A public hearing was held pursuant to CW-034-23, adopted by the Legislature on November 14, 2023, for the purpose of hearing public comments on A Local Law Increasing the Salary of Niagara County Commissioner of the Department of Social Services. Legislator Godfrey opened the hearing 5:00 p.m. and closed it at approximately 5:07 p.m.

A public hearing was held pursuant to AD-025-23, adopted by the Legislature on November 14, 2023, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Assessment Tax Roll for the Niagara County Water District. Legislator Godfrey opened the hearing 5:10 p.m. and closed it at approximately 5:11 p.m.

A public hearing was held pursuant to AD-026-23, adopted by the Legislature on November 14, 2023, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Assessment Tax Roll for the Niagara County Refuse Disposal District. Legislator Godfrey opened the hearing 5:20 p.m. and closed it at approximately 5:21 p.m.

A public hearing was held pursuant to AD-027-23, adopted by the Legislature on November 14, 2023, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Assessment Tax Roll for the Niagara County Sewer District #1. Legislator Godfrey opened the hearing 5:30 p.m. and closed it at approximately 5:31 p.m.

A public hearing was held pursuant to AD-030-23, adopted by the Legislature on November 27, 2023, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Tentative Budget for the Year 2024. Legislator Godfrey opened the hearing 5:40 p.m. and closed it at approximately 5:48 p.m.

A public hearing was held pursuant to ED-012-23, adopted by the Legislature on November 14, 2023, for the purpose of hearing public comments to Consider Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land into Niagara County's Agricultural District. Legislator Godfrey opened the hearing 5:40 p.m. and closed it at approximately 5:54 p.m.

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Chairman Wydysh called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Clerk Tomasino called the roll. All Legislators were present with the exception of Legislators Foti and Gooch.

No citizens spoke on the Agenda.

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

Resolution No. CW-038-23 was read at this time. (Appears in numerical order)

Resolution No. AD-031-23

From: Administration Committee. Dated: December 5, 2023

RATIFICATION OF MODIFIED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND LOCAL 182 AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY & MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AFFILIATED WITH NEW YORK COUNCIL 66, AFL-CIO

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara, and Local 182 American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Affiliated with New York Council 66, AFL-CIO (AFSCME Union) reached a collective bargaining agreement for the period of September 13, 2022 through December 31, 2025 which was approved by the Niagara County Legislature on September 13, 2022 (CW-018-22), and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara, and the Local 182 American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Affiliated with New York Council 66, AFL-CIO (AFSCME Union) have reached a Tentative Agreement ("the Agreement") to modify said collective bargaining agreement, and

WHEREAS, said modified Agreement was ratified by the AFSCME Union on November 8, 2023, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2024 budgeted appropriations and fund balance to carry out the fiscal obligations in the Agreement, 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 upon a vote and approval of the County Legislature on December 5, 2023, the Agreement will be approved as the final ratified Agreement between the parties for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Article 17, be modified as follows: the 2023 AFSCME wage schedule rates shall increase by \$1.50 per hour followed by 2.75% general wage increase effective 1/1/2024; 2.75% general wage increase effective 1/1/2025; 2.5% general wage increase effective 1/1/2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Article 17, Section 3, New Positions, be modified pursuant to the Tentative Agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Article 17, Section 17, Working Higher Position, be modified pursuant to the Tentative Agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Article 18, Section 5, CDL License Expense Reimbursement, be added pursuant to the Tentative Agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other contract terms and conditions will remain in full force and effect, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager is authorized to direct the Departments of Human Resources, Risk Management, Budget, and the Treasurer's Office to implement and administer the provisions of the Agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the County of Niagara, subject to the approval of the County Attorney. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. AD-032-23

From: Administration Committee. Dated: December 5, 2023

RESCIND RESOLUTION CW-021-23 ASSIGNING THE CONTRACT FOR OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE TO CATHOLIC HEALTH MOUNT ST. MARY'S

