

A public hearing was held pursuant to ED-002-25, adopted by the Legislature on January 21, 2025, for the purpose of hearing public comments on a Second Public Hearing for Brent Industries, LLC Community Development Block Grant. Legislator Andres opened the hearing at 5:50 p.m. and closed it at approximately 5:54 p.m.

OFFICIAL RECORD

Lockport, New York
February 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wydysh at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

No citizens spoke on the Agenda.

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

Resolution No. AD-006-25

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

REQUESTING THE ENACTMENT OF A BILL AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA TO EXTEND THE ADDITIONAL RATE OF ONE PERCENT SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara thereafter deemed it necessary to extend the additional one percent (1%) sales tax, as set forth in Home Rule Message Resolution CW-008-23 adopted April 25, 2023 and imposition resolution CW-028-23 adopted August 1, 2023 to enable the County of Niagara to continue to offset the cost of the local share of mandated Medicaid costs, and

WHEREAS, the extension of the one percent (1%) rate was imposed from the period beginning December 1, 2023 and ending November 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature hereby finds that it is necessary to further extend the additional one percent (1%) sales tax for the period beginning December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2027 to enable the County of Niagara to continue to offset the cost of the local share of mandated Medicaid costs, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature requests and urges the New York Senate to work with the New York State Assembly, along with the Governor to enact a bill to authorize the County of Niagara to continue to impose an additional one percent (1%) rate of tax for the period beginning December 1, 2023 and ending November 30, 2027 in addition to the three percent (3%) the County is authorized to impose and to dedicate the funds from the additional one percent (1%) rate to the payment of the local share of Medicaid costs, said authorization in the form of a Senate Bill and an Assembly Bill.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. AD-007-25

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

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 2024, and

WHEREAS, sales tax revenue for the fiscal year 2024, the final payment of which was received in January 2025, came in higher than anticipated and must be accrued back to 2024 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 2024 fiscal year can continue to be made into the first quarter of 2025, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the 2024 County budget:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.07.1985.000 41110.01 Sales and Use Tax General Distribution	\$3,201,278
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.07.1985.000 74500.01 Distribution of Sales Tax	\$3,201,278
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. AD-008-25

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**BUDGET MODIFICATION – LEASES AND
SUBSCRIPTION BASED IT ARRANGEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued GASB Statement Number 87, Leases, and GASB Statement Number 96, Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA), and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature has adopted the County's Lease Policy and SBITA Policy for calendar year ending December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer's Office has reviewed 2024 Lease agreements and subscription based IT arrangements received from applicable departments, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer's Office must update the 2024 financial records to comply with GASB Statement Number 87 and 96 and the respective County policies, and

WHEREAS, budget modifications for the 2024 fiscal year can continue to be made into the first quarter of 2024, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to the 2024 County budget:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.07.9788.000 41289.08	Other General Gov. Income Reimbursement	\$ 85,595
A.07.9781.000 41289.08	Other General Gov. Income Reimbursement	\$ 109,100
A.16.1680.000 45781.00	SBITA, Other Financing Sources	\$ 1,430,736
A.20.4189.401 45781.00	SBITA, Other Financing Sources	\$ 76,242
A.09.1355.000 45781.00	SBITA, Other Financing Sources	\$ 538,521
A.28.8020.000 45788.00	Leases, Other Financing Sources	\$ 623,008

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.07.9788.000 76001.02	Leases Principal Expense	\$ 76,853
A.07.9788.000 77001.02	Leases Interest Expense	\$ 8,742
A.07.9781.000 76001.03	SBITA Principal Expense	\$ 150,260
A.16.1680.000 72702.00	IT Arrangement Expense	\$ 1,430,736
A.20.4189.401 72702.00	IT Arrangement Expense	\$ 76,242
A.09.1355.000 72703.00	IT Arrangement Expense	\$ 538,521
A.28.8020.000 72702.00	Lease Asset Expense	\$ 623,008

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.07.9781.000 77001.03	SBITA Interest Expense	\$ 41,160
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. AD-009-25

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**REAL PROPERTY TAX CORRECTIONS/CANCELLATIONS
NO. COE-2025 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-2025 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 Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. AD-010-25

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION TO WAIVE RFP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
HEALTHCARE CONSULTING**

WHEREAS, a proposal for standalone healthcare consulting services for the Niagara County Healthcare Plan was received by County Purchasing from Premier Consulting, now Assured Partners, in 2018, and

WHEREAS, healthcare consulting services have been provided under a Proprietary Buyout Agreement between NOVA, the County's TPA for medical claims administration and placement of stop loss reinsurance and Premier's founder Bill Brothers, and

WHEREAS, NOVA has advised Assured Partners and the County that said Agreement has concluded as of December 31, 2024, making the standalone proposal contingency operational, and

WHEREAS, said proposal will be honored at the 2018 pricing offered, and

WHEREAS, the County will thereby realize a cost savings over and above the current market industry standard and maintain continuity of service, benefiting the Niagara County Health Plan and its Members, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Risk Management is authorized to waive RFP for this professional service, thereby allowing the Niagara County Health Plan to execute a contract reviewed by the County Manager and approved as to legal form by the County Attorney.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. AD-011-25

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**RENEWAL OF ELIMINATION OF NIAGARA COUNTY TAX FOR CITY OF LOCKPORT
WATER SUPPLY LINE**

WHEREAS, the City of Lockport raw water intake is in North Tonawanda, and

WHEREAS, the raw water line intake travels from North Tonawanda through the municipalities of Pendleton, Wheatfield, Town of Lockport and North Tonawanda for a total of 13 miles to get to the City of Lockport Summit Street filtration plant, and

WHEREAS, the City of Lockport prior to June 17, 2007, paid Niagara County property tax based upon the assessment of the raw water line which resulted in a water bill increase for each homeowner in the City of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, a 100% tax exemption for the City of Lockport from the Niagara County taxes on the above described 13 mile raw water line resulted in a tax levy impact of less than one cent per thousand of assessed property values, and

WHEREAS, the County passed resolution IL-046-08 on June 17, 2008 granting a tax exemption for a period of five years upon the condition that the savings be deposited into a fund designed for and used to repair or replace damaged Lockport City owned water lines thereby providing lower water bill costs to the City of Lockport residents who are residents of the County of Niagara as well, and

WHEREAS, the County passed Resolution IL-045-18 extending the exemption for an additional five (5) years until March 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the County passed Resolution IL-014-24 extending the exemption an additional one (1) year until March 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the City of Lockport and the County of Niagara desire to renew said exemption for another three years, and

WHEREAS, the City of Lockport set up an account to deposit said savings for repairs and improvements, and the Department of Utilities prepared and submitted a plan each year to the Mayor and Common Council for expenditure in accordance with the above, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be directed to prepare the proper documents between the City of Lockport and the County of Niagara to finalize a 100% county tax exemption arrangement on the above described water intake line for an additional three years, until March 1, 2028.

