wheel load weigher is the only hydraulic/analog low profile wheel load weigher in production in the world, protected under United States Patent #4,673,049, and

WHEREAS, Loadometer Corporation is the Haenni & Cie.AG's sole source in the United States since 1979 for the sale, parts and service of their Wheel Load Weighing devices, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has identified available Asset Forfeiture funds available to purchase four (4) Wheel Load Weighing devices, and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Budget needs to be modified in order to utilize the Asset Forfeiture funds for this purchase, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that under New York State Common Law there is a need for sole source purchase for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office in the purchase of four (4) Haenni WL101 hydraulic/analog low profile wheel loader weighers as the good/service can only be obtained through a single source with no possibility of competition, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that Loadometer Corporation is the sole source of the Haenni WL101 wheel load weighers and that the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to purchase Haenni WL101 wheel load weighers from Loadometer Corporation without the need to solicit for alternate proposals, such purchase to be made in consultation with the Purchasing Department and in accordance with budgetary procedures, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

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| A.17.3110.000 44389.12 | Other Public Safety Asset Forfeiture |          |
|                        | Dept. Treasury                       | \$23,980 |

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| A.17.3110.000 72100.32 | Machinery and Equipment Asset Forfeiture |          |
|                        | Dept. Treasury                           | \$23,980 |

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. CSS-007-26**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET MODIFICATION  
CREATE AND FILL TWO TEMPORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified of the retirement of a Deputy Sheriff Captain and a Deputy Sheriff in March of 2026, and

WHEREAS, the next Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy will start in February, 2026, and the following Academy will not start until August, 2026, and

WHEREAS, new Deputy Sheriffs go through a six-month Law Enforcement Academy followed by two months of Field Training before they are able to operate on their own, and

WHEREAS, due to the lengthy training needed for a new Deputy Sheriff, it is important to start new Deputies in the February Academy in anticipation of these retirements, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that two temporary Deputy Sheriff positions be created and filled effective 2/1/2026 at PBA Deputy Sheriff Step 2 at an hourly rate of \$32.04/hour, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the temporary positions will be abolished upon the Deputy Sheriff vacancies from the retirements, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| A.17.3110.000 71010.00 Posn # 380  | Position Expense | \$11,000 |
| A.17.3110.000 71010.00 Posn # 6236 | Position Expense | \$ 6,950 |

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| A.17.3110.000 71010.00 Posn # NEW | Position Expense | \$ 8,975 |
| A.17.3110.000 71010.00 Posn # NEW | Position Expense | \$ 8,975 |

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

**Resolution No. CSS-008-26**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice requires that the Niagara County Sheriff's Office file an annual Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Certification Report in order to remain eligible to submit requests for federal forfeited property or proceeds, and

WHEREAS, the Agreement is entered into by the United States Department of Justice, the County of Niagara and the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Sheriff's Office be authorized to continue to participate in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the United States Department of Justice Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy  
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.  
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. CSS-009-26**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**ACCEPT IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE MONITORING  
PROGRAM AWARD FOR 2025-2026 – PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has made an award to Niagara County for the Ignition Interlock Device Monitoring Program for term dates October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Grant is being renewed in the amount of \$33,014.14, and said funds are used to offset expenses for monitoring Ignition Interlock Device installation by offenders, and the revenue has been budgeted for in the 2025 and 2026 budgets, and

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



RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the grant agreement may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.  
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.  
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. CSS-010-26**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION – ACCEPTANCE OF NIAGARA COUNTY  
PRETRIAL SERVICES AWARD GRANT - PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Probation Department has been notified by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services of an award of funding to offset the costs associated with the provision of certified pretrial services in the amount of \$772,096, and

WHEREAS, funding will be utilized by the Probation Department for pretrial services including but not limited to, screening, assessment, supervision, and reporting as provided in the enacted NYS budget, and

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

RESOLVED, that the Probation Department is given authorization to accept the grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following 2026 budget modification be effectuated:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

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| A.18.3140.000 43310.02 | Probation Services Alternatives to Incarceration | \$104,000 |
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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|------------------------|---|----------|
| A.18.3140.000 72100.05 | Machinery and Equipment, Computer Equipment         | \$15,000 |
| A.18.3140.000 72100.21 | Machinery and Equipment, LE Equipment               | \$45,000 |
| A.18.3140.000 74250.01 | Office Expenses/Office Supplies                     | \$3,000  |
| A.18.3140.000 74300.01 | Reimbursements Travel Conference                    | \$2,000  |
| A.18.3140.000 74450.02 | Special Activities Safety/Wellness                  | \$21,000 |
| A.18/3140.000 74500.02 | Contractual Expenses, Maintenance Service Contracts | \$10,000 |
| A.18.3140.000 74750.05 | Supplies, General LE Supplies                       | \$6,000  |
| A.18.3140.000 74800.11 | Supplies/Services, Vehicle Maintenance              | \$2,000  |