WHEREAS, Resolution No. CW-021-23, dated June 20, 2023, assigned the contract for occupational medicine from Eastern Niagara Hospital to Catholic Health Mount St. Mary's pursuant to acquisition and Western District Federal Court Order, and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department was recently notified by Catholic Health Mount St. Mary's that they are not able to perform the services required under the assigned contract stemming from RFP 2021-49, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. CW-021-23 be rescinded in its entirety, and be it further

RESOLVED, permission is granted for the occupational medicine contract to be rebid. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. CS-045-23 From: Community Services and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

RESOLUTION SETTING SALARY OF COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS, the State of New York requires that the salary of the County Clerk shall be set for the period of the term (four years) prior to the start of that term, and

WHEREAS, the roles of the County Clerk in Niagara County cover a broad and diverse area of management including Clerk of Supreme and County Court, agent for the Commissioner of New York State Motor Vehicles, Records Management Officer, and administrative manager overseeing the operations of the Land Recording Office, Veterans Service Agency, Office of Historian, Pistol Permit and Passport Acceptance Agency, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has developed and implemented outreach programs partnering with public and private entities to the benefit of the public, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has worked diligently to keep our three Niagara County Motor Vehicle offices open and profitable during his tenure despite new York State's on-going campaign encouraging customers to conduct business online, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk served on the New York State Association of County Clerks DMV committee which played an integral role in the adoption of a new, NYS retention schedule in which counties will receive 10.75% retention on all transactions, regardless, if they are processed online or in office, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has streamlined functions in the three Niagara County Motor Vehicle offices during his tenure in office resulting in reduced staffing of three full-time, appointed DMV Deputy positions and six seasonal positions along with a 90% reduction in overtime usage within the Motor Vehicle offices since taking office, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has held numerous "Town Hall" meetings to provide pistol permit holders with pertinent 2nd Amendment Rights and the changes that may take place, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has been instrumental in enhancing the office Electronic Document Management System to include preservation of important and historical maps, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the salary of the County Clerk be set as follows, \$113,061.00 per year commencing January 1, 2024; \$115,887.00 per year commencing January 1, 2025; \$118,784.00 per year commencing January 1, 2026; \$121,754.00 per year commencing January 1, 2027. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch. **Resolution No. CSS-132-23**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACCEPT FY23 COPS HIRING PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified that it has been awarded \$625,000 under the 2023 COPS Hiring Program Grant from the Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) for the performance period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2028, and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a match of \$449,205 to the \$625,000 grant over a period of three (3) years, and

WHEREAS, this grant allows the Sheriff's Office to hire five (5) new Deputy Sheriffs who will be assigned to the Road Patrol Division, and

WHEREAS, the five new Deputy Sheriffs will allow the Niagara County Sheriff's Office to increase its community policing capacity to prevent and disrupt crime and violence to the benefit of all Niagara County residents, and

WHEREAS, the funds for the grant will be in the 2024 Budget and the grant needs to be accepted, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the FY23 COPS Hiring Program Grant may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. CSS-133-23

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACCEPT BJA FY2023 STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified by the US Department of Justice of an award of funds under the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY2023 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), and

WHEREAS, under this program the Department of Justice makes payments to eligible states and local governments that incur certain types of costs due to incarceration of undocumented aliens during a particular 12 month period, and

WHEREAS, the grant award to the Niagara County Sheriff's Office is \$9,331, which is used to offset the cost of correction officer salaries, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office also pays a 22% commission to Justice Benefits, Inc., to facilitate the collection of data for the grant as well as the application process which is in the 2023 Budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney review, the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY2023 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. CSS-134-23

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AWARD CONTRACT FOR RFP 2023-61 EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Purchasing Division issued RFP # 2023-61 Employee Assistance Program for Niagara County Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, the Employee Assistance Program will provide a Law Enforcement based resource for members of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, only one bid response was received from Northpointe Council Inc., in the amount of \$2 per person per month which is roughly \$8,200 per year, and

