

A public hearing was held pursuant to IL-010-26, adopted by the Legislature on January 20, 2026, for the purpose of hearing public comments on 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. Legislator Godfrey opened the hearing at 5:45 p.m. and closed it at approximately 5:47 p.m.

A public hearing was held pursuant to ED-002-26, adopted by the Legislature on January 20, 2026, for the purpose of hearing public comments for Micro-Enterprise Grant Funds. Legislator Godfrey opened the hearing at 5:55 p.m. and closed it at approximately 5:58 p.m.

OFFICIAL RECORD

Lockport, New York
February 17, 2026

Vice Chairman Nemi called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Clerk Tomasino called the roll. All Legislators were present, with the exception of Legislators Hill.

Vice Chairman Nemi called Legislator Gooch and Director of Office for the Aging Darlene DiCarlo to the lectern to present a proclamation to Angel Ritz for her lifesaving actions.

Vice Chairman Nemi called Legislator Elder to the lectern to speak on the importance of Black History Month.

One citizen spoke in the Agenda.

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

Resolution No. AD-003-26

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

CREATE AND FILL TEMPORARY COURIER-MAIL CLERK POSITION

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Mailroom is staffed by a full-time Courier-Mail Clerk position, which provides vital courier and mail services for Niagara County and the Niagara County Courthouse facility, and

WHEREAS, due to an unforeseen and extended leave of absence of the full-time Courier-Mail Clerk, and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Legislature has determined that in order to provide effective courier and mail services that a temporary full-time Courier-Mail Clerk position is required, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that one (1) temporary full-time Courier-Mail Clerk position at the rate of \$22.24 per hour be created effective immediately for the duration of the aforementioned unforeseen and extended leave of absence.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. AD-004-26

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

WITH ORLEANS COUNTY FOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

WHEREAS, communicating county information is an important function of county government, as recognized when Niagara County created the Public Information Officer position and the office thereof, and

WHEREAS, Orleans County has a need for the same function of a Public Information Officer (PIO), and

WHEREAS, Niagara County and Orleans County have a long history of collaboration, as exemplified by the Niagara Orleans Regional Alliance and the Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation, and

WHEREAS, Orleans County desires to continue to share the services of the Niagara County Public Information Officer, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Niagara County is authorized to enter into an updated agreement with Orleans County for PIO services, and be it further

RESOLVED, the PIO position will continue to be increased from 35 hours per week to 40 per week to provide the services of a Public Information Officer to Orleans County effective September 27, 2025 through September 26, 2027, at a total cost to be paid by Orleans County not to exceed \$21,278.00 for year one with a COLA for year two, for the commitment of 5 hours per week to Orleans County.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. AD-005-26

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN NIAGARA COUNTY AND BRIAN PARISI COPIER SYSTEMS INC.
TO PROVIDE MULTIFUNCTION COPIER SERVICES**

WHEREAS, an invitation for bid (IFB# 2019-02) for Lease of Multifunction Copying, Faxing and Scanning Devices was issued and publicly opened by the Purchasing Department on July 9, 2019, and

WHEREAS, after conducting an evaluation of all proposals, the County awarded Brian Parisi Copiers Systems Inc. as suppliers of the multifunction copier services, and

WHEREAS, the County entered into an agreement with Brian Parisi Copier Systems Inc for five years, and

WHEREAS, the current agreement expired February 24, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the IFB# 2019-02 allotted for two one-year extensions, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #AD-004-25 to extend the contract for the first one-year extension allotted, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to extend the contract for the second one-year extension allotted, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County enter into a second one-year extension agreement with Brian Parisi Copier Systems Inc. to provide multifunction copier services, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. AD-006-26

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**REAL PROPERTY TAX CORRECTIONS/CANCELLATIONS
NO. COE-2026 A**

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services has received applications for refunds and/or corrections applicable to various outstanding Niagara County tax liens, or has been made aware that unenforceable tax liens exist upon certain real property owned by the State of New York and/or the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Director has investigated the claimed erroneous assessments and/or unenforceable liens in accordance with sections 554, 556, and 558 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the applications and/or lien cancellations be approved and/or denied as set forth in the attached Exhibit No. COE-2026 A, which is made a part hereof, and subsequently be charged back to the applicable town, city, special district and school district within the County of Niagara.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. AD-007-26

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

BUDGET MODIFICATION – DISTRIBUTION OF SALES TAX

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer's Office has reviewed the year-to-date distribution of county-wide sales tax revenue for 2025, and

WHEREAS, sales tax revenue for the fiscal year 2025, the final payment of which was received in January 2026, came in higher than anticipated and must be accrued back to 2025 per Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and

WHEREAS, such unanticipated increase in sales tax revenue has led the County to distribute higher than anticipated amounts of revenue to the local municipalities, and

WHEREAS, budget modifications for the 2025 fiscal year can continue to be made into the first quarter of 2026, now, therefore, be it

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

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.07.1985.000 41110.01	Sales and Use Tax General Distribution	\$3,934,275
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.07.1985.000 74500.01	Distribution of Sales Tax	\$3,934,275
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CS-002-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

ABOLISH AND CREATE POSITIONS – SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services Legal Unit consists of one (1) Chief Attorney, two (2) Full-time Assistant Social Services Attorneys and nine (9) Part-time Assistant Social Services Attorneys, and

WHEREAS, one (1) Full-time Assistant Social Services Attorney position has been vacant since November 2025, and

WHEREAS, the position is posted on the Niagara County website for continuous recruitment and most recently was posted for hire on October 10, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the posting did not generate candidates with the appropriate residency or skills needed to perform the functions of the position, and

WHEREAS, the work of the Legal Unit has since been re-evaluated and it was determined that two (2) Part-time Assistant Social Services Attorney positions would better serve the needs of the Department of Social Services, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a vacant Assistant Social Services Attorney F/T position #10594, Group X, step 2 at \$39.05 per hour be abolished effective February 18, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that two (2) Assistant Social Services Attorney P/T positions, Grade PT ATT-DSS, Salary at \$57,476 annually be created and filled effective February 18, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following line-item transfer be effectuated to the Social Services 2026 budget:

FROM:

A.22.6010.000 71010 10594	Assistant Social Services Attorney F/T	\$ 71,344
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TO:

A.22.6010.000 71030.xxxxx	Assistant Social Services Attorney P/T	\$ 35,672
A.22.6010.000 71030.xxxxx	Assistant Social Services Attorney P/T	\$ 35,672

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CS-003-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION
CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND**

WHEREAS, Executive Budget did make Federal funds available to local districts for the provision of early childhood development and before-and-after school child care services and of quality improvement activities under the Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, these funds enable Niagara County to direct resources to satisfy Federal requirements, as they relate to the registration and inspection of Child Care Centers, as well as the corresponding reporting requirements, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County did receive a renewed allocation which is 100% federally funded, effective January 1, 2026, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Department of Social Services will continue to contract with Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. to carry out the required roles and responsibilities under the Child Care and Development Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the Social Services 2026 budget:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.22.6010.000 44610.00	DSS Admin Revenue	\$ 218,894
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.22.6010.000 74500.01	Contractual Exp – Contractual	\$ 218,984
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CS-004-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION
CODE BLUE**

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) administers the Code Blue Program to provide emergency shelter and services to individuals experiencing homelessness during periods of extreme cold weather, and

WHEREAS, the Code Blue Program assists local governments and service providers in ensuring the safety and well-being of vulnerable populations during such weather events, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County DSS has been awarded funding in the amount of \$157,000 for the period of 7/1/2025-06/30/2026, and

WHEREAS, this funding will support contractual agreements with Community Missions of the Niagara Frontier and The Salvation Army to provide emergency shelter operations and related services in accordance with Code Blue Program guidelines, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the Social Services 2026 budget:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.22.6010.000 43610.01	DSS Admin General	\$ 157,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.22.6010.000 74500.01	Contractual Exp-Contractual	\$ 157,000
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CS-005-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**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 & Non-residential Domestic Violence services, Title XX Services, JD/PINS Foster care Costs, Child Care & Development, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County did receive a 100 % federally funded allocation, effective 7/25 – 6/26, not all of which has been expended, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Department 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 2026 budget:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.22.6010.000 44610.00	DSS Admin Revenue	\$ 95,360
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.22.6010.000 74500.01	Contractual Exp-Contractual	\$ 95,360
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CS-006-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION
NYS SHELTER ARREARS EVICTION FORESTALLMENT (SAEF)**

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) administers the Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment (SAEF) program to assist eligible households at risk of eviction due to rental arrears, and

WHEREAS, the SAEF Program provides funding to prevent homelessness by enabling local social services districts and authorized entities to pay rental arrears on behalf of eligible households, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County DSS has been awarded additional funding in the amount of \$225,625, to extend the program period out to 06/30/2026, and