Moved by Abbott, seconded by Speranza, 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 Speranza.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CS-005-25

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

BUDGET MODIFICATION – SOCIAL SERVICES STATE TRAINING SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the authority for NYS Office of Children and Family Services to charge back local districts for care and maintenance of youth placed in OCFS detention facilities is in Executive Law Section 529. LDSS is required to pay 50% of the cost of care for all non-raise the age youth, and

WHEREAS, in 2015, NYS capped the local share of OCFS facility costs to \$55 million statewide per calendar year, and

WHEREAS, with no statewide placement data available for use in calculating Niagara share of the \$55 million, three year averages have been historically used for budgeting purposes, and

WHEREAS, our 2025 bill reflects a 93% increase in the number of non-raise the age care days from 2023 to 2024, and

WHEREAS, due to the uncontrollable factors with regards to youth placements, which are recommended through collaboration between Department of Social Services, Probation Department, County Attorneys, ultimate decision being made by Family Court Judges, the department will experience a budget shortfall, now, therefore be it,

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

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A.40599.00	Unappropriated Fund Balance	\$ 1,133,775
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.22.6129.000 74500.01	State Training Schools	\$ 1,133,775
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CS-006-25

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING DEPARTMENT
BUDGET MODIFICATION – ACCEPT \$110,761 CAREER PATHWAYS TRAINING PROGRAM
FUNDING FROM FINGER LAKES PERFORMING PROVIDER SYSTEMS, INC. (FLPPS) 2025**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Local Workforce Development Board (NCWDB) has entered into a Contract for Services Agreement in 2025 with Finger Lakes Performing Provider Systems, Inc. (FLPPS), and

WHEREAS, this funding is allocated by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) under the Career Pathways Training (CPT) program to provide training and supportive services to individuals in a healthcare related field, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Employment & Training (NCET) Department will provide a full time employee to facilitate this program as outlined in the service agreement, and

WHEREAS, this service agreement has been reviewed by a County attorney for content and form, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the NCWDB and NCET are authorized to accept this award, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2025 NCET Department Budget be modified as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

CD.29.6290.000 43089.12	State Aid Other, FLPPS	\$ 110,761
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD.29.6290.000 72100.01	Office Furniture	\$ 1,500
CD.29.6290.000 72100.05	Computer Equipment, Laptop	1,000
CD.29.6290.000 74250.01	Office Supplies	500
CD.29.6290.000 74300.03	Travel Mileage	1,000
CD.29.6290.000 74375.05	Cellular Phone	500
CD.29.6290.000 74500.01	Contractual Expenses	106,261

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CS-007-25

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**BUDGET MODIFICATION –REAPPROPRIATE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS 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 Healthy Neighborhoods Preventative Health Cornerstones funding to improve the health and safety of inner city residents approved through county budget adoption Resolution B-16-22, 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.20.4189.405 44489.06	Other Healthy Neighborhoods	\$ 20,000.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CM.20.4189.405 74300.03	travel/mileage	\$ 500.00
CM.20.4189.405 74750.02	Supplies/Materials	19,500.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CS-008-25

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**MH - 2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION – SUICIDE PREVENTION
FOR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara is concerned about the welfare of all of its citizens and, as such, formed the Niagara County Opioid Task Force (OASIS) in 2016 in recognition of the broad impact the opioid epidemic was having on our communities, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara entered into and joined a range of litigation against manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of opioids in 2018, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Attorney General's office and separately States Attorney Generals' offices have negotiated numerous settlements with manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of opioid, and

WHEREAS, NYS Office of Addiction Supports and Services, as recommended by the NYS Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board, has provided Regional Opioid Abatement funds to counties across New York state to address regional and local priorities, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara is in receipt of these funds designed to offset the expansive costs and impact of the Opioid crisis on County operations and funds designated for treatment, recovery, and prevention efforts, herein referred to as "Schedule C – approved uses," and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (NCDMH), as the Local Governmental Unit (LGU), is responsible for the planning and oversight of the service system to ensure the availability and continuance of services to individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders who are living in Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Mental Health (NCDMH), on behalf of the County of Niagara, has gathered data and input to create a plan for the distribution and use of Schedule C funds through stakeholder forums, public input sessions, and legislative committee meetings, and

WHEREAS, these planning efforts resulted in the identification of gaps, needs, and key priorities in several areas, including: clinical services; community supports/services; workforce training; diversity, equity, and inclusion; and prevention/outreach. Strategies and solutions which require extensive funding investments have been referred to New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports, and

WHEREAS, NCDMH intends to partner with the Mental Health Association in Niagara County, who will take lead in the *Soul Shop™ Leaders* event planning and coordination efforts in partnership with the Niagara County Suicide Prevention Coalition; the *Soul Shop™ Leaders* is a one-day workshop designed for clergy, staff, lay pastors, and faith-based clinicians to develop soul-safe communities by equipping members to address suicide as a regular aspect of their life and work; this training will address the need for faith-based communities to increase their knowledge and skill sets to make a positive impact on the lives of individuals, and their families, with whom they have contact that have Opioid Use, Substance Use, and co-occurring Mental Health conditions, and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Community Services be authorized to engage in the process to carry out the necessary agreements between the County and Mental Health Association in Niagara County, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.21.4310.000 43490.07	OASAS Regional Abatement Funding	\$ 4,250
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INCREASE EXPENSE:

A.21.4310.000.74500.01	Contractual Expenses	\$ 4,250
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CS-009-25

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**MH - 2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION – EXPANSION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS
SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS**