WHEREAS, the Northpointe Council RFP response has been reviewed and has been found to be comprehensive and meets the needs of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that RFP 2023-61 Employee Assistance Program for Niagara County Sheriff's Office be awarded to Northpointe Council Inc., 800 Main Street, Suite 2A Niagara Falls NY 14301 at the rate of \$2 per employee per month, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Employee Assistance Program for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office contract with Northpointe Council Inc. may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. CSS-135-23

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EXTEND CONTRACT FOR FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY METHOD DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION SERVICES FOR THE NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FORENSIC LABORATORY

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Purchasing Office issued Request for Proposal 2023-05 Forensic Toxicology Method Development and Validation Services for Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory which was awarded to Toxicology Solutions, LLC on April 12, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County entered into a contract with Toxicology Solutions, LLC, which would end on November 1, 2023 unless otherwise extended by mutual written agreement of the parties, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory and Toxicology Solutions. LLC are in agreement to extend the contract until December 31, 2024 to accomplish the project's goals, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the Niagara County Attorney's creation of a contract extension, the contract between Niagara County and Toxicology Solutions, LLC may be extended until December 31, 2024 pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. CSS-136-23 From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

NIAGARA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE ACCEPT OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES (OILS) DISTRIBUTION #14 (C140029) 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 \$658,578 for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026, and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Defender's Office will use these funds for the Appellate Assistant Public Defender salary and fringe benefits, a Family Court Assistant Public Defender salary and fringe benefits, a Court Assistant salary and fringe benefits and a portion of the Information Technology fees for the Public Defender's Office, and

WHEREAS, funding from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the above items is necessary so that the Niagara County Public Defender's Office can continue providing quality services pursuant to Article 18-B of the County Law, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, this grant may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. CSS-137-23

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOURTH UPSTATE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND CASELOAD REDUCTION GRANT

WHEREAS, 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 \$253,510 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, and

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

WHEREAS, the grant is being awarded to continue a portion of the funding for the part-time Assistant Public Defender who represents adults in Lockport and Niagara Falls Family Courts, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the grant award documents may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. CW-036-23

From: Committee of the Whole. Dated: December 5, 2023

AWARD OF CONTRACT – BURMASTER PARK STORAGE BUILDING WATERLINE INSTALLATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has prepared specifications and the Niagara County Purchasing Department has advertised for bids for Burmaster Park Storage Building Waterline Installation Project, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account number H783.15.7110.000 72400.00, Land Improvements, and

WHEREAS, bids were publicly opened and read by Niagara County Purchasing Department on November 16, 2023, as tabulated below:

1. Palladino Excavating 5653 Wendy Circle Lockport, NY 14094 \$97,000.00

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 Burmaster Park Storage Building Waterline Installation Project, be awarded to the lowest, responsible bidder, Palladino Excavating, 5653 Wendy Circle, Lockport, NY 14094, for a contract not to exceed \$97,000.00, 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 Myers, seconded by Grozio.. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. CW-037-23 From: Committee of the Whole. Dated: December 5, 2023

ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE SALARY OF NIAGARA COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole present in writing the following proposed Local Law:

A Local Law of the County of Niagara, New York for the year 2023 increasing the salary of the Niagara County Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the 5th day of December, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the Legislative Chambers, Niagara County Courthouse, Lockport, New York, on said Local Law, and

WHEREAS, one people appeared to speak on said Local Law, and

WHEREAS, no 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 increasing the salary of the Niagara County Commissioner of the Department of Social Services be enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Niagara as follows:

1. The salary of the Niagara County Commissioner of the Department of Social Services shall be increased from \$97,044 per year to \$120,000 per year commencing 1/01/2024, with a 2% annual increase in 2025.