WHEREAS, this funding will support housing stability, prevent displacement, and reduce homelessness with the community, at no cost to the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the Social Services 2026 budget:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.22.6010.000 43610.01	DSS Admin General	\$ 225,625
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.22.6010.000 74000.03	Administrative Costs	\$ 225,625
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CS-007-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION
SAFE HARBOR INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, 2008 New York State legislation, The Safe Harbor for Exploited Children Act, ended the prosecution of minors under prostitution charges and instead identified minors as victims of commercial sexual exploitation by adults, and

WHEREAS, The Safe Harbor Act is the result of years of advocacy work in New York and around the country in advancing the cause for child victims. The number of sexually exploited children, in addition to data surrounding the correlation between abuse and mental health concerns, highlighted the need for a model shift from criminalizing to protecting victims, and

WHEREAS, resources have been made available for the identification of Commercially Sexually Exploited (CSE) youth, the provision of case coordination and advocacy for CSE youth, assisting youth with access to medical care, mental health counseling, financial assistance, emergency shelter and other basic living and safety needs, crisis intervention, problem solving, action planning, and skill building, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County was selected as one of few counties across the state to receive funds to support the Safe Harbor program, and did receive a renewed allocation of \$16,949 effective 01/01/2026 – 12/31/2026, which is 100 % state funded, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Department of Social Services will continue to contract and collaborate with Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center - Child Advocacy Center, with the goal of providing immediate and intensive services to youth who are sexually exploited, and reduce the risk of continued sexual exploitation and abuse, in accordance with the Safe Harbor Initiative, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the Social Services 2026 budget:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.22.6010.000 43610.01	DSS Admin General	\$ 16,949
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.22.6010.000 74500.01	Contractual Exp-Contractual	\$ 16,949
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CS-008-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION – REAPPROPRIATE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS FUNDS
EMERGENCY PLANNING- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the Emergency Planning Program of the Niagara County Department of Health provides services, information and training to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the National Association of County and City Health Officials awarded Emergency Planning Program Medical Reserve Corps Operational Readiness Award funds to assist in preparedness of local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) capabilities approved through resolution CS-001-25, and

WHEREAS the Department of Health requests approval for reappropriation of fund balance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

CM.20.4189.406 44489.24	Other Health MRC 20GRTMRCORA25-E1	\$ 4,836.89
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CM.20.4189.406 74750.02	Supplies/Materials	\$ 4,836.89
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CS-009-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION –REAPPROPRIATE DISABILITIES GRANT FUNDS
EMERGENCY PLANNING DIVISION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the Emergency Planning Division of the Niagara County Department of Health provides services, information and training to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the National Association of County and City Health Officials awarded the Public Health Emergency Planning Division funding to Address Needs of People with Disabilities reapproved through county budget adoption Resolution B-07-24, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health requests re-appropriation of fund balance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

CM.20.4189.406 44401.00	Public Health Federal Aid	\$ 2,240.42
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CM.20.4189.406 74750.02	Supplies/Materials	\$ 2,240.42
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CS-010-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION –REAPPROPRIATE LEAD REGISTRY GRANT FUNDS
ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the Environmental Division of the Niagara County Department of Health provides essential services, information and training to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of Health awarded the Environmental Division Lead Registry funding for the new state registry program approved through county budget adoption Resolution CS-052-24, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health requests re-appropriation of fund balance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

CM.20.4070.427 43450.03	\$	55,000.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CM.20.4070.427 72100.12 Machinery & Equipment cars	\$	38,000.00
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CM.20.4070.427 74375.01 Advertising & Promotion	\$	12,500.00
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CM.20.4070.427 74300.06 Uniforms/Clothing	\$	2,400.00
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CM.20.4070.427 74750.02 Supplies	\$	2,100.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CS-011-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION – REAPPROPRIATE NACCHO MATERNAL,
CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH FUNDS
EMERGENCY PLANNING- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the Emergency Planning Program of the Niagara County Department of Health provides services, information and training to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, The National Association of County & City Health Officials awarded Emergency Planning Program funds to improve vaccination coverage adding ADA push plates for easier access to new clinic location approved through resolution CS-017-25, and

WHEREAS the Department of Health requests re-appropriation of 2025 Maternal, Child, and Adolescent health fund balance to 2026 budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:
CM.20.4189.406 44401.01 Federal Aid PH \$ 55,818.35

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:
CM.20.4189.406 72100.14 Miscellaneous Equipment \$ 55,818.35
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CS-012-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**ABOLISH CLERICAL I/CREATE & FILL CLERICAL II
NURSING DIVISION-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the duties of Clerical I do not meet the present needs of the Department of Health Nursing Division, and

WHEREAS, the duties of Clerical II represent the duties necessary for the daily operations of the Department of Health Nursing Division, and

WHEREAS, the increased job expectations and scope of duties of Clerical II better serves the Department of Health Nursing Division needs, and

WHEREAS, the change reflects a savings to the County due to the longevity of abolished position #623, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that effective February 28, 2026 the position of Clerical I (Position #623), CSEA Job Group 3 at \$40,632.48 to \$45,163.44 per year, be abolished, and be it further

RESOLVED, that effective March 1, 2026 the position of Clerical II, CSEA Job Group 4 at \$41,893.11 to \$46,643.31 per year, be created and filled.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CS-013-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING DEPARTMENT
ACCEPT NEW YORK SYSTEMS CHANGE AND
INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK FUNDS 2026**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Local Workforce Development Board (NCWDB) has been awarded \$100,000 under the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NY SCION) for the period of January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, and

WHEREAS, these funds are being passed-through from the New York State Department of Labor to be utilized by Niagara County Employment & Training to support local job seekers with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, these funds are already in the 2026 budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the NY SCION funding may be executed pursuant to the Subrecipient Agreement and Niagara County's Contract policy.

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

Carried.

Moved by Gooch, seconded by Abbott.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CSS-014-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
EXPENDITURE OF CELLULAR E911 FUNDS
TO PURCHASE PUBLIC SAFETY MOBILE RADIOS**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed a Local Law on 11/5/2017 which established an E911 surcharge for cellular phones to establish a dedicated revenue to be used for future payments for system costs, eligible wireless 911 service costs, or other costs associated with the administration, design, enhanced wireless 911 service costs serving Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, such expenditures require the authorization of the Niagara County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has identified a need to purchase Public Safety mobile radios for the E911 System, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has a quote from Motorola Solutions for \$412,443 on New York State OGS Contract 21562, and

WHEREAS, the funds need to be added to the 2026 Budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Sheriff's Office be authorized to spend \$412,443 in cellular E911 funds for the necessary project to purchase Public Safety mobile radios for the E911 system, following Purchasing Guidelines and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A.19.3020.000 40599.01	Appropriated Fund Balance – Committed Funds	\$412,443
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.19.3020.000 72100.15	Communications Equipment	\$412,443
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CSS-015-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SHOWER REFINISHING FOR NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution CSS-127-25 on December 2, 2025 to award Request for Proposal 2025-51 Shower Refinishing for Niagara County Sheriff's Office to SL Associates of Rochester Inc., DBA Miracle Method of Western NY, 645 Ling Rd Rochester, NY 14612 in the amount of \$81,205, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office would like to treat and refinish an additional ceiling area of the Jail for mold/mildew in the same manner as the existing project, and

WHEREAS, SL Associates of Rochester Inc., DBA Miracle Method of Western NY, has provided a proposal for the requested services in the amount of \$3,790, and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Miracle Method of Western NY has been reviewed and will be funded through the existing Capital Project H813, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the SL Associates of Rochester Inc., DBA Miracle Method of Western NY, contract for the Shower Refinishing Project Change Order No. 1 may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CSS-016-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET MODIFICATION
FY22 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENTS GRANT EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-090-22 to accept the FY22 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvements Grant from the US Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025 in the amount of \$254,664, and

WHEREAS, this program funding is used to improve operations in the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory through: the purchase of equipment for increased laboratory safety, purchasing laboratory supplies, funds for training of forensic scientists and funds for overtime to validate new equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Justice Assistance has approved an extension of the FY22 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvements Grant from September 30, 2025 to September 30, 2026, 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 following the County Attorney's review, the grant extension for the FY22 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvements 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.17.3110.000 44389.07	Other Public Safety Forensic Lab	\$9,378
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3110.000 71050.00	Overtime Expense	\$7,502
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A.17.3110.000 78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$1,172
A.17.3110.000 78200.00	FICA Expense	\$ 574
A.17.3110.000 78300.00	Worker's Compensation	\$ 130

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
 Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CSS-017-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET MODIFICATION
 FY23 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENTS GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-100-23 on October 17, 2023 to accept the FY23 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvements Grant from the US Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$500,000, and

WHEREAS, this program funding is used to improve operations in the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory through an upgrade of the Forensic Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) and adding Barcode Technology to streamline the workflow processes in the lab, 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:

A.17.3110.000 44389.07	Other Public Safety Forensic Lab	\$86,729
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.17.3110.000 72100.04	Hospital, Medical, Lab Equipment	\$86,729
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CSS-018-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 LABELLA CONSULTANT CONTRACT JAIL REPLACEMENT EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-104-23 on 10/17/2023 to award LaBella Associates, P.C. the contract for design services for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Jail Replacement Project in the amount of \$2,926,000, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-120-24 on 11/12/24 for Change Order No.1 in the amount of \$68,000 for requested services of SEQRA process, abatement design for regulated building materials, wetland investigation, delineation and mitigation and Pump Station upgrade, and

WHEREAS, the contract with LaBella Associates, P.C. was due to expire on 10/31/25, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office would like to do a no-cost extension of the contract until October 31, 2027, 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 LaBella Associates P.C. Consultant Contract for the Jail Replacement Project may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CSS-019-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ACCEPT STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT FORMULA GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services that it has been awarded \$61,547.26 under the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant for the performance period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the STOP VAWA grant funds are used to help fund a full time Crime Victim Advocate dedicated to Domestic Violence cases to help Domestic Violence victims throughout Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the funds are already in the 2026 budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the STOP Violence Against Women Act Formula Grant may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CSS-020-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE
EXTEND OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES (OILS) 4TH COUNSEL
AT FIRST APPEARANCE (CAFA) GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Public Defender's Office has received an award from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (OILS) in the amount of \$750,000 for the period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used to provide an attorney and support staff at client's first appearance/arraignment before the Court, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County did not receive the approved contract until several months into the grant, and

WHEREAS, funds remain in the grant to be claimed, and

WHEREAS, a one-year extension is being requested to claim available funds, now, therefore, be it

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

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CSS-021-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

NIAGARA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S & CONFLICT DEFENDER'S AND ASSIGNED COUNSEL OFFICE ACCEPT OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES (OILS) FOURTH FAMILY DEFENSE (CHILD WELFARE) QUALITY IMPROVEMENT & CASELOAD REDUCTION GRANT (C4THFD29) AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Public Defender's & Conflict Defender's and Assigned Counsel Offices received an additional award from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (OILS) in the amount of one-hundred and fourteen thousand Dollars and twenty-cents (\$114,633.20) for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used to improve the quality of legally mandated representation in Family Court matters in Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender's Office previously accepted this grant on Resolutions CSS-077-25, and

WHEREAS, funding from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the above grant is necessary so that the Niagara County Public Defender's and Conflict Defender's and Assigned Counsel Office can continue providing quality services in Family Court matters pursuant to Article 18-B of the County Law, and

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

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be and hereby is authorized to execute this grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following 2026 budget modification be effectuated for these departments:

INCREASE REVENUE – PUBLIC DEFENDER:

A.03.1170.000 43025.02	Indigent Legal Service Caseload Reduction	\$24,316.60
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS – PUBLIC DEFENDER:

A.03.1170.000 74650.08	Services, Professional Consulting/Experts Services	\$24,316.60
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INCREASE REVENUE – CONFLICT DEFENDER/ASSIGNED COUNSEL OFFICE:

A.04.1170.102.43025.05	Indigent Legal Service Family Court	\$33,316.60
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS – CONFLICT DEFENDER/ASSIGNED COUNSEL OFFICE:

A.04.1170.102.74650.08	Services, Professional Consultants/Expert Services	\$24,316.60
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A.04.1170.102.74600.03	CLEs/Trainings/Convenings	\$5,000.00
A.04.1170.102.74250.01	Office Expenses Office Supplies	\$2,000.00
A.04.1170.102.74400.02	Miscellaneous Expenses Court Expenses	\$2,000.00
	Total Conflict Defender/Assigned Counsel Office:	\$33,316.60

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CSS-022-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION – EMERGENCY SERVICES
REALLOCATE REMAINING 2025 HAZ-MAT REIMBURSEMENT TO 2026**

WHEREAS, the County Haz-Mat team responded to an incident which resulted in depleted supplies that cannot be reused, and

WHEREAS, under New York State’s Navigation and Environmental Conservation Laws, the responsible party is liable for all costs associated with containment, cleanup and removal of spilled and contaminated materials, and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Office received reimbursement for the Haz-Mat incident and a balance of \$5605.00 remains unspent in 2025, and

WHEREAS, the remaining funds need to be made available to complete the replenishment of contaminated supplies, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following 2026 budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE

A 40599.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 5,605.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.19.3410.000 72100.33	M&E, Hazmat Equipment	\$ 5,605.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. CSS-023-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION – EMERGENCY SERVICES
ACCEPT DONATION FROM OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, Niagara County Emergency Services has received a donation of \$2,000 by Occidental Petroleum Corporation for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services office will use these funds for emergency preparedness outreach at local events, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following 2026 budget modification be effectuated:

WHEREAS, on or about September 14, 2022, Everlasting Water, Inc. d/b/a Camtech Plumbing and Mechanical (“contractor”) entered into an agreement for the public improvement project for the removal of the existing lavatories and water closets, installation of new lavatory/fixtures and provision of new lavatories and installation materials pursuant to bid number 2022-43, and

WHEREAS, the Contractor performed the labor and provided/furnished the materials, and the amount of \$157,973.62, due and owing to the contractor, was paid by electronic transfer (wire transfer) on or about March 24, 2023 to Truist Bank, Branch 4900 42nd Street Odessa, Texas, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff’s Office was notified of their failure to make payment to said contractor; as the payment of \$157,973.62, a wire transfer, was sent to a fraudulent account and subject to a cyber-attack; therefore, the contractor demanded payment to be reissued, and

WHEREAS, the contractor directed that all necessary legal proceedings against County be commenced to recover those amounts due and owing to the contractor as all labor was performed and materials were provided/furnished and that the contractual and legal obligations were met, and

WHEREAS, this matter now presents an opportunity for settlement thereby avoiding additional litigation, trial and adverse judicial determinations, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to settlement discussions, Everlasting Water, Inc. d/b/a Camtech Plumbing and Mechanical has agreed to accept \$85,000 in resolution to this matter, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, it is in the best interest of Niagara County to resolve these matters, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature has the authority to settle this matter in the amount of \$85,000.00, and be it further

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, Michael A. Hill, or his designee, of the Settlement Agreement is hereby authorized, and the Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature, Michael A. Hill, or his designee, is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the Niagara County Attorney, Claude A. Joerg, and directed to execute the Settlement Agreement in a form substantially similar thereto and execute such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement with Everlasting Water, Inc., d/b/a Camtech Plumbing and Mechanical

Amendment:

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Moved by McKimmie, seconded by Elder.

Amendment approved

Moved by McKimmie, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. ED-003-26

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF
NIAGARA POWER AND ENERGY TO NIAGARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Niagara County is a member of the Niagara Power Coalition (NPC) which negotiated with the New York Power Authority (NYPA) as a Relicensing Settlement Partner of the Niagara Power Project, and

WHEREAS, the NPC's membership consists of the seven Host Communities of the Niagara Power Project, of which Niagara County, Niagara Wheatfield School District, Lewiston-Porter School District are active members, and

WHEREAS, as a part of that relicensing process in 2005, NYPA offered, and the Host Communities accepted, a compensation package consisting of cash, land and low-cost power for the 50 year-term of the license under the Host Community Relicensing Settlement Agreement (HCRSA) addressing non-license terms and conditions, and

WHEREAS, said HCRSA was executed by Niagara County pursuant to Resolution IL-047-04 on June 27, 2005 and by NYPA on July 27, 2005, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6.2 of the HCRSA, contract for the sale of power and energy shall be negotiated, and

WHEREAS, the sale of power and energy agreement negotiated and executed in May of 2007 had an expiration date of September 1, 2025 with a clause that continued the existing agreement until a new agreement was reached, and

WHEREAS, the renewal agreement negotiations resulted in an agreement to each of the seven host communities and comprise the Niagara Power Coalition; which are all identical in provisions except as to the respective amount of each host community allocation of low-cost power provided for under the HCRSA, and

WHEREAS, the renewal agreement for the sale of power and energy between Niagara County and NYPA has been negotiated and placed in contract form, and

WHEREAS, the renewal agreements for the Niagara Wheatfield School District and the Lewiston-Porter School District require the need for Niagara County to execute their agreements as defined in Article II of their renewal agreements, and

WHEREAS, the County has acted in that capacity for the original agreements for the two school districts since 2007 by agreement, which agreements automatically renew until terminated, and

WHEREAS, once the renewal agreements are approved and executed by the host communities; and approved by NYPA's trustees and submitted to the Governor of the State of New York for approval pursuant to Section 6.3 of the HCRSA and New York Public Authorities Law § 1006, NYPA shall execute such agreement, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature approves this agreement and following the County Attorney's review and approval as to legal form, language and compliance, the Renewal agreement may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorizes, that following the County Attorney's review, and only after the respective school districts have approved and executed their respective renewal agreement, said agreements for the Niagara Wheatfield School District and the Lewiston-Porter School District may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. ED-004-26