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara is concerned about the welfare of all of its citizens and, as such, formed the Niagara County Opioid Task Force (OASIS) in 2016 in recognition of the broad impact the opioid epidemic was having on our communities, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara entered into and joined a range of litigation against manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of opioids in 2018, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Attorney General's office and separately States Attorney Generals' offices have negotiated numerous settlements with manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of opioid, and

WHEREAS, NYS Office of Addiction Supports and Services, as recommended by the NYS Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board, has provided Regional Opioid Abatement funds to counties across New York state to address regional and local priorities, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara is in receipt of funds designed to offset the expansive costs and impact of the Opioid crisis on County operations and funds designated for treatment, recovery, and prevention efforts, herein referred to as "Schedule C – approved uses" and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (NCDMH), as the Local Governmental Unit (LGU), is responsible for the planning and oversight of the service system to ensure the availability and continuance of services to individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders who are living in Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Mental Health (NCDMH), on behalf of the County of Niagara, has gathered data and input to create a plan for the distribution and use of Schedule C funds through stakeholder forums, public input sessions, and legislative committee meetings, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Orleans/Niagara BOCES and its component district seek to increase knowledge, skills, and resources that foster practice, transformation in intervention, prevention and crisis recovery, and build upon the Niagara/Orleans Trauma, Illness and Grief (TIG) Consortium infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, TIG is a comprehensive training in crisis response network for K-12 education and beyond. The innovative TIG program model trains networks of school-based professionals to meet the holistic needs of students and equips them with evidence-based crisis response skills, resources, and ongoing technical support to help students cope with trauma, violence, illness, death and grief in the school setting, and

WHEREAS, the goal of TIG is to strengthen and grow an organizations internal capacity to prepare to have appropriate support for students and staff in place to help minimize risk for crisis, respond more effectively and efficiently, and recover quickly by promoting health recovery strategies in the event of a traumatic incident. The TIG framework is aligned with best practices to Prevent, Protect, Mitigate, Respond, and Recover, and

WHEREAS, NCDMH intends to partner with interested Niagara County School Districts, within the TIG Consortium. Districts will take lead in contracting with Mindly Co., now known as Navi, a Tier 1 wellness program for students ages 8 and up. Navi provides evidence based, single-session, mental wellness supports to students in their critical moments of need, including skills development, action plans, and in the moment solutions to everyday problems. Navi integrates school and local crisis resources and expands service availability, and

WHEREAS, this resource will address the need for students to have more immediate access to supports in-the-moment of need, assist in reducing social stigma and uncertainty around the process of help-seeking therefore increasing help-seeking behavior, and increase students' knowledge and skill sets to make a positive impact on their lives to abate the opioid epidemic, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of NCDMH is authorized to engage in the process to carry out the necessary agreements between the County and interested Niagara County School Districts, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.21.4310.000.43490.07	OASAS Regional Abatement Funding	\$ 65,000
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INCREASE EXPENSE:

A.21.4310.000.74500.01	Contractual Expenses	\$ 65,000
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CS-010-25

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**ABOLISH AGING SERVICES AIDE
CREATE AND FILL CASE MANAGER SENIOR SERVICES**

WHEREAS, due to a position vacancy within the Office for the Aging (OFA), the department has reviewed its operational needs in order to provide information and assistance to the older adults that rely on the valuable services offered through the OFA, and

WHEREAS, after studying the services we provide and evaluating all options, it has been determined that it would be in the best interest of the department to abolish one (1) FT Aging Services Aide and to create and fill one (1) FT Case Manager Senior Services to manage client cases in the EISEP Program, and

WHEREAS, funding for this newly created position is readily available in the current OFA budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Position No. 1292, Aging Services Aide – Grade 5, CSEA, Group 3, be abolished, effective February 17, 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the position of Case Manager – Senior Services, CSEA, Group 9, from \$28.45 per hour to \$32.98 per hour, be created and filled, effective February 17, 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATION

A 24.6772.000 78400.01	Insurance, Health Active Expense	\$ 12,653
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION

A.24.6772.000 71010.00	Positions Expense	\$ 8,824
A.24.6772.000 78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$ 1,120
A 24.6772.000 78400.05	Insurance, Health HRA Employer Contribution	\$ 850
A 24.6772.000 78400.06	Insurance Health Care Waiver	\$ 1,000
A.24.6772.000 78200.00	FICA Expense	\$ 675
A.24.6772.000 78300.00	Worker's Compensation	\$ 184

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-020-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BUDGET MODIFICATION – ACCEPT DOMESTIC CANNABIS ERADICATION/SUPPRESSION
PROGRAM GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office wishes to continue an agreement with the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) for the year 2025, and

WHEREAS, this agreement allows the Sheriff's Office to work in conjunction with the local DEA Office to curtail illegal cannabis trafficking and in eradication of illicit cannabis plants throughout Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the DEA will reimburse the Sheriff's Office for the costs incurred with this project, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County continue an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.17.3110.000 44389.04	Other Public Safety Operation Green Monster	\$ 75,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3110.000 71050.00	Overtime Expense	\$ 46,500
A.17.3110.000 74400.09	Payments to Other Agencies	\$ 15,000
A.17.3110.000 74600.03	Training/Education	\$ 2,000
A.17.3110.000 74750.05	Law Enforcement Supplies	\$ 7,500
A.17.3110.000 74800.11	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 4,000

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-021-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BUDGET MODIFICATION - ACCEPT BJA FY2024 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 FY2024 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 \$9,562 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 2025 Budget for a smaller amount, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney review, the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY2024 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.17.3150.000 42264.00	Jail Facilities Services, Other Gov Rev	\$1,004
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3150.000 74500.01	Contractual Expenses	\$1,004
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-022-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BUDGET MODIFICATION – FY24 DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION GRANT
CHANGE AND CO-TERMINUS SPECIAL PATROL OFFICER POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature accepted the FY24 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant on 11/12/24 in Resolution #CSS-114-24 for the amount of \$172,413 for the performance period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026 under the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to prevent targeted violence and domestic terrorism through the utilization of Threat Assessment and Management (TAM) teams and the development of comprehensive Domestic Terrorism Plans, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has identified a need for additional personnel to manage the TAM team and the ERPO process to facilitate the removal of firearms from dangerous individuals, and