2. This Local Law shall become effective in accordance with the statutes of the State of New York. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. CW-038-23

From: Committee of the Whole. Dated: December 5, 2023

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CRIMES AGAINST REVENUE PROGRAM GRANT ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS, The Niagara County District Attorney's Office has been notified by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services that the Crimes Against Revenue Program grant has been renewed for the calendar year 2023, and

WHEREAS, funding has been awarded in the amount of \$68,810 for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, basic revenue and appropriation figures for said program were calculated and are contained within the District Attorney's operating budget for the 2023 budget year, and

WHEREAS, the program will continue to fund one full time Assistant District Attorney, Position #10969, ATT IV, Step 4, \$102,462.00 annually, with fringe benefits which shall remain coterminous with grant funding, now, therefore be it

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

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

Moved by Hill, seconded by Elder. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. IF-177-23

From: Infrastructures & Facilities and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS – DATA CABLING PROJECT

WHEREAS, Resolution No IF-143-23, dated October 17, 2023, awarded the contract for the Data Cabling Project to the lowest responsive bidder, Garnet Technology Solutions, Inc., 2811 US Route 9, Valatie, NY 12184, and

WHEREAS, following the award of said contract the bidder failed to meet the bid requirements, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the County to reject all bids, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Resolution IF-143-23, dated October 17, 2023, awarding the contract for the Data Cabling Project to Garnet Technology Solutions, Inc., be rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sealed bids which were received for the Data Cabling Project on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 are hereby rejected. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. IF-178-23

From: Infrastructures & Facilities and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NON-DISTURBANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND AC POWER 15, LLC

WHEREAS, AC Power 15, LLC, is in the process of developing solar-powered energy generation on certain real property located at 5600 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Niagara Falls, County of Niagara, New York, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara is the holder of a certain recorded Easement on a portion of the real property located at 5600 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Niagara Falls, County of Niagara, New York, and

WHEREAS, part of the generation facility project and the easement overlap on that same parcel of land, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to enter into a Non-Disturbance Agreement with AC Power 15, LLC, for the use of the easement area, and

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

RESOLVED, that the agreement with AC Power 15, LLC for the use of the easement area, is approved, 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 Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. IF-179-23

From: Infrastructures & Facilities and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

WILSON-BURT ROAD BRIDGE OVER EIGHTEEN MILE CREEK CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 2

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

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

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

WHEREAS, C & S Engineers has submitted a revised scope for construction administration and construction inspection in the amount of \$54,000 due to the reduced base scope of work, for a revised contract amount of \$197,000, 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 for C & S Engineers, 499 Col Eileen Collins Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13212, for the Wilson-Burt Road Bridge over Eighteen Mile Creek Project, to decrease the contract in the amount of \$41,000 for construction administration and construction inspection, for a revised contract amount of \$197,000, 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 Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. IF-180-23

From: Infrastructures & Facilities and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

BRIDGE DECK OVERLAYS 2023 – CHANGE ORDER NO. 2-FINAL

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-124-23, dated August 1, 2023, awarded the contract for the Bridge Deck Overlays 2023 Project to Thomann Asphalt Paving Corp., 56 Gunnville Road, Lancaster, NY 14086, for a contract amount not to exceed \$180,847, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-155-23, dated October 17, 2023, extended the contract completion date to December 31, 2023, at no additional cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to decrease the contract in the amount of \$33,513, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$147,334, and

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

RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 2-Final to decrease the contract by \$33,513 for the Bridge Deck Overlays 2023 Project, for a revised contract amount of \$147,334, be approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the Change Order may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. IF-181-23

From: Infrastructures & Facilities and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

CULVERT REPLACEMENTS 2023 CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - FINAL

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-105-23, dated June 20, 2023, awarded the contract for the Culvert Replacements 2023 Project to Edbauer Construction, 2790 Clinton Street, West Seneca, NY 14224, for a contract amount not to exceed \$948,628.80, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the contract in the amount of \$53,407.46, due to final time and materials work, for a revised contract amount of \$1,002,036.26, and

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

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

INCREASE REVENUE: H774.15.5197.000 43501.00	Consol Hwy Aid Revenue	\$15,000
INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS: H774.15.5197.000 72600.02	Culvert Replacements 2023	\$15,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 1-Final to increase the contract by \$53,407.46 for the Culvert Replacements 2023 Project, for a revised contract amount of \$1,002,036.26, be approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the Change Order may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. IF-182-23

From: Infrastructures & Facilities and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