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ARMSTRONG FLUID TECHNOLOGIES
AS AN OPERATOR OF FOREIGN TRADE ZONE #34**

WHEREAS, Niagara County was granted federal authorization in 1977 to establish Foreign Trade Zone #34, and

WHEREAS, the federal government granted Niagara County “Grantee” of Foreign Trade Zone #34, and

WHEREAS, the “Grantee” (Niagara County) was given federal authorization in 1992 and in 2001 to expand the Foreign Trade Zone, and

WHEREAS, the “Grantee” (Niagara County) named the Niagara County Industrial Development “Designated Administrator”, and

WHEREAS, the “Designated Administrator” (NCIDA) entered into operating agreements from 1989 through 2004, and

WHEREAS, operations within the Foreign Trade Zone ceased in 2004, and

WHEREAS, the NCIDA has been seeking an operator(s) for the Foreign Trade Zone #34 since 2004, and

WHEREAS, the NCIDA identified Borderworx Logistics, a full-service Canadian logistics company as an “Operator” for Foreign Trade Zone #34 in 2016, and

WHEREAS, the NCIDA has also identified Armstrong Fluid Technologies, a manufacturer of fluid technology pumps and equipment, as an additional “Operator” for Foreign Trade Zone #34, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that “Grantee” (Niagara County) recognize the NCIDA as “Administrator” of Foreign Trade Zone #34, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the “Grantee” (Niagara County) authorize the “Administrator” (NCIDA) to designate Armstrong Fluid Technologies as an “Operator” within Foreign Trade Zone #34, and be it further

RESOLVED, that “Grantee” (Niagara County), “Administrator” (NCIDA), and the “Operator” (Armstrong Fluid Technologies) will enter into an “Operators Agreement”, which will set forth the terms and conditions in accordance to the United States Customs and Border Protection (Customs) standards, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney’s review, the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to execute the “Operators Agreement” on behalf of Niagara County.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-018-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

NIAGARA COUNTY GOLF COURSE RATES FOR 2026 SEASON

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Public Works Departments, is responsible for the daily operations of the Niagara County Golf Course on Davison Road, and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the department to keep the rates economical for users of the course, and WHEREAS, after a review of the current golf rates currently being charged at the Niagara County Golf Course, the department is recommending proposed increases for various fees, as per the price chart, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Infrastructure and Facilities Committee has reviewed the proposed 2026 fee schedule and recommends the implementation of the 2026 Golf Course rates, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2026 fee scheduled be implemented as of February 17, 2026.
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-019-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.
Dated: February 17, 2026

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA
AND THE OLCOTT LION'S CLUB**

WHEREAS, the Olcott Lions Club has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to use the north section of Krull Park on March 1, 2026 for the purpose of holding the annual charity event known as the Lion's Club Polar Swim for Sight, and

WHEREAS, this event has been successful for many years in attracting thousands of visitors from across Niagara County and Greater Western New York in order to raise money for Lion's Club sight and other charity programs, and

WHEREAS, The Lion's Club has also raised money through this event for improvements which benefit Krull Park, the surrounding community and 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 Olcott Lion's Club, 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 Olcott Lion's Club, 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 Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the required documents.
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-020-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.
Dated: February 17, 2026

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND THE SOCCER SHOTS BUFFALO

WHEREAS, Soccer Shots Buffalo has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to operate a youth soccer program in a section of Oppenheim Park, and also a section at the West Canal Marina, for a period of SEVEN (7) months beginning April 13, 2026 and ending November 14, 2026 and

WHEREAS, such program is operated on a not-for-profit basis, 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, prior to the execution of the License Agreement between the County of Niagara and Soccer Shots Buffalo, the County Attorney will review said Agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with Soccer Shots Buffalo, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and Soccer Shots Buffalo, as appears on the proposed agreement, is hereby approved in all respects, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-021-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND THE WESTERN NEW YORK DISC GOLF CLUB

WHEREAS, the Western New York Disc Golf Club has requested that the County of Niagara grant them exclusive rights to operate several Disc Golf Tournaments in an area situated on the County owned property at Clyde L. Burmaster Bond Lake Park,

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 the events, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Disc Golf Club to hold four (4) tournaments May 3 and 31, June 27, and July 18, 2026 at Burmaster Park,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with the Western New York Disc Golf Club for these four (4) tournaments, 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 Western New York Disc Golf Club, 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 the Western New York Disc Golf Club may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-022-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND
THE NIAGARA REGION DISC GOLF CLUB**

WHEREAS, the Niagara Region Disc Golf Club has requested that the County of Niagara grant them exclusive rights to operate several Disc Golf Tournaments in an area situated on the County owned property at Clyde L. Burmaster Park, and in an area situated on the County owned property at Royalton Ravine Park, and

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 the events, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Disc Golf Club to hold six (6) league meets June 3 and 10, 2026 and July 15, 2026 at Burmaster Park, and May 6 and 13, 2026 and July 22, 2026 at Royalton Ravine Park, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with the Niagara Region Disc Golf Club for these six (6) league meets, 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 Niagara Region Disc Golf Club, 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 the Niagara Region Disc Golf Club may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-023-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA
AND TIME TRAVELERS OF WNY - OLCOTT BEACH CAR SHOW**

WHEREAS, the Time Travelers of WNY - Olcott Beach Car Show has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to rent the Lion's Shelter on September 4, 2026 and use the entire north section of Krull Park on September 5, 2026 for the purpose of holding the Olcott Beach Car Show, and

WHEREAS, this car show has been successful for the past several years in attracting thousands of visitors from across Niagara County and Greater Western New York, and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the Time Travelers of WNY - Olcott Beach Car Show, to use Lion's Shelter on September 4, 2026 and hold the Olcott Beach Car Show on September 5, 2026, 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 to enter into a formal agreement with the Time Travelers of WNY - Olcott Beach Car Show, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the agreement, the County Attorney will review the agreement 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 Time Travelers of WNY - Olcott Beach Car Show, 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 Chairman of the Legislature is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the agreement with the Time Travelers of WNY - Olcott Beach Car Show,

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-024-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND THE TOWN OF WHEATFIELD

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to use Oppenheim Park for the purpose of holding a July 4th fireworks display, and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the Town of Wheatfield to hold the fireworks display on July 4, 2026, 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 Town of Wheatfield, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and the Town of Wheatfield, 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 Town of Wheatfield agreement may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-025-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA
AND THE PENDLETON LIONS CLUB**

WHEREAS, the Pendleton Lions Club has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to use the West Canal Marina and Shelter #4, for the purpose of holding the Pendleton Lion's Club Fishing Derby to be held on June 13, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the fishing derby has been successful for the past several years in attracting hundreds of adults and children from the area, and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the organizers to hold the fishing derby on June 13, 2026, 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 Pendleton Lions Club, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the License Agreement between the County of Niagara and the Pendleton Lions Club, the County Attorney will review said Agreement 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 County Legislature be, and hereby is authorized to execute the License Agreement between the County of Niagara and the Pendleton Lions Club.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-026-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA
AND THE WNY PRISM WATERCRAFT INSPECTION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the WNY Prism Watercraft Inspection Stewardship Program has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to use the West Canal Marina, for the purpose of holding a Research Program for SUNY Buffalo State and WNY partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management, and

WHEREAS, this program benefits Niagara County as a whole, and is operated on a non-for-profit basis, and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the organizers to hold the program from May 22, 2026 through September 7, 2026, 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, prior to the execution of the agreement, the County Attorney will review the agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with WNY Prism Watercraft Inspection Stewardship Program, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and the WNY Prism Watercraft Inspection Stewardship Program, 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 WNY Prism Watercraft Inspection Stewardship Program agreement may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-027-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND DESTINATION NIAGARA USA

WHEREAS, Destination Niagara USA has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to use a portion of Krull Park along with the Lions Club Pavilion for the purpose of holding a fishing tournament, and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of Destination Niagara USA to hold the fishing tournament June 4, 2026 – June 8, 2026, 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 Destination Niagara USA, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the License Agreement between the County of Niagara and Destination Niagara USA, the County Attorney will review said Agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the Chair of the County Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the License Agreement between the County of Niagara and Destination Niagara USA.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-028-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND THE NEWFANE SOCCER CLUB

WHEREAS, the Newfane Soccer Club has requested that the County of Niagara grant them exclusive rights to operate a Soccer program Beginning June 1, 2026 and Ending August 1, 2026 in an area situated in the County owned property on Lake Road, and

WHEREAS, this program benefits the youth and other residents of both the Town of Newfane in addition to Niagara County as a whole, and