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

**Resolution No. CSS-011-26**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION ROLLOVER 2025 HOMELAND SECURITY UNSPENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Homeland Security funds were not fully expended in 2025, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the remaining funds for 2023 State Homeland Security Program (approved #CSS-114-23) and 2024 State Homeland Security Program (approved Resolution No. CSS-112-24) be re-appropriated into the 2026 budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the remaining funds for 2024 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (approved Resolution No. CSS-113-24), be re-appropriated into the 2026 budget and county contributions be re-appropriated from the Fund Balance, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following 2026 budget modification be effectuated effective immediately:

INCREASE REVENUE: \*\* SHSP23\*\*

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| A.19.3645.000 44305.02 | Civil Defense Homeland Security | \$192,650.63 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION: \*\*SHSP23\*\*

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| A.19.3645.000 72100.14 | M&E Misc. Equipment               | \$ 30,170.86 |
| A.19.3645.000 74300.01 | Reimbursements Travel, Conference | \$ 3,647.28  |
| A.19.3645.000 74500.01 | Contractual Expense               | \$ 34,041.90 |
| A.19.3645.000 74500.02 | Contractual Maint. Expense        | \$ 75,000.00 |
| A.19.3645.000 74750.02 | General Supplies                  | \$ 3,347.74  |
| A.19.3645.000 74800.01 | Communication Services            | \$ 15,000.00 |
| A.19.3645.000 74800.10 | Misc. Equipment <\$500            | \$ 31,442.85 |

INCREASE REVENUE: \*\* SHSP24\*\*

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| A.19.3645.000 44305.02 | Civil Defense Homeland Security | \$283,870.29 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION: \*\*SHSP24\*\*

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| A.19.3645.000 72100.14 | M&E Misc. Equipment               | \$ 55,000.00 |
| A.19.3645.000 74300.01 | Reimbursements Travel, Conference | \$ 20,000.00 |
| A.19.3645.000 74500.01 | Contractual Expense               | \$ 25,000.00 |
| A.19.3645.000 74500.02 | Contractual Maint. Expense        | \$135,000.00 |
| A.19.3645.000 74750.02 | General Supplies                  | \$ 2,000.00  |
| A.19.3645.000 74800.01 | Communication Services            | \$ 5,000.00  |
| A.19.3645.000 74800.10 | Misc. Equipment <\$500            | \$ 41,870.29 |

INCREASE APPROPRIATION FUND BALANCE - ASSIGNED: \*\*EMPG24\*\*

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| A.40599.00 | Appropriated Fund Balance | \$ 314.04 |
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INCREASE REVENUE: \*\* EMPG24\*\*

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| A.19.3645.000 44305.02 | Civil Defense Homeland Security | \$ 314.04 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION: \*\* EMPG24\*\*

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| A.19.3645.000 72100.11 | M&E Other Vehicles | \$ 628.08 |
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. CSS-012-26**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**REGIONAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN NIAGARA AND ERIE COUNTY  
TO PERFORM AUTOPSY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Niagara County and Erie County entered into an agreement in 2005 that allows the Erie County Medical Examiner's Office to perform all of Niagara County's autopsies, which agreement has subsequently been renewed, and

WHEREAS, the current agreement expired on December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Erie County has offered us a one-year agreement at \$2,616/full autopsy, \$2,049/partial autopsy exam and \$1,512/external exam, along with other associated fees, and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for Niagara County to continue this practice and promote regionalism and shared services between the counties of Niagara and Erie, 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 following the County Attorney's review, the County of Niagara does hereby agree to the terms and conditions in said agreement and authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute the contract with Erie County and the Erie County Medical Examiner's Office.

Moved by McKimmie, seconded by Casale, 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 Casale.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. CSS-013-26**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**WAIVER OF RESIDENCY REQUEST  
ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Public Defender Office has permission to fill a vacant Assistant Public Defender position, this is a critical and important position that is required to satisfy operational requirements of the department and to provide effective legal representation to indigent defendants charged of crimes, and

WHEREAS, due to challenges with the recruitment for qualified candidates despite posting efforts and activities to source candidates for this important position has not resulted in a sufficient applicant pool of Niagara County resident candidates applying for this vacant position, and

WHEREAS, Public Defender Office has made diligent and sincere efforts to recruit highly qualified candidates for the position from within Niagara County, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a one-time Waiver of Residency from the policy to hire only Niagara County residents be approved to fill the currently vacant Assistant Public Defender position #13820 as there are no remaining Niagara County residents in the applicant pool.

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

**Resolution No. ED-001-26**

From: Economic Development Committee.  
Dated: January 20, 2026

**APPROVING THE INCLUSION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LAND WITHIN  
CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 303-B  
OF THE NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW**

WHEREAS, Section 303-b of Agriculture and Markets Law provides land owners with an annual thirty-day period to submit requests for the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural lands within certified agricultural districts, and

WHEREAS, that thirty-day period began June 1, 2025, and ended June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, land owners have filed a request for inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land within the certified agricultural district, and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature referred the requests to the Niagara County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, and that Board has reviewed the requests and provided its recommendations that such property consists predominantly of viable agricultural land and that the inclusion of such land would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 5:45p.m. relating to such requested inclusions, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that based on the recommendations of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, this Niagara County Legislature hereby adopts and approves the inclusion of the requested viable agricultural land within certified Agricultural District #7, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 303-b of Agriculture and Markets Law the modifications to Agricultural District #7, are hereby described as follows, and include the following parcels listed by agricultural district, town, owner, tax map number, and acreage:

2025 Addition Recommendation:

| Agricultural District | Town     | Owner           | Tax Map Number | Acreage |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| 7                     | Lockport | Rosann Berry    | 136.00-1-49.11 | 24.13   |
| 7                     | Lockport | Rosann Berry    | 136.00-1-35    | 28.06   |
| 7                     | Lockport | William Goodine | 108.00-1-4.1   | 23.29   |

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

**Resolution No. ED-002-26**

From: Economic Development Committee.  
Dated: January 20, 2026

**FIXING DATE AND NOTICE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR MICRO-ENTERPRISE GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature wishes to provide information about the progress of the ongoing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) microenterprise program, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County is required to hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider citizens' views on proposed activities and regarding community needs, 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 microenterprise program, and the County's community development and economic development needs at the Legislative Chambers, Courthouse, 175 Hawley Street, Lockport, New York on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026 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 Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-001-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**CAPITAL PROJECT CREATION  
WATER TREATMENT PLANT COAGULATION BASIN RESTORATION  
WATER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Water District ("NCWD") recognizes the need for a new project for coagulation basin restoration at the water treatment plant with an estimated total project cost of \$1,500,000, and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient funds in the Water District's Fund Balance to cover the cost of this project, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the NCWD hereby establishes an appropriation of \$1,500,000 from its Fund Balance for the coagulation basin restoration project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NCWD hereby requests appropriate action from the Niagara County Legislature, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following 2026 budget modification be effectuated:

**INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:**

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| FX.40599.00 | Appropriated Fund Balance | \$1,500,000 |
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| FX.31.9950.000 79010.00 | Transfer to Capital Construction | \$1,500,000 |
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**INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:**

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| H816.31.8397.000 45031.00 | Interfund Transfer, From Operating | \$1,500,000 |
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| H816.31.8397.000 72200.01 | WTP Coagulation Basin Restoration | \$1,500,000 |
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-002-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**CAPITAL PROJECT CREATION  
TRANSMISSION MAIN INTERCONNECTIONS – WATER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Water District (“NCWD”) recognizes the need for a new supply interconnection project with an estimated total project cost of \$4,000,000, and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the Water District’s Capital Reserves to cover the cost of this project, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the NCWD hereby establishes an appropriation of \$4,000,000 from its Capital Reserve Fund for the new supply interconnection project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NCWD hereby requests appropriate action by the Niagara County Legislature, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following 2026 budget modification be effectuated:

**INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:**

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| H817.31.8397.000 45031.10 | Interfund Transfers from Capital Reserves | \$4,000,000 |
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATED RESERVE:**

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| FXH 40511.00 | Appropriated Capital Reserve | \$4,000,000 |
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| FXH.31.9950.000 79010.00 | Transfer to Capital Construction | \$4,000,000 |
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| H817.31.8397.000 72600.03 | Transmission Interconnections | \$4,000,000 |
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-003-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**APPROVAL TO ADOPT, PUBLISH & ENFORCE  
NIAGARA COUNTY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY**

WHEREAS, Niagara County Information Technology (IT) drafted a policy for governing the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology by county departments and employees, and

WHEREAS, the County departments and employees desiring to use Generative AI and AI enabled technology to enhance their work product and services to county residents will be granted access to the application or service in accordance with the AI Policy, and

WHEREAS, after this date, the AI Policy shall be in effect thereby making it required that any department and or employee requesting access shall do so in writing through their Department Head; the request shall flow through Niagara County IT and the AI Review Board made up of Risk Management, Human Resources and the County Attorney, and

WHEREAS, prior to granting access to the approved Generative AI technology and or AI enabled technology, the requestor shall complete required training issued by Niagara County IT, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Artificial Intelligence Policy be published and made available for review through the Niagara County Intranet, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this policy shall be reviewed and updated annually or when deemed necessary by the AI Review Board.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-004-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**AWARD CONSULTANT CONTRACT – NATURAL PLAYGROUND PHASE II PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works evaluated the qualifications of Fisher Associates to design the Phase 2 of the Natural Playground, and

WHEREAS, Fisher Associates previously designed Phase 1 of the Natural Playground, and

WHEREAS, Fisher Associates was previously approved as qualified in a prior term agreement evaluation review, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account H814.15.7110.000 72400.00, Land Improvements, 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 Natural Playground Phase II Project be awarded to Fisher Associates, 180 Charlotte Street, Rochester, NY 14067 for a contract amount not to exceed \$62,000, 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 Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-005-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**AWARD OF CONTRACT – EWINGS ROAD/18 MILE CREEK AND  
QUAKER ROAD OVER GOLDEN HILL CREEK**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has prepared specifications and the Niagara County Purchasing Department has advertised for bids for the Ewings Road/18 Mile Creek and Quaker Road over Golden Hill Creek Project, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account number H765.15.5197.000 72600.02, Infrastructure Bridges, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were publicly opened and read by our Purchasing Department on December 12, 2025 as tabulated below:

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| 1. | McLaughlin Construction Corp.<br>DBA Edbauer<br>2790 Clinton Street<br>West Seneca, NY 14224 | \$ 1,490,758.84 |
| 2. | Hunting Valley Construction<br>825 Rein Road<br>Cheektowaga, NY 14225                        | \$ 1,971,012.14 |

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 Ewings Road/18 Mile Creek and Quaker Road over Golden Hill Creek Project be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, McLaughlin Construction Corp., DBA Edbauer, 2790 Clinton Street, West Seneca, NY 14224, in the amount of \$1,490,758.84, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the agreement for the Ewings Road/18 Mile Creek and Quaker Road over Golden Hill Creek Project may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-006-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**GOLF COURSE LOCKER AND RESTROOM ALTERATIONS  
CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 3 FINAL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-150-23, dated October 17, 2023, authorized the contract for consultant services for the Golf Course Locker and Restroom Alterations Project to Nussbaumer & Clarke, 80 Main Street, Unit A, Lockport, NY 14094, for a contract amount not to exceed \$55,400, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-170-24, dated October 15, 2024, increased the contract in the amount of \$7,050 for additional design services to bid the foundation and slab of the Link Structure separate from the Locker Room Design, for a revised contract amount of \$62,450, and



WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-211-24 dated December 3, 2025, increased the contract in the amount of \$21,200 for additional engineering services, for a revised contract amount of \$83,650, and also extended the contract date to December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the contract in the amount of \$18.00, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$83,632, 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 Amendment No. 3-Final for Nussbaumer & Clarke, 80 Main Street, Unit A, Lockport, NY 14094, for the Golf Course Locker and Restroom Alterations Project, to reduce the contract in the amount of \$18.00, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$83,632, be approved, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-007-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**WILSON-BURT ROAD BRIDGE OVER EIGHTEEN MILE CREEK  
CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 4-FINAL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-114-21, dated November 16, 2021, authorized the contract for consultant services for the Wilson-Burt Road Bridge over Eighteen Mile Creek Project to C & S Engineers, Inc., 499 Col Eileen Collins Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13212, for a contract amount not to exceed \$143,000, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-003-23, dated January 17, 2023, authorized Amendment No. 1 to the contract for \$95,000 for construction inspection and construction administration, for a revised contract amount of \$238,000, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-172-23, dated November 14, 2023, awarded the Wilson-Burt Road Bridge over Eighteen Mile Creek Project to Edbauer Construction, 2790 Clinton Street, West Seneca, NY 14224, at a reduced base scope of work because the project budget would not support awarding the full base bid amount of the lowest responsible bidder, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-179-23, dated December 5, 2023, authorized Amendment No. 2 to reduce the contract by \$41,000, due to the reduced base scope of work, for a revised contract amount of \$197,000, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-096-24, dated May 14, 2024, extended the contract completion date to December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Contract has been completed to the satisfaction of the Niagara County Department of Public Works, 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 agreement with C&S Engineers be closed out.

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

**Resolution No. IF-008-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY  
ROOF AND ROOF TOP UNITS REPLACEMENT  
CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 2-FINAL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-148-23, dated October 17, 2023, authorized the contract for consultant services for the Public Safety Training Facility Roof and Roof Top Units Replacement Project to DiDonato Associates, 689 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203, for a contract amount not to exceed \$95,500, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-212-24 extended the contract date to December 31, 2025, at no additional cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the contract in the amount of \$40.65 as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$95,459.35, 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 Amendment No. 2 – Final to DiDonato Associates, 689 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203, for the Public Safety Training Facility Roof and Roof Top Units Replacement Project, to reduce the contract amount of \$40.65, for a revised contract amount of \$95,459.35 be approved, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-009-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**BRALEY ROAD OVER THE EAST BRANCH OF TWELVE MILE CREEK BRIDGE  
RAIL DESIGN CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 1-FINAL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-073-23 dated April 25, 2023, authorized the consultant services contract for the emergency repairs to the bridge and approach railings of Braley Road over the East Branch of Twelve Mile Creek Project to CHA Consulting Inc., 2200 Main Place Tower, Buffalo, NY 14202, for a contract amount not to exceed \$38,500.00, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the contract in the amount of \$14,665.00, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$23,835.00, and