MOWING AGREEMENT BETWEEN NIAGARA COUNTY AND TOWN OF NIAGARA

WHEREAS, under Section 135-0 of the Highway Law, the County is empowered to enter into agreements with towns for the cutting of noxious weeds, briers and brush within the boundary of County roads, hereafter referred to as "mowing", and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Public Works Committee and the Department of Public Works that the County enter into an agreement with the town of Niagara for mowing, said town to receive an annual payment based upon the actual costs incurred upon presentation of certified cost records for equipment, rental of same, and labor by said town, and

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

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is authorized to execute the required documents. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. IF-183-23

From: Infrastructures & Facilities and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

BUDGET MODIFICATION – FLEET MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Highway Fleet Maintenance Division, is responsible for the maintenance and procurement of the County's vehicle fleet, and

WHEREAS, funds were budgeted in 2023 in the account DM.15.5132.000 72100.14 Miscellaneous Equipment, for the purchase of a heavy duty four post truck lift, and

WHEREAS, this purchase has not been done to date, and

WHEREAS, this equipment is still necessary, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATION: DM.15.5132.000 72100.14	Misc. Equipment	\$100,000
INCREASE APPRORIATION: DM.15.9950.000 79010.00	Interfund Transfer to Capital	\$100,000
INCREASE ANTICIPATED REVE H797.15.5132.000 45031.00	ENUE: Interfund Transfers from Operating	\$100,000
INCREASE APPROPRIATION: H797.15.5132.000 72100.14	Misc. Equipment	\$100,000

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. IF-184-23

From: Infrastructures & Facilities and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – HIGHWAY FLEET MAINTENANCE BUDGET MODIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Highway Fleet Maintenance Division is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the several hundreds of vehicles within the County's fleet, and

WHEREAS, additional funds are required to allow for the payment of part bills for the remainder of 2023, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BAI D.40599.00	LANCE Appropriated Fund Balance	\$80,000
INCREASE ESTIMATED APPROPRIATI D.15.9901.000 79010.00	ON: Interfund Transfers – To Other Funds	\$80,000
INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE: DM.15.9901.000 45031.00	Interfund Transfers – From Operating	\$80,000
INCREASE ESTIMATED APPROPRIATE DM.15.5132.000.74800.13 Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti	Repair Parts and Supplies	\$80,000

Resolution No. IF-185-23

From: Infrastructures & Facilities and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

AWARD OF CONTRACT – CONNECT NIAGARA RURAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has prepared specifications and the Niagara County Purchasing Department has advertised for bids for the Connect Niagara Rural Transportation Services, and

WHEREAS, bids were publicly opened and read by Niagara County Purchasing Department on September 14, 2023, and

WHEREAS, only one bidder responded to the advertisement for this service, 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 Connect Niagara Rural Transportation Services contract, beginning January 1, 2024, be awarded to Niagara Falls Coach Lines, for a rate of \$3.71 per mile, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Contract may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy. Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. IF-186-23

From: Infrastructures & Facilities and Administration Committees. Dated: December 5, 2023

CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET MODIFICATION, CLOSE OUT AND REALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDS

WHEREAS, there are several capital projects that have been completed, and

WHEREAS, the remaining funds should be returned to the original funding source or to an existing or new capital project, and

WHEREAS, additional funds are required to allow for the continuation of the Hess Road Culvert Replacement Project in 2024, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

DECREASE ESTIMATED REVENUES:

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H553.15.7110.000 43897.00	State Aid, Culture & Recreation	\$ 22,234.45
H553.15.7110.000 42089.01	Other Culture/Recreation Income Greenway	\$ 54,691.43
H624.15.1620.000 43021.00	State Aid Court Facilities	\$172,863.50
H624.15.1620.000 45031.10	Transfers from Capital Reserves	\$ 90,000.00
H624.15.1620.000 45031.00	Transfer from Operating	\$ 9,460.78
H639.15.5197.000 45710.18	Serial Bonds 2018	\$177,557.02
H662.15.1620.000 45031.10	Transfers from Capital Reserves	\$ 164.15
H664.15.1620.000 45031.00	Transfers from Operating	\$ 24,000.00
H664.15.1620.000 45031.10	Transfers from Capital Reserve	\$ 1,480.02
H675.15.5112.000 45710.18	Serial Bonds 2018	\$377,672.64
H688.15.1620.000 45031.10	Transfers from Capital Reserves	\$ 7,148.97
H701.15.5112.000 43591.00	State Aid Capital Construction	\$ 48,544.44
H701.15.5112.000 44597.01	Federal Aid Capital Construction	\$300,453.32
H701.15.5112.000 45031.10	Transfer from Capital Reserves	\$ 47,898.93
H704.15.5197.000 43501.00	Consolidated Highway Aid Revenue	\$316,375.24
H704.15.5197.000 45730.14	Bond Ant. Notes Year 2014	\$ 35,910.43
H730.15.5112.000 43501.00	Consolidated Highway Aid Revenue	\$291,083.74
H739.15.5197.000 45031.10	Transfers from Capital Reserve	\$126,000.00
H744.15.1620.000 44089.07	Other ARPA State/Local Fiscal Rec Fund	\$ 324.28
DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:		
H553.15.7110.000 72400.00	Land Improvements	\$ 76,925.88

H553.15.7110.000 72400.00	Land Improvements	\$ 70,923.88
H624.15.1620.000 72200.01	Building Improvements	\$117,451.56
H624.15.1620.000 72400.01	Land Improvements	\$ 64,872.72
H639.15.5197.000 72600.02	Infrastructure Bridges	\$177,557.02
H662.15.1620.000 72200.01	Building Improvements	\$ 164.15
H664.15.1620.000 72200.01	Building Improvements	\$ 25,480.02
H675.15.5112.000 72600.01	Infrastructure Roads	\$377,672.64
H688.15.1620.000 72200.01	Building Improvements	\$ 7,148.97

\$396,896.69
\$352,285.67
\$291,083.74
\$ 49,744.98
\$ 324.28
\$ 90,000.00
\$ 33,460.78
serves \$182,692.07
id Revenue \$ 76,255.02
\$216,152.85

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following capital projects be closed and the remaining account balances be transferred to the original funding source and to fund the Hess Road Culvert Replacement Project:

- H553 Wading Pool Sprinkler System
- H624 Building Improvements 2015
- H639 Wisterman Rd Bridge over Mud Creek
- H662 Building Security Improvements 2018
- H664 Ross Roof and Trott Roof
- H675 Highway Reconstruction & Repaving 2018
- H688 HR Bldg Carpet/Tile
- H701 Akron Road Pavement Rehabilitation
- H704 Wilson Burt Rd Bridge over Hopkins Creek
- H730 Ewings Road Rehabilitation
- H739 Culvert Rehabilitation 2022
- H743 Culvert Replacements 2022
- H744 Shaw Building Waterline Improvements

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the balance for these accounts in the amount of \$591,140.09 is to be returned to the original funding source as follows:

Debt Reserves \$591,140.09 Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. IL-156-23

From: Legislators Irene M. Myers, Mark J. Grozio and Administration Committee. Dated: December 5, 2023

LOCAL LAW REQUIRING CONTRACTORS, DESIRING TO BID ON CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA TO PROVIDE PROOF OF THE NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in order to protect the public interest and the welfare of the employees in the payment of prevailing wages and benefits, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and necessary to provide safeguards and adopt certain procedures to insure compliance with the provisions of Section 220 of the State Labor Law, and

WHEREAS, it is valuable for local government to encourage broad participation in such New York State Certified Worker Training Programs by the residents of Niagara County and to foster the equal opportunity of men and women of all races and backgrounds to participate in order to enhance workforce development and diversification, and to prevent exclusionary practices which have historically excluded women and minorities; these safeguards are in the best interests of the taxpayer and the citizens of Niagara, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Labor sets objective standards and provides oversight for New York State Certified Worker Training Programs; these Programs are important because they require on-the-job training and classroom training, and provide objective industry standards; in effect these programs lead to a standardized, cost effective and skilled labor workforce, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that any contractors desiring to bid on any Niagara County Construction project wherein the successful bid is in excess of one million and 00/100 dollars [\$1,000,000.00], must show proof to the proper agency of the County that the employees of the contractor are covered by an approved apprentice training program, pursuant to standards approved by the "New York State Apprentice Program."