WHEREAS, such program is operated on a not-for-profit basis, 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, prior to the execution of the License Agreement between the County of Niagara and the Newfane Soccer Club, the County Attorney will review said Agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with the Newfane Youth Soccer Club, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and the Newfane Soccer Club, 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 Newfane Soccer Club agreement may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-029-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND
THE YMCA FITNESS IN THE PARKS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the YMCA Fitness in the Parks Program has requested that the County of Niagara grant them rights to operate a weekly Yoga exercise program every Monday and Wednesday from June 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026 in an area situated in a section of Krull Park, and

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

WHEREAS, such program is operated on a not-for-profit basis, 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, prior to the execution of the License Agreement between the County of Niagara and the YMCA Fitness in the Parks Program, the County Attorney will review said Agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with the YMCA Fitness in the Parks Program, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and the YMCA Fitness in the Parks Program, 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 Chairman of the County Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the License Agreement between the County of Niagara and the YMCA Fitness in the Parks Program.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-030-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND THE KRULL OLCOTT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND OLCOTT FIRE COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Krull Olcott Development Committee and the Olcott Fire Company have requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to use the north section of Krull Park July 6, 2026 – July 13, 2026 for the purpose of holding a Pirate’s Festival, and

WHEREAS, this Festival has been successful for the past several years in attracting thousands of visitors from across Niagara County and Greater Western New York, and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the local community to hold the Pirate’s Festival on July 10-12, 2026, with set up beginning July 6, 2026 and clean up not to exceed July 13, 2026, 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 Krull Olcott Development Committee and the Olcott Fire Company, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the License Agreement between the County of Niagara and the Krull Olcott Development Committee and the Olcott Fire Company, the County Attorney will review said Agreement for approval as to legal form, language, and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between Niagara County and the Olcott Fire Company, 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 the Krull Olcott Development Committee and the Olcott Fire Company may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-031-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND THE OLCOTT FIRE COMPANY SOFTBALL LEAGUE

WHEREAS, the Olcott Fire Company Softball League has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to use existing ball fields in an area situated in the eastern portion of Krull Park for the purpose of softball games Tuesdays from April 2026 – August 2026, and

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

WHEREAS, such program is operated on a not-for-profit basis, 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, prior to the execution of the agreement, the County Attorney will review the agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara to enter into a formal agreement with the Olcott Fire Company Softball League, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and the Olcott Fire Company Softball League, 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 Olcott Fire Company Softball League agreement may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-032-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND
THE GASPORT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Gasport Beautification Committee has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to use the Roylton Ravine Park for the purpose of holding a July 4th celebration, and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the Gasport Beautification Committee to hold the celebration on July 4, 2026, 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 Gasport Beautification Committee, 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 Gasport Beautification Committee, 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 agreement shall be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-033-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

AWARD OF CONTRACT – BALMER ROAD CULVERT 109-14 REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has prepared specifications and the Niagara County Purchasing Department has advertised for bids for the Balmer Road Culvert 109-14 Replacement Project, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account number H773.15.5197.000 72600.02, Bridges, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were publicly opened and read by our Purchasing Department on January 8, 2026 as tabulated below:

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| 1. | Concrete Applied Technologies Corp.
d/b/a CATCO
1266 Townline Road
Alden, NY 14004 | \$1,615,358.25 |
| 2. | Mark Cerrone
2368 Maryland Avenue
N. Falls, NY 14305 | \$1,768,880.00 |

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 Balmer Road Culvert 109-14 Replacement Project, be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Concrete Applied Technologies Corp., d/b/a CATCO, 1266 Townline Road, Alden, NY 14004, in the amount of \$1,615,358.25, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the agreement Balmer Road Culvert 109-14 Replacement Project, may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-034-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY MAGISTRATE HEARING ROOM AND
SECOND FLOOR REDESIGN PROJECT
CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 2**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-136-24, dated August 6, 2024, authorized the contract for consultant services for the Niagara County Magistrate Hearing Room Renovation and second floor Family and Supreme Court Redesign Services Project at the Niagara County Court House, 175 Hawley Street, Lockport, NY 14094, to LaBella Associates, P.C., 300 Pearl Street, Suite 130, Buffalo, NY 14202, for a contract amount not to exceed \$99,850, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-069-25, dated March 18, 2025 increase the contract in the amount of \$2,420 to scan the existing ground floor slab-on-grade using Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) equipment to investigate and locate any embedded utilities or obstructions for this renovation, for a revised contract amount of \$102,270, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract with LaBella Associates to December 31, 2026 at no additional cost to the County, 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, extend the contract at no additional cost for the consultant work for the Niagara County Magistrate Hearing Room Renovation and second floor Family and Supreme Court Redesign Services Project, to LaBella Associates, P.C., until December 31, 2026, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-035-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

BALMER ROAD CULVERT NO. 109-14 CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 2

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-146-23, dated October 17, 2023, awarded the consultant services contract for the Balmer Road Culvert No. 109-14 Project to CHA Consulting, Inc., 2200 Main Place Tower, Buffalo, NY 14202, in the amount of \$245,000, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-174-23, dated November 14, 2023, approved Balmer Road Culvert No. 109-14 as a Bridge NY Culvert Local Project Agreement, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract date to December 31, 2027, at no additional cost to the County, 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 Balmer Road Culvert No. 109-14 Project to CHA Consulting, Inc., 2200 Main Place Tower, Buffalo, NY 14202, be extended to December 31, 2027, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-036-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**TOWNLINER ROAD FROM QUAKER ROAD TO COUNTYLINE ROAD PAVEMENT
RECONSTRUCTION AMENDMENT NO.1**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-114-24 awarded the consultant services contract for the Townline Rd from Quaker Rd to Countyline Rd Pavement Reconstruction Project to Erdman, Anthony & Associates Inc., 8608 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221, for a contract amount not to exceed \$799,000, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the consultant services contract to December 31, 2027 at no additional cost to the County, 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 Townline Road from Quaker Road to Countyline Road Pavement Reconstruction Project, to Erdman, Anthony & Associates Inc., 8608 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221, needs to be extended to December 31, 2027 at no additional cost to the County, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-037-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**AMAZON DISTRIBUTION CENTER – PROJECT FIFI
IMPROVEMENTS TO LOCKPORT AND PACKARD ROADS
CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENT NO. 4**

WHEREAS, Amazon is constructing a warehouse/distribution facility in the Town of Niagara on Lockport Road, and

WHEREAS, improvements are necessary to both Lockport and Packard Roads to handle the increased heavy truck loads, and

WHEREAS, the County has been in negotiations with Amazon for the improvements necessary to Lockport and Packard Roads, and Amazon will reimburse Niagara County for the hiring of a third-party consultant to perform design review and construction inspection services for this project, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-087-23, dated May 16, 2023, awarded the project review contract to Erdman, Anthony, 8608 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221, in the amount of \$56,050, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-031-25, dated February 18, 2025, allowed for \$10,000 in additional funds for additional design review, for a revised contract amount of \$66,050, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-075-25, dated April 8, 2025, allowed for \$60,000 in additional funds for continued design and construction plan reviews, for a revised contract amount of \$126,050 to Erdman, Anthony, 8608 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-129-25, provided additional funds for continued design, construction plan review, and field inspection services in the amount of \$200,000, for a revised contract amount of \$326,050, to Erdman, Anthony, 8608 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract with Erdman, Anthony, 8608 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221, for design review and construction inspection services for the Amazon Distribution Center – Project FIFI, until December 31, 2026, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract with Erdman, Anthony, 8608 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221 for design review and construction inspection services be extended to December 31, 2026 at no additional cost to the County of Niagara, for the Amazon Distribution Center – Project FIFI, Improvements to Lockport and Packard Roads, 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 Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-038-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**JOHNSON CREEK ROAD BRIDGE OVER GOLDEN HILL CREEK BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 4**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-102-23, dated June 20, 2023, awarded the contract for consultant services for the Johnson Creek Road Bridge over Golden Hill Creek Bridge Replacement Project to Mott MacDonald New York Inc., 438 Main Street, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14202, for a contract amount not to exceed \$197,787.00, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-026-24, dated January 23, 2024, increased the contract in the amount of \$3,280.00 for the preparation of a Bridge New York application for this bridge, for a revised contract amount of \$201,067.00, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-097-24, dated May 14, 2024, extended the contract completion date to December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-011-25, dated January 21, 2025, extended the contract completion date to December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the contract in the amount of \$98,354.50 for final design services, for a revised contract price of \$299,421.50, 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 to Mott MacDonald New York Inc., 438 Main Street, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14202, be increased in the amount of \$98,354.50, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-039-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**WILLOW ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE EAST BRANCH OF TWELVE MILE CREEK
CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 4**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-103-23, dated June 20, 2023, awarded the contract for consultant services for the Willow Road Bridge over the East Branch of Twelve Mile Creek Bridge Replacement Project to Mott MacDonald New York Inc., 438 Main Street, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14202, for a contract amount not to exceed \$199,524, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-017-24, dated January 23, 2024, increased the contract in the amount of \$3,280.00 for the preparation of a Bridge New York application for this bridge, for a revised contract amount of \$202,804.00, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-098-24, dated May 14, 2024, extended the contract completion date to December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-012-25, dated January 21, 2025 extended the contract completion date to December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the contract in the amount of \$166,232.79 for final design services, for a revised contract price of \$369,036.79, 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 to Mott MacDonald New York Inc., 438 Main Street, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14202, be increased in the amount of \$369,036.79, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-040-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**GASPORT ROAD BRIDGE OVER EIGHTEEN MILE CREEK BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 2**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-126-23, dated August 1, 2023, awarded the contract for consultant services for the Gasport Road Bridge over Eighteen Mile Creek Bridge Replacement Project to Mott MacDonald New York Inc., 438 Main Street, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14202, for a contract amount not to exceed \$202,520, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-195-24, dated May 14, 2024 extended the contract completion date to December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract to December 31, 2027, and also necessary to increase the contract, to Mott MacDonald New York Inc., 438 Main Street, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14202, in the amount of