WHEREAS, the funds for this grant need to be added to the 2025 budget in order to be utilized, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the FY2024 DHSES Domestic Terrorism Prevention grant budget amendment may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that one co-terminus Special Patrol Officer P/T No Benefits position be created and filled effective 3/2/2025 at PBA Deputy Sheriff Step 1 at an hourly rate of \$25.29/hour, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.17.3110.000 43389.13	Other Public Safety Crime Prevention	\$103,442
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3110.000 71030.00	Part time expense	\$ 29,703
A.17.3110.000 71050.00	Overtime Expense	\$ 15,000
A.17.3110.000 74500.01	Contractual Expenses	\$ 30,000
A.17.3110.000 74500.02	Service contracts	\$ 6,000
A.17.3110.000 74750.02	General Supplies/Materials	\$ 15,000
A.17.3110.000 78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$ 3,385
A.17.3110.000 78200.00	FICA Expense	\$ 3,420
A.17.3110.000 78300.00	Worker's Compensation Expense	\$ 934

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-023-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CREATE AND FILL TEMPORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has a Deputy Sheriff who is on an extended leave since May of 2024 without an estimation of a return to work date, and

WHEREAS, the next Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy will start in March of 2025 and the following Academy will not start until September of 2025, and

WHEREAS, new Deputy Sheriffs go through a 6 month Law Enforcement Academy and then two months of Field Training before they are able to operate on their own, and

WHEREAS, due to the lengthy training needed for a new Deputy Sheriff, the Sheriff's Office is requesting to start a new Deputy Sheriff in the March Academy in an effort to have the appropriate staffing for Road Patrol, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that one temporary Deputy Sheriff position be created and filled effective 3/2/2025 at PBA Deputy Sheriff Step 2 at an hourly rate of \$31.26/hour, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the temporary position will be abolished upon a Deputy Sheriff vacancy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3110.000 71010.00	Posn # 403	Position Expense	54,518
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3110.000 71010.00	Posn # NEW	Position Expense	54,518
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-024-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RESOLUTION ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE STATE
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT ("SEQRA") FOR THE PROPOSED NIAGARA
COUNTY JAIL HOUSING ADDITION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Jail located at 5526 Niagara Street Extension, Lockport, New York 14094 currently operates within two adjoining jail facilities, the 1964 Jail Building One and the 1994 Jail Building Two. The 1964 Jail Building One has exceeded its life expectancy at over 55 years old. To remedy this, the Niagara County Legislature is exploring the feasibility of replacing the entire 1964 building with the development of a new housing addition to be known as the Niagara County Jail Housing Addition Project (the "Project"), and

WHEREAS, the Project would include the construction of four pod style correctional housing units and replacement of their existing vehicle sally port with a new enclosed two-bay vehicle sally port. The project would also include a new staff support addition, laundry addition, and maintenance addition which are all spaced currently in the 1964 Jail Building One and will need to be accounted for with the planned removal of the former jail building, and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the Project is an “Unlisted Action” as defined under SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SEQRA, the County has caused to be prepared Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the Environmental Assessment Form, and

WHEREAS, the County has carefully reviewed the Project, Part 1, 2, and 3 of the Environmental Assessment Form, the environmental record concerning the Project, and has not identified the potential for the Project to result in at least one significant adverse environmental impact, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County declares that, based on the environmental record, which has been prepared and reviewed pursuant to SEQRA, the Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, and hereby issues a Negative Declaration for the proposed Project.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-025-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
BUDGET MODIFICATION - ACCEPT 2024 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS
FORMULA GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff’s Office has been notified that it has been awarded \$788,111 under the 2024 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the performance period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, this grant allows the Sheriff’s Office to continue the improvement of the interoperable communications network which will benefit the residents of Niagara County with improved reliability of communication for their safety and protection, and

WHEREAS, the funds for the grant need to be added to the 2025 Budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney’s review, the 2024 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be made:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.17.3645.000 43305.02	State Aid, Civil Defense Homeland Security	\$788,111
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INCREASE ACCRUALS:

A.17.3645.000 72100.15	Communications Equipment	\$688,111
A.17.3645.000 74500.01	Contractual Expenses	\$100,000

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-026-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BUDGET MODIFICATION ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS BARRICADES**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds which are in a Committed Fund and federally regulated on qualifying expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has identified needs within the Sheriff's Office, which are qualifying expenditures under the Federal Equitable Sharing guidelines, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office would like to use asset forfeiture funds to purchase a set of portable barricades with trailer to use for public safety at events throughout Niagara County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.17.3110.000 44389.02	Other Public Safety Asset Forfeiture Dept Justice	\$67,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3110.000 72100.31	Mach & Equip Asset Forfeiture Dept Justice	\$67,000
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-027-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CREATE AND FILL TEMPORARY CLERICAL III POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified that a Clerical III at the Niagara County Sheriff's Office will be retiring at the end of March 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Clerical III position carries responsibilities which include reporting to federal agencies as partners for Asset Forfeiture, grants and task forces which is not handled by any other position at the Sheriff's Office, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a temporary Clerical III position be created and filled effective 3/16/2025 at CSEA Job Group 6 Step 1 at an hourly rate of \$23.95/hour, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the temporary position will be abolished upon the retirement of the incumbent Clerical III on 3/29/25, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3110.000 71010.00	Posn # 10050	Position Expense	\$2,117
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3110.000 71010.00	Posn # NEW	Position Expense	\$1,677
A.17.3110.000 78100.00		Retirement Expense	213
A.17.3110.000 78200.00		FICA Expense	128
A.17.3110.000 78300.00		Workers Comp Expense	35

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-028-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SOLE SOURCE STANDARDIZATION OFFENDER WATCH**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has partnered with Watch Systems, LLC since 2010 to provide the OffenderWatch application to track sex offenders within Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, Offender Watch is a nationwide sex offender registry which allows the Sheriff's Office to accurately track sex offenders and to partner with the community for important notifications, and

WHEREAS, Offender Watch is hosted at Nlets security facility, requires certified CJIS Security awareness training and background checks for agency staff to access the data, meets all statutory requirements within New York State, offenders are automatically assigned to an agency by the offender address and includes automatic printing and delivery services of community notifications within a user-defined radius of an offender's address, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office and Niagara County residents depend on the accuracy and reliability of Offender Watch, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has an ongoing annual expense for subscription services for Offender Watch which is currently \$11,740 for 2025, and