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

RESOLVED, that the Amendment No. 1-Final to CHA Consulting Inc., 2200 Main Place Tower, Buffalo, NY 14202, to decrease the contract in the amount of \$14,665.00, for the bridge and approach railings of Braley Road over the East Branch of Twelve Mile Creek Project, for the revised contract amount of \$23,835.00, be approved, 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 Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-010-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**HARTLAND ROAD BRIDGE OVER GOLDEN HILL CREEK  
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FINAL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-193-24, dated November 12, 2024, authorized the contract for contractor services for the Hartland Road bridge over Golden Hill Creek to Hunting Valley Construction, 825 Rein Road Cheektowaga, NY 14225, in the amount of \$827,607.50, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the contract in the amount of \$52,410.54, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$775,196.96, 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. 1-Final, to reduce the Hartland Road bridge over Golden Hill Creek contract in the amount of \$52,410.54, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$775,196.96, to Hunting Valley Construction, 825 Rein Road Cheektowaga, NY 14225, be approved, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-011-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**REHABILITATION OF UPPER MOUNTAIN ROAD FROM ROUTE 31 TO  
LOCKPORT JUNCTION ROAD CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FINAL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-108-25, dated June 17, 2025, authorized the contract for contractor services for the rehabilitation of Upper Mountain Road from Route 31 to Lockport-Junction Road to Edbauer Construction, 2790 Clinton Street, West Seneca, NY 14224, in the amount of \$2,113,310.83, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the contract in the amount of \$124,474.30, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$1,988,836.53, 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. 1-Final to Edbauer Construction, 2790 Clinton Street, West Seneca, NY 14224, for the rehabilitation of Upper Mountain Road from Route 31 to Lockport-Junction, to reduce the contract in the amount of \$124,474.30, for a revised contract amount of \$1,988,836.53, be approved, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-012-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**REPLACEMENT OF HESS ROAD CULVERT NO. 24-24 PROJECT  
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FINAL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-187-24, dated November 12, 2024, authorized the contract for contractor services for the replacement of Hess Road Culvert 24-24 to Edbauer Construction, 2790 Clinton Street, West Seneca, NY 14224, in the amount of \$1,292,434.25, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the contract in the amount of \$203,892.40, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$1,088,541.85, 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. 1-Final to Edbauer Construction, 2790 Clinton Street, West Seneca, NY 14224, for the replacement of Hess Road Culvert 24-24, to reduce the contract in the amount of \$203,892.40, for a revised contract amount of \$1,088,541.85, be approved, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-013-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works desires to continue the shared services agreement with the City of Tonawanda to assist the County with the compliance of Phase II Stormwater Regulations, and

WHEREAS, the continuation of the shared services agreement with the City of Tonawanda would be beneficial to both municipalities, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account D.15.5140.000 74650.08, Consultant Services for 2026, 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 shared services agreement for the implementation of the Phase II Stormwater Regulations be executed with the City of Tonawanda, 200 Niagara Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150, for a contract amount not to exceed \$53,000 for the last renewal period of March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-014-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**DPW – HIGHWAY  
EXPENDITURE OF COUNTY ROAD FUND MONIES**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works recommends the expenditure of County Road Fund monies for maintenance of roads under Section 129 of the Highway Law, in the sum of \$10,754,052, and

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

RESOLVED, that the Recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Works be approved and the sum of \$10,754,052 be appropriated from the County Road Fund for maintenance during the year 2026, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-015-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SECTION 5311  
CONSOLIDATED GRANT ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara is accepting 5311 consolidated grant of funds from the New York State Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 5311, Title 49 US Code, for federal financial operating assistance in the amount of \$117,300, for 2024, and \$117,300, for 2025, for a project to provide a route deviation public transportation service for the non-urbanized areas of Niagara County, including the towns, Cambria, Hartland, Lewiston, Lockport, Newfane, Niagara, Pendleton, Royalton, Somerset, Wilson and the cities of Lockport and Niagara Falls, to be serviced by Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc., during the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara and the State of New York have entered into a continuing agreement which authorizes the undertaking of the Project and reimbursement of the federal and applicable state share, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara is contracting with a third-party subcontractor, Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc., for the project described above, and

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara accept the 5311 consolidated grant funds of \$117,300, for the year of 2024, and \$117,300, for the year of 2025, Comptroller's Contract No. C005985, for the operation of the County of Niagara's Rural Transportation Service Connect Niagara, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature is authorized to act on behalf of the County of Niagara to sign the application and progress and completed the above-mentioned project, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-016-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSULTANT CONTRACT EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-113-25 dated June 17, 2025, increased estimated appropriation for Consultant/Expert Service for the prior public works fiscal administrator to \$19,999.00, and

WHEREAS, the Consultant/Expert Service employee had agreed to return as a consultant, for a period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for a fee not to exceed \$19,999, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Purchasing Guidelines allow for waiver of Requests for Proposals for professional services contracts where justification exists, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Niagara County Department of Public Works would like to continue the Consultant/Expert Service agreement for the amount of \$19,999.00 and a term of twelve (12) months from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature waive the purchasing policy for this professional services contract and allow said Consultant/Expert Service contractor to assist as needed for a time period of twelve (12) months from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, at an agreed upon amount not to exceed \$19,999.00, 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 Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IF-017-26**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
CAPITAL ACCOUNT BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the County has identified excess SLFRF funds that were previously obligated as of the deadline, but ultimately not expended on an eligible activity, and

WHEREAS, the County may reclassify the SLFRF funds from the original activity to another project that would be eligible under the SLFRF program rules, including the requirement that the recipient incurred an obligation by December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-220-24 allocated capital reserve funds to the Public Works Storm Facility, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-177-25 dated December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, reduced the contract for Scott Lawn Yard, in which \$1,143.22 of the reduction should have been applied to Oppenheim Park Improvements (H771) rather than Krull Park Improvements (H748), and