\$4500.00 for the design of emergency repairs to the bridge deck, for a revised contract amount of \$207,020.00, 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 to Mott MacDonald New York Inc., 438 Main Street, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14202, be extended to December 31, 2027, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract to Mott MacDonald New York Inc., 438 Main Street, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14202, be increased \$4500.00, for the design of emergency repairs to the bridge deck, for a revised contract amount of \$207,020.00, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-041-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**HUNT STREET BRIDGE OVER BERGHOLZ CREEK
CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 4 -FINAL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-119-21, dated December 14, 2021, authorized the contract for consultant services for the Hunt Street Bridge over Bergholz Creek Project to Watts Engineering and Architecture, 95 Perry Street, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14203, for a fee not to exceed \$199,963, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-018-24, dated January 23, 2024, increased the contract in the amount of \$5,900 to perform an assessment for salamander mussels in the creek, for a revised contract amount of \$205,863, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-100-24, dated May 14, 2024, extended the contract completion date to December 31, 2026, at no additional cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-171-24, dated October 15, 2024, amended the contract to add construction administration and construction inspection services in the amount of \$154,200, for a revised contract amount of \$360,063, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the contract in the amount of \$44,422.38, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$315,640.62, 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. 4-Final to Watts Engineering and Architecture, 95 Perry Street, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14203, for the Hunt Street Bridge over Bergholz Creek Project, to reduce the contract in the amount of \$44,422.38, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$315,640.62, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-042-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**UPPER MOUNTAIN ROAD FROM 700' NORTH OF ROUTE 31
TO LOCKPORT JUNCTION ROAD CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 2**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-139-23, dated September 19, 2023, awarded the consultant services contract for the Upper Mountain Road from 700' North of Route 31 to Lockport Junction Road Project to C & S Engineers, 499 Col. Eileen Collins Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13212, in an amount not to exceed \$320,000,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-110-25, dated June 17, 2025 increased the contract amount by \$293,000 for construction administration and construction inspection services, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract date to December 31, 2027, at no additional cost to the County, 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 to extend the contract date to December 31, 2027, to C & S Engineers, 499 Col. Eileen Collins Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13212, for Upper Mountain Road from 700' North of Route 31 to Lockport Junction Road Project, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-043-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT KRULL AND OPPENHEIM PARKS
CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 4- FINAL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-149-23, dated October 17, 2023, authorized the contract for consultant services for the Recreational Facilities at Krull and Oppenheim Parks Project to Wendel WD Architecture, Engineering, Surveying, and Landscape Architecture, PC, 237 Main Street, Suite 500, Buffalo, NY 14203, for a contract amount not to exceed \$112,878.00, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-071-24 dated March 19, 2024 increased the contract in the amount of \$9,790 for additional professional services, for a revised contract amount of \$122,668.00, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-099-24 dated May 14, 2024 increased the contract in the amount of \$3,000 for additional survey services to extend the survey area around the new pickle ball courts, to include the new parking area north of the courts, for a revised contract amount of \$125,668.00, and

WHEREAS, resolution #IF- 015-25 extended the contract completion date to December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the contract in the amount of \$11,107.53, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$114,560.47, 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. 4- Final to Wendel WD Architecture, Engineering, Surveying, and Landscape Architecture, PC, 237 Main Street, Suite 500, Buffalo, NY 14203 for the Recreational Facilities at Krull and Oppenheim Parks Project, for a revised contract amount of \$114,560.47 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-044-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY MAGISTRATE HEARING ROOM PROJECT
GENERAL CONTRACTOR CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-139-25, dated September 16, 2025, authorized the contract for general contractor for the Niagara County Magistrate Hearing Room Renovation Project at the Niagara County Court House, 175 Hawley Street, Lockport, NY 14094, to The Peyton Barlow Co., Inc., 360 Delaware Avenue, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14202, for a contract amount not to exceed \$405,000, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract with The Peyton Barlow Co., Inc. to December 31, 2026 at no additional cost to the County, 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 extend the contract at no additional cost for the general contractor work for the Niagara County Magistrate Hearing Room Renovation Project, to The Peyton Barlow Co., Inc., until December 31, 2026, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-045-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT
WESTERN NEW YORK STORMWATER COALITION**

WHEREAS, resolution # IF-176-25, dated December 2, 2025 approving an agreement between the County of Niagara and Western New York (WNY) Stormwater Coalition for an amount of \$1,800.00 annually, for a term of five (5) years, ending on December 31, 2030, needs to be amended, and

WHEREAS, an invoice for 2026 Membership from WNY Stormwater Coalition dated December 22, 2025 was received for the amount of \$2,000.00, annually, and

WHEREAS, the Coalition coordinates and cooperates in efforts to meet the requirements of the Phase II Stormwater regulations (40 C.F.R. Sections 9, 122, 123, and 124 [1999], as amended), and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from MS4s (GP-0-15-003 and subsequent renewals for the term of the Agreement), and

WHEREAS, Niagara County has been a member of the Coalition since its inception, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County would like to continue its membership in the Coalition, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account D.15.5140.000 74600.04, Dues and Memberships, 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 for the Western New York Stormwater Coalition be executed by Niagara County so as to remain a partner in the Coalition, at an annual cost of \$2,000, for a term of five (5) years, ending on December 31, 2030, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-046-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING CONSULTANT CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Public Works Deputy Commission of Public Work, Engineering, Norman Allen, PE, has submitted retirement paper effective February 6, 2026, and

WHEREAS, in order for a smooth transition of duties, Norman Allen, PE, has agreed to return as a consultant, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Niagara County Department of Public Works would like to continue the Consultant/Expert Service agreement for Norman Allen, PE, for the amount not to exceed \$19,999.00 and a term of eleven (11) months from February 8, 2026 to December 31, 2026, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Consultant/Expert Service contractor assist as needed for a time period of eleven (11) months from February 8, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IF-047-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 17, 2026

NIAGARA COUNTY HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE 2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Highway Department allocates funds for Labor and Equipment Usage in the Highway Maintenance, Highway Bridge Maintenance, Highway Drainage, County Snow & Ice and State Snow & Ice cost centers, and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the NYS Department of Transportation guided municipalities to begin using the FEMA equipment rate guide, which provided a significant increase in equipment rates, and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the town snow and ice payments for snow removal on County roadways were higher than originally budgeted, and additional funds are required in order to make these payments to the towns, and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Highway Department performed more maintenance activities than estimated during the 2025 budget process and additional funds are required in the labor and equipment lease/rental budget lines as listed below, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the 2025 County budgets:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

D.40599.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 392,935.28
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INCREASE REVENUE:

DM.15.5130.000 42414.00	Rental of Equipment	\$122,075.33
D.15.5110.000 41289.09	Other General Gov Income Salary	\$259,481.42
D.15.5110.000 42210.01	General Services, Other Gov General	\$ 2,485.81
D.15.5110.000 42401.01	Interest and Earnings General	\$ 28,775.21
D.15.5110.000 42650.00	Sale of Scrap & Excess Materials	\$ 5,699.90
D.15.5110.000 42690.01	Other Compensation for Loss Restitution	\$ 2,219.09
D.15.5144.000 43589.03	Other Transportation NYSDOT-State Snow	\$ 23,794.52

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

DM.15.5130.000 74675.09	Central IB Employee Costs	\$122,075.33
D.15.5110.000 74200.04	Rents/Leases Equipment	\$276,735.56
D.15.5142.000 74200.04	Rents/Leases Equipment	\$ 18,605.84
D.15.5142.000 74725.04	Services, Other Town Payments	\$300,000.00
D.15.5144.000 74200.04	Rents/Leases Equipment	\$104,004.56
D.15.5144.000 74675.09	Central IB Employee Costs	\$ 16,045.27