WHEREAS, the continuation of Offender Watch services without interruption is important to the residents of Niagara County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that for reasons of efficiency and economy, pursuant to General Municipal Law 103(5), there is a need for sole source purchase and standardization for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office in the provision of sex offender registry tracing and community notifications, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that Watch Systems LLC is the sole provider of Offender Watch services and that the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to purchase Offender Watch services from Watch Systems LLC without the need to solicit for alternate proposals, such purchase to be made in consultation with the Purchasing Department and in accordance with budgetary procedures

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-029-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ACCEPT 2024 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT OPERATIONS GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified it has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$182,545 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services under 2024 Public

Safety Answering Point Operations Grant (PSAP) for the performance period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the grant assists with personnel operating costs in the Niagara County Communications Center, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 PSAP Grant is in the budget but needs to be accepted, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the 2024 Public Safety Answering Point Operations Grant (PSAP) may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-030-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
2025 BUDGET MODIFICATION
ROLLOVER 2024 HOMELAND SECURITY UNSPENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Homeland Security funds were not fully expended in 2024, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the remaining funds for 2021 State Homeland Security Program (approved #CSS-095-21), 2022 State Homeland Security Program (approved #CSS-083-22), and 2023 State Homeland Security Program (approved #CSS-114-23) be re-appropriated into the 2025 budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the remaining funds for 2023 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (approved #CSS-113-23) and 2024 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (approved #CSS-113-24), be re-appropriated into the 2025 budget and county contributions be re-appropriated from the Fund Balance, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following 2025 budget modification be effectuated effective immediately:

INCREASE REVENUE: ** SHSP21**

A.19.3645.000 44305.02	Civil Defense Homeland Security	\$121,727.18
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION: **SHSP21**

A.19.3645.000 72100.05	M&E Computer Equipment	\$ 15,882.11
A.19.3645.000 72100.14	M&E Misc. Equipment	\$ 73,960.10
A.19.3645.000 74725.06	Computer Service Contr.	\$ 12,000.00
A.19.3645.000 74800.10	Misc. Equipment <\$500	\$ 19,884.97

INCREASE REVENUE: ** SHSP22**

A.19.3645.000 44305.02	Civil Defense Homeland Security	\$243,486.73
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION: **SHSP22**

A.19.3645.000 72100.11	M&E Vehicles	\$ 34,247.85
A.19.3645.000 72100.14	M&E Misc. Equipment	\$137,676.68
A.19.3645.000 72100.15	M&E-Communications Equip	\$ 25,596.09
A.19.3645.000 74300.01	Reimbursements Travel, Conference	\$ 4,900.00
A.19.3645.000 74500.01	Contractual Expense	\$ 24,120.59

A.19.3645.000 74750.20	Training Material	\$ 3,995.00
A.19.3645.000 74800.10	Misc. Equipment <\$500	\$ 12,950.52

INCREASE REVENUE: ** SHSP23**

A.19.3645.000 44305.02	Civil Defense Homeland Security	\$262,562.01
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION: **SHSP23**

A.19.3645.000 72100.14	M&E Misc. Equipment	\$ 6,500.00
A.19.3645.000 74300.01	Reimbursements Travel, Conference	\$ 4,513.74
A.19.3645.000 74500.01	Contractual Expense	\$ 30,000.00
A.19.3645.000 74500.02	Contractual Maint. Expense	\$203,452.00
A.19.3645.000 74750.02	General Supplies	\$ 4,000.00
A.19.3645.000 74800.01	Communication Services	\$ 2,650.42
A.19.3645.000 74800.10	Misc. Equipment <\$500	\$ 11,445.85

INCREASE APPROPRIATION FUND BALANCE - ASSIGNED: **EMPG23**

A.40599.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 8,393.39
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INCREASE REVENUE: ** EMPG23**

A.19.3645.000 44305.02	Civil Defense Homeland Security	\$ 8,393.38
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION: ** EMPG23**

A.19.3645.000 72100.14	M&E Misc. Equipment	\$ 15,559.00
A.19.3645.000 74300.01	Reimbursements Travel, Conference	\$ 1,227.77

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

A.40599.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 38,271.08
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INCREASE REVENUE: ** EMPG24**

A.19.3645.000 44305.02	Civil Defense Homeland Security	\$ 38,271.08
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION: ** EMPG24**

A.19.3645.000 72100.11	M&E Other Vehicles	\$ 73,542.16
A.19.3645.000 74300.01	Reimbursements Travel, Conference	\$ 3,000.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-031-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**EMERGENCY SERVICES MOU WITH NYS DEPARTMENT
OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES AND NIAGARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has been appropriated funds for purchasing flood mitigation equipment to support counties in emergency flood events, enhancing preparedness and response capabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Office of Emergency Services seeks to enhance flood mitigation efforts through the use of state-provided equipment, helping vulnerable areas and mitigate disaster impacts, and

WHEREAS, the NYS DHSES will establish this MOU to transfer possession (but not ownership) of flood mitigation equipment to Niagara County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature determines the need to enhance flood mitigation efforts in Niagara County through the use of this additional equipment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, said MOU with NYS DHSES for flood mitigation equipment may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-032-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
APPOINTMENT OF FIRE INVESTIGATIONS DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 401 of the County Law, the Fire Coordinator may appoint or remove the Deputy Fire Coordinator with the approval of the Niagara County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Fire Investigations Deputy Fire Coordinator position, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Coordinator desires to appoint Joseph Fries of Lockport as Fire Investigations Deputy Fire Coordinator, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Advisory Board has approved the appointment of Joseph Fries as Fire Investigations Deputy Fire Coordinator, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Joseph Fries be appointed Fire Investigations Deputy Fire Coordinator pursuant to Section 401 of the County Law and subject to the approval of the Niagara County Legislature.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-033-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
APPOINTMENT OF AREA 2 DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 401 of the County Law, the Fire Coordinator may appoint or remove the Deputy Fire Coordinator with the approval of the Niagara County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Area 2 Deputy Fire Coordinator position, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Coordinator desires to appoint Robert Hoover II of Sanborn as Area 2 Deputy Fire Coordinator, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Advisory Board has approved the appointment of Robert Hoover II as Area 2 Deputy Fire Coordinator, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Robert Hoover II be appointed Area 2 Deputy Fire Coordinator pursuant to Section 401 of the County Law and subject to the approval of the Niagara County Legislature.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-034-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
APPOINTMENT OF AREA 3 DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 401 of the County Law, the Fire Coordinator may appoint or remove the Deputy Fire Coordinator with the approval of the Niagara County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Area 3 Deputy Fire Coordinator position, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Coordinator desires to appoint Jason Coleman of Newfane as Area 3 Deputy Fire Coordinator, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Advisory Board has approved the appointment of Jason Coleman as Area 3 Deputy Fire Coordinator, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Jason Coleman be appointed Area 3 Deputy Fire Coordinator pursuant to Section 401 of the County Law and subject to the approval of the Niagara County Legislature.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-035-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE USE OF LICENSED FUNERAL DIRECTORS OR FUNERAL HOMES FOR BODY REMOVAL AND TRANSPORT BY NIAGARA COUNTY CORONERS