Section 1. Short Title.

This Local Law shall be known as "The Niagara County Workforce Development and Diversification New York State Certified Worker Training Program."

Section 2. Definitions.

- A. "New York State Certified Worker Training Program" Shall mean: a state registered and regulated apprenticeship program through the New York State Department of Labor that has been approved by the New York State Commissioner of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the New York Labor Law, that includes the following standards:
 - (i) An organized, written plan in place that embodies the terms and conditions of employment, and training and supervision of one or more workers;
 - (ii) A schedule of wages to be paid to the worker consistent with the skills required and approved by the New York State Department of Labor;
- B. "Commissioner" shall mean the Commissioner of the Niagara County Department of Public Works.
- C. Construction contract" shall mean projects with a value in excess of one million and 00/100 dollars [\$1,000,000.00], where Niagara County is a direct party to the contract which includes an incidental amount of construction type activity intended to benefit the public, including all work which is necessary, incidental or connected with the execution of the contract which is performed by construction workers. A construction contract includes: projects that Niagara County funds directly, projects that Niagara County funds indirectly by providing funds to a separate entity to perform the construction type activity and construction projects built under Niagara County's direction and later paid for with Niagara County funds except for construction contracts wherein Niagara County is partnered with other counties.

- D. "Construction subcontract" shall mean any subcontract between a contractor who has a construction contract as defined in Section 3, subdivision C above.
- E. "Contractor" or "subcontractor" shall mean a contractor or subcontractor that directly employs construction workers, as defined below, under a construction contract or construction subcontract, as defined herein, for which a New York Certified Worker Training Program is required.
- F. "Construction worker" shall mean an individual directly involved in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, rehabilitation, installation, alteration, renovation, demolition or otherwise providing for any building, facility, roads, highways, bridges, or physical structure of any kind, but does not include professional services employees or those construction workers for which a New York State certified Worker Training Program does not exist.

Section 3. Requirements.

A. Any contractor, prior to entering into a construction contract set forth in section 3. (C.) above, or any subcontractor entering into a construction subcontract with a contractor who has a construction contract with the County of Niagara is required to have in place and provide written proof of same at the time of bid a New York State Certified Worker Training Program, either internally to the contractor or subcontractor and/or through an organization servicing several contractors or subcontractors, appropriate the type and scope of work to be performed.

Section 4. Penalties.

Violation of any provision of this Local Law shall constitute cause, grounds or other legal justification for Niagara County to refuse to award the construction contract to the lowest bid and/or the termination of any contractual agreement with any contractor or subcontractor engaged in a construction contract or construction subcontract with the County, in accordance with County and state law, rules and regulations governing the termination of such contractual agreements.

Section 5. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or the application thereof, to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance, shall be adjudged by

any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 6. Applicability.

This Local Law shall apply to construction contracts advertised for bids on or after the effective date.

Section 7. Effective Dates.

This Local Law shall take effect 30 days after the filing with the Secretary of State, in accordance with Section 27 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature shall conduct a public hearing upon such proposed Local Law at the Legislative Chambers, Courthouse, Lockport, New York, on the 12th day of December 2023, at 5:50 p.m., and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature, at least six (6) days in advance of such hearing, shall post a notice upon the bulletin boards in the Courthouse in Lockport, the Civic Building in Niagara Falls shall publish such notice once in the Union Sun & Journal, and the Niagara Gazette; such notice shall contain the title of the Local Law and an abstract of the text to be prepared by the Clerk of the Legislature, with the assistance of the County Attorney's Office

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent - Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. IL-157-23

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

Dated: December 5, 2023

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society own and operate the Railroad Museum on Oliver St., in the City of North Tonawanda, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society mission is to educate the public, both local and tourist alike, on the rich history of railroads on the Niagara Frontier, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the National Railway Society are requesting funds to upgrade their HVAC system so they can continue to strive to make the Museum an asset to the community and work toward their goal of becoming a year around attraction, 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 National Frontier Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