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IL-011-26

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

Dated: February 17, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEWISTON BEAUTIFICATION THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, Lewiston Beautification is a dedicated group of volunteers, that work to create, enhance and maintain gardens along Center Street in the Village of Lewiston, and

WHEREAS, Lewiston Beautification promotes all phases of home gardening, good horticultural practices, civic beauty and conservation of natural resources, and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Lewiston Beautification worked hard on many projects including significant upgrades at Lewiston Landing and updates to the many gardens along Center Street, and

WHEREAS, the work of Lewiston Beautification in 2026 will focus on updates to Hennepin Park at the corner of 4th and Center Streets, Academy Park and the Peace Garden while continuing its love of flowers and showcasing the many beautiful garden areas along Center Street, and

WHEREAS, these beautification projects enhance the lives of community residents, while also helping to encourage and promote tourism, 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 Lewiston Beautification by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Village of Lewiston (Lewiston Beautification)	\$2,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IL-012-26

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

Dated: February 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEWISTON GARDENFEST
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Lewiston Garden Club is a not-for-profit organization that promotes all phases of home gardening, good horticultural practices, civic beauty and conservation of natural resources, and

WHEREAS, the Lewiston Garden Club will hold the 20th annual Lewiston GardenFest 2026 in historic Lewiston, NY on June 20 - 21, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the committee plans a weekend full of all aspects of gardening, including landscaping displays, local gardens open to the public, advice and workshops from garden societies, and presentations from over 80 vendors of plants and garden furniture, accessories, and art, and

WHEREAS, the festival plays a significant role in enhancing the quality of life in the Niagara region and also serves as an economic engine for local businesses, attracting attendees from across Western New York and beyond, and

WHEREAS, an event of this magnitude can only be successful through full community participation and sponsorships, and the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this influx of revenue, 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 Lewiston Garden Club's GardenFest event by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows

Lewiston Garden Club \$2,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IL-013-26

From: Legislators Christopher A. Robins, Christopher J. McKimmie and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: February 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MUSIC MANIA MONDAYS
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Music Mania Mondays is a not-for-profit organization that has a summer concert series, and

WHEREAS, the concert series is well attended by people from across our county, and

WHEREAS, the concert series highlights many local bands, and

WHEREAS, a wide variety of food vendors are also present, and

WHEREAS, these concerts enhance the lives of community residents, while also helping to encourage and promote tourism, 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 Music Mania Mondays by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Music Mania Mondays \$5,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IL-014-26

From: Legislators Christopher A. Robins, Christopher J. McKimmie, Jeffrey Elder, Sam R. Farruggia and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: February 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NIAGARA FALLS JR. CATARACTS THROUGH THE USE
OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Jr. Cataracts serves the youth of Niagara Falls by providing opportunities to participate in organized hockey within the community, and

WHEREAS, many participants in the Niagara Falls Jr. Cataracts program come from low-income families, and the organization works to reduce financial barriers to participation, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Jr. Cataracts regularly hosts tournaments for out-of-town teams, bringing visitors and economic activity to the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Jr. Cataracts plans to host a "Try Hockey for Free" day in March to introduce children to the sport at no cost, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Jr. Cataracts plans to provide free hockey equipment to children who otherwise may not be able to afford it, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Jr. Cataracts emphasizes positive character development, teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship among all participants, 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 the Niagara County Legislature hereby supports the Niagara Falls Jr. Cataracts by appropriating funds from the Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara Falls Jr. Cataracts	\$5,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IL-015-26

From: Legislator Sam R. Farruggia and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

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

WHEREAS, Niagara Strikers is a local bowling non-profit organization that provides organized recreational and competitive bowling opportunities for youth and community members, and

WHEREAS, participation in organized after-school and youth recreational activities provides young people with positive outlets, routine, mentorship, and constructive opportunities to look forward to outside of the school day, and

WHEREAS, such programs support social development, confidence, teamwork, and sportsmanship while helping to keep youth engaged in safe and structured environments, and

WHEREAS, the programs offered by Niagara Strikers directly benefit Niagara County residents, including those living in the 6th Legislative District, by providing accessible and affordable after-school and youth recreation opportunities, 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 Niagara Strikers by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara Strikers	\$500.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IL-016-26

From: Legislators Richard E. Abbott, Anthony J. Nemi and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCKPORT PUBLIC ARTS COUNCIL
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Lockport Public Arts Council is a 501 (c) (3) and their mission is to support numerous projects in the City of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, a 3-month exhibit will be displayed at the Kenan Center and Lockport Public Library, and

WHEREAS, the exhibit will concentrate on “The Stories You Haven’t Heard: Woman, Entertainment and Local Sacrifice in the Viet Nam Era”, and

WHEREAS, it will display authentic memorabilia highlighting women’s roles, entertainment & morale and local connections, and

WHEREAS, this project will concentrate on bringing veterans and their families as well as local schools to this project, 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 Lockport Public Arts Council by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership as follows:

Lockport Public Arts Council	\$4,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IL-017-26

From: Legislator Richard E. Abbott and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRIMATE SANCTUARY INC.
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Primate Sanctuary Inc. is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit that operates in Niagara Falls and provides a sanctuary for primates, and

WHEREAS, the Primate Sanctuary has a working relationship with SUNY Niagara and their Animal Management Program, and

WHEREAS, the Animal Management Program employs 8-10 interns through this program, and

WHEREAS, the Primate Sanctuary is requesting monies from the Community Partnership Fund to provide the students with equipment such as safety glasses, gloves, masks, sanitizers, covid tests etc. for the upcoming academic year, and

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 Primate Sanctuary Inc. district by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Primate Sanctuary Inc. \$1,000.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IL-018-26

From: Legislator Richard E. Abbott and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCKPORT IN BLOOM
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Lockport in Bloom is a not-for-profit organization, chartered in 2005, that promotes the beautification of Lockport by encouraging residents to share with others their beautiful and creative gardens, and

WHEREAS, by encouraging neighborhood beautification, Lockport in Bloom helps promote community pride by bringing people to the area to view the many beautiful gardens, and

WHEREAS, through their annual Garden Festival, Lockport in Bloom brings thousands of visitors to the City of Lockport to view the 40 plus gardens that are put on display every summer, and

WHEREAS, local businesses and restaurants benefit greatly from the increase in foot traffic that Lockport in Bloom generates throughout the City of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County is interested in supporting efforts that generate increased revenue for businesses and create a sense of pride throughout the community, 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 Lockport in Bloom by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Lockport in Bloom \$1,500.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IL-019-26

From: Legislator Richard E. Abbott and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BARGE CANAL OPTIMIST CLUB
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Barge Canal Optimist Club was established in 1990 to promote good government and civic affairs through community activities and active community participation, and

WHEREAS, Barge Canal Optimist is hosting their 27th Annual Tee Off Against Breast Cancer “For the Love of Clara” on June 7th at Willowbrook Golf Course in Lockport NY, and

WHEREAS, Barge Canal Optimist Club is raising funds for the Breast Cancer Network of WNY and BCOC Youth Fund via the golf tournament and other fundraising activities, and

WHEREAS, Barge Canal Optimist Club will provide volunteers to operate the tournament, and

WHEREAS, Barge Canal Optimist Club will require promotional aids and publicity to promote this endeavor, 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 Barge Canal Optimist Club appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Barge Canal Optimist Club	\$1,500.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IL-020-26

From: Legislator Sam R. Farruggia and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF YOUTH SERVICES AT THE
PACKARD COURT COMMUNITY CENTER THROUGH
THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, People and Possibilities, Inc. is a nonprofit organization associated with the Niagara Falls Housing Authority that administers youth services for residents of the City of Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, People and Possibilities, Inc. provides youth programming and enrichment services at the Packard Court Community Center, serving children and families in the surrounding neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, access to reliable transportation is necessary for youth to participate in educational, recreational, and enrichment opportunities that extend beyond the immediate neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, these youth services provide positive, structured opportunities that support education, engagement, and community well-being, 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 efforts of People and Possibilities, Inc. by appropriating monies from Community Partnership Fund to support youth services administered at the Packard Court Community Center, including transportation for enrichment opportunities, as follows:

People and Possibilities, Inc. (Packard Court Community Center Youth Services)	— \$1500.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IL-021-26

From: Legislators Michael A. Casale, Sam R. Farruggia, Christopher J. McKimmie and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 17, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BRIDGE NIAGARA FOUNDATION & NAZ 716 BUSINESS & CULTURAL CENTER’S WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH EMPOWERMENT BRUNCH PROGRAM THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Niagara Bridge Foundation in partnership with Naz 716 Business & Cultural Center are collaborating on an upcoming Women’s History Month Empowerment Brunch, and

WHEREAS, the Women’s History Month Empowerment Brunch is a community-centered event designed to support, educate, and connect women through meaningful conversations around entrepreneurship, health and access to resources, and

WHEREAS, the program includes networking, a women’s entrepreneurship panel and health panel, both with Q/A sessions, taking place on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at Packard Court Community Center, 4300 Pine Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14301, 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 Women’s History Month Empowerment Brunch Program by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Bridge Niagara Foundation \$1,000.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IL-022-26

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

Dated: February 17, 2026

ADOPTION OF 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, the Niagara Legislators recommend the adoption of the following 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;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the 17th day of February, 2026 at 5:45 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers, Courthouse, Lockport, New York, on said Local Law, and

WHEREAS, no one appeared to speak on said Local Law, and

WHEREAS, 0 amendment(s) was (were) made to said Local Law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a Local Law of the County of Niagara, New York 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 enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Niagara, as follows:

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. 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Resolution No. IL-023-26

From: Legislators Richard L. Andres, Anthony J. Nemi, Randy R. Bradt, Jeffrey Elder, Shawn A. Foti and Parks, Recreation & Tourism Ad Hoc Committee..