WHEREAS, the dignity and respect of deceased individuals and their families are of utmost importance to Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the removal and transportation of deceased individuals require professionalism, proper care, and compliance with New York State laws and regulations, and

WHEREAS, licensed funeral directors and funeral homes have the expertise, training, and proper equipment to ensure that all body removal and transport services are performed in a safe, respectful, and professional manner, and

WHEREAS, utilizing licensed funeral directors or funeral homes for body removal services reduces potential liability and ensures adherence to state standards governing the handling and transportation of deceased individuals, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature established in resolution CSS-024-16 that there would be reimbursement for the transportation of deceased individuals in the amount of \$250 per removal, such amount shall remain unchanged, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County shall hereinafter pay only licensed funeral directors or funeral homes that contract with Niagara County, upon providing proper proof of licensing and insurance, to provide such removal and transportation of deceased individuals, such removal and transportation contracts shall be renewed on an annual basis, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County legislature hereby encourages the Niagara County Coroners to utilize such contracted removal and transportation servicers to assist them in their duties as Niagara County Coroners, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following procedure shall be utilized for the removal and transportation of deceased individuals which shall receive the \$250 reimbursement fee from Niagara County:

1. **Requirement for Licensed Transport Services**

All reimbursed body removal and transport services conducted within Niagara County shall be performed by a licensed funeral director or a funeral home licensed by the State of New York, that has contracted with Niagara County.

2. **Compliance with State Law**

All body removal and transport must comply with applicable New York State laws, including but not limited to public health, safety, and transportation requirements.

3. **Coordination with Funeral Directors/Funeral Homes**

The Niagara County Coroner's Office shall establish a list of approved licensed funeral directors or funeral homes qualified to perform body removal and transportation services, that have so contracted with Niagara County.

4. **Effective Date**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and implementation by the Niagara County Legislature.

5. **Notification and Communication**

The Niagara County Coroner's Office shall communicate this resolution to all current coroners, law enforcement agencies, and other relevant parties to ensure compliance.

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Coroners shall provide the Niagara County Coroner's Office with verification of the name and identity of any deceased individual for whom supplies obtained from the Niagara County Coroner's Office were utilized. In the event that such verification is not provided to the Niagara County Coroner's Office within seven [7] days of the use of such supplies, then no further supplies will be provided without such verification, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is adopted in the interest of public health, safety, and the respectful handling of deceased individuals within Niagara County.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. CSS-036-25

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that a one-time permanent Waiver of Residency from the policy to hire only Niagara County residents be approved to fill the currently vacant Assistant Public Defender position #13900 when the most highly qualified applicant is a non-Niagara County resident or when only qualified candidates reside outside Niagara County.

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

Carried.

Moved by McKimmie, seconded by Godfrey.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. ED-006-25

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**FIXING DATE AND NOTICE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SAINT-GOBAIN
CERAMICS & PLASTICS INC. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the County Legislature wishes to assess the advisability of submitting a Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (the “OCR”) for a grant to support Saint-Gobain Ceramics & Plastics Inc. located at 6600 Walmore Road, Wheatfield, New York, and

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

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature shall conduct a public hearing whereat all interested parties shall be heard regarding the CDBG program, the County’s community development and economic development programs, and the proposed funding application at the Legislative Chambers, Courthouse, Lockport, New York on the 18th day of March, 2025 at 5:50 p.m., and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature, at least eight days in advance of such hearing, shall post a notice upon the bulletin boards in the Courthouse at Lockport, and the Civic Building at Niagara Falls, and shall publish such notice once in the Lockport Union Sun & Journal, and the Niagara Gazette.

Moved by Andres, seconded by Gooch.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-022-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**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 2, 2025 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 Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-023-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

APPROVAL OF ONE MONTH RENT WAIVER FOR GROFF'S CAFÉ ON THE GREEN, LLC

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-136-20, dated December 1, 2020, approved the lease with Groff's Café on the Green, LLC for the operation of the golf course concession, for two (2) years, beginning January 1, 2021, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-129-22, dated October 18, 2022, authorized the first two-year contract extension for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-185-24, dated November 12, 2024, authorized the County and Groff's Café on the Green, LLC to enter into the last lease extension, which will be for a period of two (2) years, commencing on January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the rent due for 2025 will be \$17,100 or \$1,425 per month, plus utilities, and

WHEREAS, due to the Restaurant Kitchen Improvements that are currently on going, the patrons to the restaurant would be entering an active construction zone, which is not a desirable situation, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works anticipates construction to be complete by the end of March 2025, and

WHEREAS, Groff's Café on the Green, LLC wished to hold an event on St. Patrick's Day in March of 2025, which it would otherwise be authorized to do under the lease, but for the conditions created due to the Restaurant Kitchen Improvements project, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is recommending a one-month waiver of rent from Groff's Café on the Green, LLC for the month of March, in the amount of \$1,425, 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 proposed one-month waiver, for Groff's Café on the Green, LLC, in the amount of \$1,425, for the month of March 2025, be approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the waiver for Groff's Café on the Green, LLC may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-024-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