The National Frontier Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society \$5,200.00 Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. IL-158-23

From: Legislator Anthony J. Nemi and Administration Committee. Dated: December 5, 2023

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PENDLETON BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Pendleton Business and Community Association is dedicated to enhancing and providing support to the businesses and citizens in the Town of Pendleton, and

WHEREAS, the Pendleton Business and Community Association is in the process of refurbishing and installing a historic Erie Canal Light Buoy Tender at Olde Pendleton Canal Park, and

WHEREAS, during this holiday season the Pendleton Business and Community Association will be donating prizes and gifts for the Annual Pendleton Festival of Lights, and the Pendleton Tree Lighting Ceremony, 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 Pendleton Business and Community Association by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Pendleton Business and Community Association\$1,500.00Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.\$1,600.00Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.\$1,500.00

Resolution No. IL-159-23 From: Legislator Anthony J. Nemi and Economic Development Committee. Dated: December 5, 2023

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF S.E.R.V. NIAGARA THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, S.E.R.V. Niagara is a 501 (c)(3) organization with the mission to Support, Empower, Respect, Veterans and their families, and

WHEREAS, S.E.R.V. Niagara provides a variety of programs and events during the holiday season and throughout the year to help meet the needs of Niagara County Veterans, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature commends the efforts of S.E.R.V. Niagara to assist Niagara County Veterans who served to protect our great county, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports S.E.R.V. Niagara by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

\$1,000.00

S.E.R.V. Niagara Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins. Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, Gooch.

Resolution No. IL-160-23

From: Legislator Anthony J. Nemi and Economic Development Committee. Dated: December 5, 2023

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LIGHT UP LOCKPORT THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

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

WHEREAS, the Palace Theatre will once again be participating in Lockport's annual Light Up Lockport celebration, and

WHEREAS, the Light Up Lockport event draws hundreds of families to downtown Lockport to celebrate the start of the holiday season, and

WHEREAS, this year's event will feature crafts, food, shopping, Christmas movies, games, ice skating, and a lighted Christmas parade, 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 Light Up Lockport by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Palace Theatre	\$975.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent Foti, Gooch.	

<u>APPOINTMENTS:</u>	A	T
DOADD OF HEALTH.	<u>Appt.</u>	Expires
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH:</u> Physicians:		
Thomas Hughes, MD	01/01/24	12/31/29
64 Davison Ct., Lockport 14094	01/01/24	12/31/27
Donna Feldman, MD	01/01/24	12/31/29
5927 Military Road Lewiston	01/01/21	10/91/09
Mayors' Recommendations:		
Erin Demarco FNP-BC (replaces Susan Delong)	01/01/24	12/31/29
821 88 th St. Niagara Falls, 14304		
Citizens At Large :		
Dr. Dominick Carden (PharmD)	01/01/24	12/31/29
5690 Locust Street, Lockport 14094		
Moved by Bradt, second by Andres.		
Approved.		
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD:</u>		
Kerry A. Collins (replaces Robert Spuller)	01/01/24	12/31/27

56 Weld St. Lockport, 14094 Chairman Wydysh Tabled this Appointment.

Chairman Wydysh announced she would be hosting a dinner for all legislators and department heads after our January 2nd, 2024 Organizational Meeting.

Chairman Wydysh called founder of the Peanut Butter Jelly Drive Pete Robinson to the lectern to present a cart of Peanut Butter and Jelly donated by the Legislature.

Legislator Andres led a moment of silence for a Young Marine Cpl. Salem Blaze Nyari who passed away November 18, 2023.

Legislator Andres announced himself along with Legislators Bradt and Gooch will be hosting a food drive at

the Riviera Theater who will be showing a free screening of "Miracle on 34th Street" on December 13th all donations to be given the North Tonawanda food bank.

Moved by Voccio, seconded by Collins that the Board adjourn.

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned 6:23 p.m., subject to the call of the Clerk.

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

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Alysa T. Tomasino, Clerk