WHEREAS, a portion these funds are covering ARPA eligible obligations that were in place prior to the December 31, 2024 deadline, and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office has identified the need for a capital project to track various upgrades, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the ARPA funds available for reclassification, in the amount of \$70,557.26, be applied to the Public Storm Facility, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$50,000 be applied to Tax Upgrades (H820) and the remaining \$20,557.26 be returned to the original funding source of Capital Reserve, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

**INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:**

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| H771.15.7110.000 | 44089.07 | Federal Aid, Other ARPA State/<br>Local Fiscal Recovery | \$ 1,143.22  |
| H523.15.1620.000 | 44089.07 | Federal Aid, Other ARPA State/<br>Local Fiscal Recovery | \$ 70,557.26 |
| H820.07.1989.000 | 45031.10 | Interfund Transfers from Capital<br>Reserves            | \$ 50,000.00 |

**DECREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:**

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| H748.15.7110.000 | 44089.07 | Federal Aid, Other ARPA State/<br>Local Fiscal Recovery | \$ 1,143.22  |
| H523.15.1620.000 | 45031.10 | Interfund Transfers from Capital<br>Reserves            | \$ 70,557.26 |

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| H771.15.7110.000 | 72400.00 | Land Improvement Expense | \$ 1,143.22  |
| H820.07.1989.000 | 72100.26 | Technology Expense       | \$ 50,000.00 |

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

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| H748.15.7110.000 | 72400.00 | Land Improvement Expense | \$ 1,143.22 |
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IL-001-26**

From: Legislators Richard L. Andres, Randy R. Bradt, Jesse P. Gooch and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LUMBER CITY CHURCH  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Lumber City Church mission is to serve the people of the beloved “Lumber City”, North Tonawanda, and

WHEREAS, the Lumber City Church has launched Nourishment for Learning, a weekend backpack food program for children who rely on school meals during the week and may not have reliable access to food on the weekends, and

WHEREAS, the Lumber City Church is filling and delivering 10 weekend food backpacks to each of the six elementary schools in the area, a total of 60 backpacks every week, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this initiative to help ensure that no child in the community has to worry where their next meal is coming from over the weekend, 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 Lumber City Church program by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

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| Lumber City Church - Nourishment for Learning | \$3,000.00 |
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IL-002-26**

From: Legislators Richard L. Andres, Randy R. Bradt, Jesse P. Gooch and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TONAWANDAS GATEWAY HARBOR INC.  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Tonawandas Gateway Harbor, Inc. is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization with a mission to promote economic growth, tourism, recreation, and cultural and historic heritage through the utilization of Gateway Harbor Park, and

WHEREAS, in 2026 the Tonawandas Gateway Harbor, Inc. will once again be hosting the Gateway Harbor Wednesdays Concerts on the Canal Series, at Gateway Harbor Park, and

WHEREAS, this concert series draws thousands of people to downtown North Tonawanda on a weekly basis, which results in a positive economic impact for area restaurants and businesses, 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 efforts of the Tonawandas Gateway Harbor, Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:



Tonawandas Gateway Harbor, Inc.  
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.  
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

\$5,000.00

**Resolution No. IL-003-26**

From: Legislators Anthony J. Nemi, Randy R. Bradt, Richard L. Andres, Irene M. Myers, Richard E. Abbott, Christopher J. McKimmie, David E. Godfrey, Jesse P. Gooch, Michael A. Casale, Christopher A. Robins, Carla L. Speranza and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE VS.  
ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara Frontier League (NFL) and the Erie County Interscholastic Conference (ECIC) compete in an annual basketball tournament showcasing the talent of local high school students, from across Western New York, and

WHEREAS, athletes from Niagara County school districts, including Niagara Wheatfield, North Tonawanda, Starpoint, Lockport and Lewiston-Porter take part in this event, and

WHEREAS, the Starpoint Central School District is hosting the 2026 tournament, and

WHEREAS, this tournament is highly competitive, and the players look forward to participating in it each year, and

WHEREAS, events such as this, would not be possible with community engagement and assistance, 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 NFL vs. ECIC Basketball Tournament by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Starpoint Central School District  
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.  
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

\$3,000.00

**Resolution No. IL-004-26**

From: Legislator Michael A. Casale and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INAUGURAL NIAGARA COUNTY ITALIAN FESTIVAL  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Italian Festival organizers have announced the first-ever countywide Italian Festival to be held at Academy Park in Lewiston, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Italian Festival which will take place July 17-19, 2026, will celebrate Italian culture, food, music and tradition, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Italian Festival will also celebrate the great accomplishment of the many residents of Italian heritage, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Italian Festival is another wonderful event for the Village of Lewiston and all of 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 the first-ever countywide Italian Festival (Pax Romana) by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

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| Niagara County Italian Festival (Pax Romana) | \$2,500.00 |
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.  
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IL-005-26**

From: Legislators Christopher A. Robins, Christopher J. McKimmie and Economic Development Committee.  
Dated: January 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN NIAGARA COUNTY  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Association in Niagara County is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization that has been proudly serving the community since 1964, and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Association of Niagara County offers free and low-cost programs that promote mental wellness, provide needed services for those with a mental health diagnosis, and actively work to alleviate the stigma and public misunderstanding of mental illness, and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Association in Niagara County is a valuable resource for 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 the Mental Health Association in Niagara County by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