LEASE RENEWAL WITH NORTHPOINTE COUNCIL INC. FOR THE TROTT ACCESS CENTER

WHEREAS, Northpointe Council Inc. desires to enter into the first five-year extension to the lease for office space at the Trott ACCESS Center, Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department recommends allowing the extension to be granted, per the terms and conditions of the existing lease agreement, 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 first five-year extension be executed with Northpointe Council Inc. for office space at the Trott ACCESS Center, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-025-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
ROOFTOP UNIT REPLACEMENT – CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - FINAL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-003-24, dated January 23, 2024, awarded the contract for the Niagara County Court House Rooftop Unit Replacement to Trane U.S., Inc., 45 Earhart Drive, Suite #103, Williamsville, NY 14221 for a contract amount not to exceed \$344,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the project is now complete per the specifications, 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 Court House Rooftop Unit Replacement Project to Trane U.S, Inc., 45 Earhart Drive, Suite #103, Williamsville NY 14221 be closed, and be it further

RESOLVED, final payment is authorized for the Niagara County Court House rooftop replacement project in the amount of \$17,200.00, for a total contract amount of \$344,000.00 to Trane U.S, Inc., 45 Earhart Drive, Suite #103, Williamsville NY 14221 be approved, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-026-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

BRIDGE NY CULVERT LOCAL PROJECT AGREEMENT, PIN 5765.51 PORTER CENTER ROAD CULVERT NO. 57-23, TOWN OF PORTER

WHEREAS, the Porter Center Road over a Tributary to Six Mile Creek Project, PIN 5765.51 (the "Project"), Town of Porter, Niagara County, is eligible for reimbursement of qualified costs from Bridge NY funding that calls for the post-reimbursement apportionment of the qualified costs to be borne at the ratio of 100% Bridge NY funds and 0% non-Bridge NY funds, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara will design, let, and administer all phases of the Project, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of the work for the Project or portions thereof, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Niagara hereby approves the above-subject project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Niagara hereby authorizes the County of Niagara to pay 100% of the costs of the Preliminary Engineering (Design I-VI) and Construction/Construction Inspection phases of the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs will be reimbursed from Bridge NY funding, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated to reflect the funding levels set forth by Schedule A in the agreement:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

H811.15.5197.000 43591.00

State Aid Cap Const Hwy Revenue

\$1,269,000

INCREASE ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS:

H811.15.5197.000 72600.02

Infrastructure Bridges

\$1,269,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,269,000 is hereby appropriated in account H8XX.15.5197.000 72600.02, Infrastructure Bridges, and is made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby agrees that the County of Niagara shall be responsible for all costs of the Project, including costs which exceed the amount of reimbursement available from the Bridge NY funding awarded to the County of Niagara, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the Project costs exceed the amount appropriated above, the County of Niagara shall convene its Legislature as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature of the County of Niagara be, and hereby is, authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests with NYSDOT for state aid and/or Bridge NY funding on behalf of the County of Niagara, in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project providing for the administration of the Project and the County of Niagara's funding of Project costs, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara will be responsible for all maintenance of the Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Bratt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-027-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

AWARD CONSULTANT CONTRACT – PORTER CENTER ROAD CULVERT NO. 57-23

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works evaluated proposals from pre-qualified consulting engineering firms to assist the County with the Porter Center Road Culvert No. 57-23 Project, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account H811.15.5197.000 72600.02, Bridges, 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 Porter Center Road Culvert No. 57-23 Project be awarded to CHA Consulting Inc., 2200 Main Place Tower, Buffalo, NY 14202, for a contract amount not to exceed \$315,000, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-028-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**COURT HOUSE BOILER REPLACEMENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
AMENDMENT NO. 3 - FINAL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-120-20, dated November 17, 2020, awarded the contract for professional services for the Court House Boiler Replacement Project to LaBella Associates, 300 Pearl Street, Suite 130, Buffalo, NY 14202, for a contract amount not to exceed \$191,442.70, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-159-22, dated December 6, 2022, authorized Amendment No. 1 for the extension of the contract to March 31, 2024, at no additional cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-069-23, dated April 25, 2023, authorized Amendment No. 2 for the design of adding hot water heating coils to the existing HVAC air handling units, for a fee not to exceed \$10,047, for a revised contract amount of \$201,489.70, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the contract in the amount of \$521.69, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$200,968.01, and

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

RESOLVED, that Amendment No. 3-Final to decrease the professional services contract by \$521.69 for the Court House Boiler Replacement Project, for a revised contract amount of \$200,968.01, to LaBella Associates, 300 Pearl Street, Suite 130, Buffalo, NY 14202, be approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that final payment be made to LaBella Associates as soon as practicable, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, Amendment No. 3-Final may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-029-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 3**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-086-23, dated May 16, 2023, authorized the contract for a Highway Facility - Feasibility Study and Master Plan in relation to the DPW Facilities at 225 South Niagara Street, Lockport, to C & S Engineers, 141 Elm Street, Suite 100, Buffalo, NY 14203, for a contract amount not to exceed \$38,720, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-158-23, dated October 17, 2023, extended the contract completion date to December 31, 2023, at no additional cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-046-24, dated February 20, 2024, increased the contract by \$1,598,505 for the design, bidding, and construction services portion of the contract, for a revised contract amount of \$1,637,225, and also extended the contract completion date to December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the contract in the amount of \$740,000 for professional construction management services for the New Public Works Facility, for a revised contract amount of \$2,377,225, and

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

RESOLVED, that Amendment No. 3 to increase the contract in the amount of \$740,000 for the New Public Works Facility Project, for the revised contract amount of \$2,377,225, to C & S Engineers, 141 Elm Street, Suite 100, Buffalo, NY 14203, 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. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-030-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**ROYALTON CENTER ROAD BRIDGE OVER MUD CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 4**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-100-23, dated June 20, 2023, awarded the contract for consultant services for the Royalton Center Road Bridge over Mud Creek Bridge Replacement Project to Greenman-Pedersen Inc., 4950 Genesee Street, Suite 100, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, for a contract amount not to exceed \$135,362, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-016-24, dated January 23, 2024, increased the contract in the amount of \$1,000 for the preparation of a Bridge New York application for this bridge, for a revised contract amount of \$136,362, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-119-24, dated June 18, 2024, extended the contract completion date to September 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-195-24, dated November 12, 2024, extended the contract completion date again to December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the contract in the amount of \$193,638 for final design and bid support, for a revised contract amount of \$330,000, 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. 4 to increase the contract in the amount of \$193,638 for final design and bid support for the Royalton Center Road Bridge over Mud Creek Bridge Replacement Project, for the revised contract amount of \$330,000, to Greenman-Pedersen Inc., 4950 Genesee Street, Suite 100, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, be approved, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-031-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**AMAZON DISTRIBUTION CENTER – PROJECT FIFI
IMPROVEMENTS TO LOCKPORT AND PACKARD ROADS
CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET MODIFICATION**