Dated: February 17, 2026

**SUPPORT FOR THE NOR-TON RED JACKET CLUB, INC.
INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY WITH COMFORT STATION ADDITIONS**

WHEREAS, the Niagara Power Coalition (“NPC”) and the New York Power Authority agreed to a licensing settlement for the next 50 years for the Niagara Power Project, and

WHEREAS, that settlement allows Niagara County to receive, through NPC Host Community Standing Committee (“HCSC”), up to \$390,000 annually to fund projects which are found to be consistent with the Niagara Greenway projects along the Greenway Trail, and

WHEREAS, the Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club, Inc. has made application to the Niagara County’s Ad Hoc Committee on Recreation and Tourism for Greenway funds for a project to increase accessibility with comfort station additions within the Donald F. Miller Park, located at 1601 Sweeney Street, North Tonawanda, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, owns 22.98 acres of property known as the Donald F. Miller Park, which offers safe and secure outdoor experiences, including

overnight tent and cabin camping for thousands of youths and adults annually, as well as numerous free programs and activities, including canoeing, kayaking, archery, snow-shoeing, and cross-country skiing, which are maintained and provided by trained certified volunteers, and

WHEREAS, the Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club, Inc. wishes to enhance the Donald F. Miller Park with the expansion of an outdoor program along the New York State Barge Canal by increasing accessibility with comfort station additions to the cabin facilities and the creation of a walking trail, through separate funding, and

WHEREAS, the Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club, Inc. will construct private bathroom and changing room additions to the two cabins, which will improve safety during nighttime use and provide accessible spaces for individuals, either staying in the cabins when reserved, or open to the persons within the park when the cabins are not reserved, and

WHEREAS, a nature trail along the New York State Barge Canal will also be constructed through separate funding and will be available to all persons, regardless of their age or disability, and will provide a unique sensory experience by altering the walking terrain, providing natural materials that enhance tactile sensations, and offer unique sound experiences that can be enjoyed by everyone, and

WHEREAS, the Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club, Inc. Project will enhance participants outdoor experience, will encourage waterfront access for residents and visitors alike, facilitate tourist opportunities causing a positive economic impact in the City of North Tonawanda and Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club, Inc. Increasing Accessibility with Comfort Station Additions has the support and approval of Niagara County Legislators Richard L. Andres, Randy R. Bradt, and Jesse P. Gooch, New York State Senator Robert G. Ortt, City of North Tonawanda Mayor Austin J. Tylec, along with various organizations in the City of North Tonawanda, and

WHEREAS, the Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club, Inc. Increasing Accessibility with Comfort Station Additions has a Project total cost of \$245,109, and

WHEREAS, after receipt of in-kind services and other funding, the remaining \$205,000 needed for the project is being requested, and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee for Recreation and Tourism Fund appointed by the Niagara County Legislature to review projects brought to Niagara County seeking funding from Niagara County through the Niagara Power Coalition and the Host Community Standing Committee has recommended that Niagara County sponsor this project, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature does hereby support and sponsor the funding of up to \$190,000, for Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club, Inc. Increasing Accessibility with Comfort Station Additions when presented to the Niagara Power Coalition and the Host Community Standing Committee.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

APPOINTMENTS:

	<u>Appt.</u>	<u>Expires</u>
<u>MUTUAL SELF INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AD HOC):</u>		
Jennifer Pitarresi, Risk Management Niagara County Mu.S.I.P., 111 Main St., Lockport 14094	02/17/26	03/22/27
Matthew P. Foe, Supervisor, Town of Cambria 4160 Upper Mountain Rd, Sanborn 14132	02/17/26	03/22/27

Margaret Zaepfel, Supervisor, Town of Hartland 8940 Ridge Rd, Gasport 14067	02/17/26	03/22/27
Amy Smith, Confidential Secretary, Town of Lewiston P.O. Box 330, Lewiston 14092	02/17/26	03/22/27
Christine Nilson, Payroll/Benefits Clerk, Town of Newfane 2737 Main Street, Newfane 14108	02/17/26	03/22/27
Joel Maerten, Supervisor, Town of Pendleton 6570 Campbell Blvd., Lockport 14094	02/17/26	03/22/27
Kim Boyer, Bookkeeper, Town of Porter 3265 Creek Road, Youngstown 14174	02/17/26	03/22/27
Julie Evans, Town Clerk, Town of Wilson 3505 Wilson-Cambria Rd., Wilson 14172	02/17/26	03/22/27
Amanda Detschner, Clerk-Treasurer, Village of Barker 1697 East Ave. PO Box 298 Barker 14012	02/17/26	03/22/27
Stephanie Longwell, Treasurer, Village of Lewiston 145 N. Fourth St., P.O. Box 325, Lewiston 14092-0325	02/17/26	03/22/27
Lisa VanBuren, Clerk-Treasurer, Vill. of Middleport P.O. Box 186, Middleport 14105	03/17/26	03/22/27
Gregory Martin, Mayor, Village of Wilson 240 Lake St., P.O. Box 371, Wilson 14172	03/17/26	03/22/27
Kim Winning, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Town of Youngstown P.O. Box 168, Youngstown 14174	03/17/26	03/22/27
Kevin Klumpp, Business Official, Newfane Central School 6048 Godfrey Rd., Burt NY 14028	03/17/26	03/22/27
Jill Heck, Superintendent, Royalton Hartland School 54 State St., Middleport NY 14105	03/17/26	03/22/27
Jonathan R. Andrews, Director of HR, Starpoint School 4363 Mapleton Rd, Lockport 14094	03/17/26	03/22/27
Carolyn Oliveri, Business Director, Wilson Central School 412 Lake St., P.O. Box 648, Wilson 14172-0648	03/17/26	03/22/27
Catherine Brown, Assistant VP of Human Resources NCCC, 3111 Saunders Settlement Rd, Sanborn 14132	03/17/26	03/22/27
Jonathan Schultz, Niagara County Fire Coordinator 5574 Niagara St. Ext., PO Box 496 Lockport 14095	03/17/26	03/22/27
Legislator Anthony J. Nemi, Vice Chairman, Administration Committee	03/17/26	03/22/27

NIMAC:

Jesse P. Gooch, Legislator	02/17/26	12/31/27
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SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD:

Matthew Foe, Supervisor, Town of Cambria (replace Jon McSwan) 4160 Upper Mountain Rd., Sanborn 14132	02/17/26	Term of office
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TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD:

Christopher J. McKimmie, Niagara County Legislator (replaces David Godfrey)	02/17/26	12/31/28
David Fischer, Supt. of Highways, Town of Pendleton 6640 Campbell Blvd., Lockport NY 14094	02/17/26	12/31/28
Jonathan Schultz, Niagara County Fire Coordinator 5574 Niagara St. Ext., PO Box 496, Lockport 14095	02/17/26	12/31/28
Michael Salada, Chief, Lewiston Police Dept. 145 N. Fourth St., Lewiston 14092	02/17/26	12/31/28
Kendra Ditullio (Capt., Lockport Police Dept) Police Headquarters, Municipal Bldg., Lockport 14094	02/17/26	12/31/28

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

Don Gutillo, Assistant Plant Manager 02/17/26
Voss Manufacturing, Inc. 2345 Lockport Rd., Sanborn 14132
Rob Robinson, Assistant Principal/Coordinator 02/17/26
Orleans-Niagara BOCES, Niagara Career and Technical Education Center
3181 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn 14132
Katie Hurley, Chief Executive Officer 02/17/26
Moley Industries. 5202 Commerce Drive, Lockport 14094
Moved by Andres, seconded by McKimmie.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Hill.

Moved by McKimmie, second by Myers to enter into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. for discussion on pending litigation and contracts.

Moved by Casale, second by Robins to adjourn Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.

Moved by McKimmie, second by Myers to adjourn Executive Session at 6:22 p.m.

Resolution No. CW-001-26 was read at this time. (Appears in numerical order)

Moved by McKimmie, seconded by Farruggia that the Board adjourn.

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned 7:04 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, Clerk