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| Mental Health Association in Niagara County | \$2,000.00 |
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.  
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IL-006-26**

From: Legislator Richard L. Andres, Randy R. Bradt and Economic Development Committee.  
Dated: January 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus in North Tonawanda was established in 1924, and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus building is used for many functions such as banquets, weddings, bingo, etc. where these profits go to help those in need in the community, and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus are requesting funds to help with the cost of a new security system, 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 Knights of Columbus appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

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| Knights of Columbus                 | \$4,000.00 |
| Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.  |            |
| Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent. |            |

**Resolution No. IL-007-26**

From: Legislators Jesse P. Gooch, Christopher J. McKimmie and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HEARTS IN BLOOM BUFFALO, INC.  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Hearts in Bloom Buffalo, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization created to bring comfort to widows and widowers on Valentine's Day, these are individuals who often grieve quietly during this holiday, and

WHEREAS, each year the volunteers deliver flowers and gift bags directly to their doors, reminding them they are seen, remembered and loved, and

WHEREAS, this will be the third annual Valentine's delivery, servicing over 200 recipients across WNY, a large number right in North Tonawanda and Wheatfield area, and

WHEREAS, Hearts in Bloom Buffalo, Inc. is looking for support in helping spread love and compassion, 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 efforts of Hearts in Bloom Buffalo, Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

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| Hearts in Bloom Buffalo, Inc.       | \$2,500.00 |
| Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.  |            |
| Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent. |            |

**Resolution No. IL-008-26**

From: Legislator Jesse P. Gooch and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT FUTURE CENTER  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Project Future Center is a non-profit organization, and

WHEREAS, the Project Future Center teaches students moral principles such as respect, discipline, confidence and strength as they receive training in Bushido Kai, and

WHEREAS, the Project Future Center is requesting funds for a new furnace, 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 efforts of the Project Future Center by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

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| The Project Future Center           | \$2,000.00 |
| Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.  |            |
| Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent. |            |

**Resolution No. IL-009-26**

From: Legislators Anthony J. Nemi, Richard E. Abbott, Carla L. Speranza, Michael A. Hill, Shawn A Foti and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HISTORIC PALACE INC.  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Historic Palace Theatre has been a mainstay in the City of Lockport since it opened in 1925, and

WHEREAS, Historic Palace Inc. provides a variety of family-friendly events for residents and visitors in the City of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, Historic Palace Inc., is a community-based organization dedicated to maintaining the historic and architectural integrity of the theatre, while providing a venue for performing arts and a center for arts education, and

WHEREAS, Historic Palace Inc. is seeking community support for the purchase of new boilers to ensure that the theatre is properly temperature-controlled for the enjoyment of its patrons, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support the efforts of Historic Palace Inc. to maintain this historic landmark, 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 Historic Palace Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

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| Historic Palace Inc. | \$8,000.00 |
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.  
Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**Resolution No. IL-010-26**

From: Legislators Ricard E. Abbott, Anthony J. Nemi, Carla L. Speranza, Jeffrey Elder, Christopher A. Robins, Sam R. Farruggia, Randy R. Bradt, Richard L. Andres, Michael A. Hill, Shawn A. Foti, Irene M. Myers, Jesse P. Gooch, Christopher J. McKimmie, David E. Godfrey, Michael A. Casale.

Dated: January 20, 2026

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 2023  
APPLICABLE TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION  
FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER**

WHEREAS, Legislators Richard E. Abbott and Anthony J. Nemi present in writing the following proposed Local Law:

A Local Law amending Local Law No. 1 for the year 2023 applicable to the real property tax exemption for persons sixty-five years of age or over:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Niagara as follows:

1. Local Law No. 1 for the year 2023, and the same hereby is, amended so as to increase the income levels for the real property tax exemption for persons sixty-five years of age or older from a base of \$26,200.00 - \$33,700.00 to \$26,900.00-\$34,400.00:

Section 1. Real property owned by one or more persons, each of whom is sixty-five years of age or over, or real property owned by husband and wife, or by siblings, one of whom is sixty-five years of age or over, shall be exempt from taxation for County purposes to the extent as provided in the following schedule:

|            | <u>ANNUAL INCOME</u>    | <u>EXEMPTION PERCENT</u> |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Less than: | \$26,900                | 50%                      |
| From:      | \$26,900 to \$27,899.99 | 45%                      |
|            | \$27,900 to \$28,899.99 | 40%                      |
|            | \$28,900 to \$29,899.99 | 35%                      |
|            | \$29,900 to \$30,799.99 | 30%                      |
|            | \$30,800 to \$31,699.99 | 25%                      |
|            | \$31,700 to \$32,599.99 | 20%                      |
|            | \$32,600 to \$33,499.99 | 15%                      |
|            | \$33,500 to \$34,400.00 | 10%                      |

2. This Local Law shall become effective March 1, 2026 and this schedule shall be employed by all Niagara County assessing units in the preparation of any assessment roll prepared subsequent to such date.

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature shall conduct a public hearing upon said proposed Local Law at the Legislative Chambers, Niagara County Courthouse, Lockport, New York on the 17th day of February, 2026 at 5:45 p.m., and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature, at least six (6) days in advance of such hearing, shall post a notice upon the bulletin boards in the Courthouse in Lockport, the Civic Building in Niagara Falls shall publish such notice once in the Union Sun & Journal, and the Niagara Gazette; such notice shall contain the title of the

Local Law and an abstract of the text to be prepared by the Clerk of the Legislature, with the assistance of the County Attorney's Office.

Moved by Abbott, 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 Abbott, seconded by Nemi.

Adopted. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY:**

|                        | <b><u>Appt.</u></b> | <b><u>Expires</u></b> |
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| Deanna Alterio Brennen | 01/20/26            |                       |

**FIRE ADVISORY BOARD:**

|  |          |          |
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| Lowell Dickinson, (Fire Chief's Assn)<br>3810 Lockport-Olcott Rd. Lockport 14094             | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| Jon Waggoner (Fire Chief's Assn)<br>854 Onondaga St. Lewiston 14092                          | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| Jim Mihalko (Fire Chief's Assn)<br>7271 Schultz Rd. North Tonawanda 14120                    | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| Michael Carroll (Fire Chief's Assn)<br>6710 Schultz St., Niagara Falls 14304                 | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| Nicholas Baes (Fire Chief's Assn)<br>7841 Chestnut Ridge Rd. Gasport 14067                   | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| Arthur Kroening (Vol. Firemens Assn)<br>2553 Niagara Rd., Sanborn 14132                      | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| John Voutour (Vol. Firemens Assn)<br>3140 Kruger Rd. North Tonawanda 14120                   | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| Greg Robertson (Vol. Firemens Assn)<br>840 Seneca St. Lewiston 14092                         | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| Dave Schmidt (Vol. Firemens Assn)<br>PO Box 523 Sanborn, 14132                               | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| Michael Kislack (Vol. Firemens)<br>2464 Jagow Rd., Niagara Falls 14304                       | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| Gary Pochatko, Fire Chief<br>Fire Headquarters, Box 69, 3115 Walnut Ave., NF 14302           | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| Bernard Lucantonio, Battalion Chief<br>Fire Headquarters, Box 69, 3115 Walnut Ave., NF 14302 | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| James Scapellitti, Assistant Chief<br>Fire Headquarters, One Locks Plaza, Lockport 14094     | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| Luca Quagliano, Fire Chief<br>Fire Headquarters, One Locks Plaza, Lockport 14094             | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| James Diermyer Jr.<br>Fire Headquarters 1495 Zimmerman St., No. Ton. 14120-9527              | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |
| Doug Orłowski, Fire Chief<br>Fire Headquarters 495 Zimmerman St., No. Ton. 14120             | 01/20/26 | 12/31/26 |

**Legislators:** Godfrey, Abbott, Foti, McKimmie, Farruggia

**Ex-officio:**

Jonathan Schultz, Niagara County Fire Coordinator, 5574 Niagara St. Ext., PO Box 496 Lockport 14095  
Daniel Leven, Dep. Fire Coord., 1048 Elliott Dr. Lewiston 14092  
Edward Zimmerman, Dep. Fire Coord., 5891 Garlow Rd., NF 14304  
Robert Hoover II, 6030 Hoover Rd., Sanborn 14132  
Jason Coleman, 2320 Lockport Olcott Rd., Newfane 14108

Jeffrey Baes, Dep. Fire Coord. Area 4, 4011 Wruck Rd., Gasport 14067  
Chad Shepherd, Dep. Fire Coord, 3292 Saunders Settlement Rd, Sanborn 14132  
Joseph Fries, 275 Elmwood Ave. Lockport, 14094  
Mark Walter, Dep. Fire Coord., Fire Police Team, 4935 Meyer Rd., North Tonawanda, 14120  
Mark Hain, Haz-Mat Deputy Coord., 7818 Ridge Rd., Gasport 14067  
Scott Seib 7939 Slayton Settlement Rd Gasport, Ny 14067  
Kevin Hodgson, Haz-Mat Rep., 67 Jesella Dr. North Tonawanda, 14120  
Capt. Marc Kasprzak, Sheriff Dept.  
Aaron McLane, Chief, 1 Firelane-Bldg 821 Niagara Falls 14304  
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.  
Approved. 15 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent.

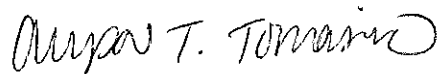
Legislator Speranza wished to express her profound gratitude towards county attorney Jorge and Sheriff Filicetti for the reassessment of federal policy and the decision to no longer accept ICE detainees absent a direct criminal nexus or court-issued warrant.

Sheriff Filicetti was called to the lectern to discuss the county's approach to immigration enforcement. He stated the department is seeking to balance enforcement, public safety, and community concern. As a result of the review, the department will going forward, only hold detainees with criminal nexus, a judicial warrant or pending criminal charges.

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

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned at 6:20 pm, subject to the call of the Clerk.

Four citizens spoke at this time on the General Welfare of the County.

  
Alysa T. Tomasino, Clerk