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, additional funds are required for additional design review, 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:

INCREASE ANTICIPATED REVENUE:

H768.15.5112.000 42770.01	Other Unclassified Revenue	\$10,000
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INCREASE EXPENSES:

H768.15.5112.000 726000.01	Infrastructure Roads	\$10,000
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract for the design review and construction inspection services be increased by \$10,000 to Erdman Anthony, 8608 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14221, for a fee not to exceed \$66,050, 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. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-032-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**COURT HOUSE HVAC IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE II
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT – CHANGE ORDER NO. 5-FINAL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-051-23, dated March 21, 2023, awarded the contract for the Court House HVAC Improvements – Phase II General Construction Project to D.R. Chamberlain Corp., 50 Simons Street, Lockport, NY 14094, for a contract amount not to exceed \$925,735, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-134-23, dated September 19, 2023, authorized Change Order No. 1 to the contract in the amount of \$35,157 for general construction work associated with the addition of electric heat coils in various locations, for a revised amount of \$960,892, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-152-23, dated October 17, 2023, authorized Change Order No. 2 to the contract to extend the contract completion date to February 28, 2024, due to the extra electric heat coil work added by Change Order No. 1, at no additional cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-105-24, dated May 14, 2024, authorized Change Order No. 3 to the contract to extend the contract completion date to December 31, 2024, at no additional cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-151-24 dated September 17, 2024, authorized final payment and reduced the contract by an incorrect amount, so the amount needed to be corrected, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-197-24, dated November 12, 2024, attempted to correct this amount and reduced the contract by \$58,648.91, for a revised contract amount of \$902,243.09, and

WHEREAS, it was later determined that, due to a mathematical error on the contractor's final pay application, the reduced contract amount was incorrect and needs to be revised again, 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. 5-Final be approved to decrease the contract by \$2,182.51 and authorize final payment for the Courthouse HVAC Improvements - Phase II, General Construction, for a revised contract amount of \$900,060.58 to D.R. Chamberlain, 50 Simonds Street, Lockport, NY 14094, 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. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-033-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**CLYDE BURMASTER PARK NATURAL PLAYGROUND PHASE I
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-168-24, dated October 15, 2024, awarded the contract for the Clyde Burmaster Park Natural Playground - Phase I Project to Scott Lawn Yard, Inc., 3305 Haseley Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304, for a contract amount not to exceed \$649,693, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the contract in the amount of \$10,000 for unexpected rock excavation, for a revised contract amount of \$659,693, 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 continue:

DECREASE REVENUE:

H672.15.7110.000 45031.00	Transfers from Operating	\$10,000
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DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

H672.15.7110.000 72400.00	Land Improvements	\$10,000
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INCREASE REVENUE:

H783.15.7110.000 45031.00	Transfers from Operating	\$10,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

H783.15.7110.000 72400.00	Land Improvements	\$10,000
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 1 to increase the contract by \$10,000 for unexpected rock excavation for the Clyde Burmaster Park Natural Playground - Phase I Project, to Scott Lawn Yard, Inc., 3305 Haseley Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304, for a revised contract amount of \$659,693, 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. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-034-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS STORM FACILITY AND
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

WHEREAS, Resolution IF-019-25, dated January 21, 2025, award the general construction contract to the second lowest bidder, Walter S. Johnson Bldg. Co., PO Box 688, Niagara Falls, NY 14302, in the amount of \$9,760,000, and

WHEREAS, there is now a shortage in the account due to the difference between the lowest and second lowest bid in the amount of \$540,000, and

WHEREAS, these funds are required to complete the site preparation work and other ancillary charges associated with the construction of the Storm Facility and Administration Buildings, and

WHEREAS, American Rescue Plan Act funds were obligated prior to December 31, 2024 in addition to amounts previously budgeted in Resolutions IF-221-24, CW-015-24, IF-166-24 now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A 40599.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$477,009.77
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.07.9901.000 79010.10	Transfers to Capital Reserve	\$477,009.77
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INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

AH.07.9901.000 45031.00	Interfund Transfers from Operating	\$477,009.77
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

AH.07.9950.000 79010.00	Transfer to Capital Constructions	\$477,009.77
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INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

H523.15.1620.000 44089.07	Federal Aid, Other ARPA State/Local Fiscal Recovery	\$ 62,990.23
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H523.15.1620.000 45031.10	Transfers from Capital Reserves	\$477,009.77
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

H523.15.1620.000 72200.00	Buildings	\$540,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-035-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

PROPERTY TRANSFER WITH THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

WHEREAS, Niagara County (the “County”) owns property in the area of Portage Road between Pine Avenue and Main Street, and

WHEREAS, the City of Niagara Falls (the “City”) owns property in the area of the parking lot for the Niagara County TROTT Access Center, and

WHEREAS, the County and the City previously discussed the exchange of the aforementioned properties such that the City would become the owner of the Portage Road parcel and the County would become the owner of the parking lot parcel, and

WHEREAS, while the County may have entered into a Resolution for the transfer of the Portage Road parcel in exchange for the parking lot parcel decades ago, no transfer of either parcel was ever effectuated, and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the fact that the aforementioned parcels were never formally exchanged by these municipalities, the County assumed control over and made improvements to the parking lot parcel and the City incorporated portions of the Portage Road parcel into the redesign of its surrounding roadway(s), and

WHEREAS, in order to memorialize the events that have occurred since the initial contemplation of the exchange of the aforementioned parcels, the County has agreed to transfer the parcel of approximately 23,805

square feet as shown on Map No. 9, Parcel No. 11, to the City, and the City has agreed to transfer the parcel of land as shown on Map No. 13, Parcel No. 15, 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, as it is recommended by the Infrastructure & Facilities Committee that the County agree to the parcel swap between the City of Niagara Falls and the County of Niagara, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the paperwork for the exchange of the Portage Road parcel may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-036-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

NIAGARA COUNTY SECTION 5311 CONSOLIDATED GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara is submitting a request for a consolidated grant of funds to the New York State Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 5311, Title 49 US Code, for federal financial operating assistance in the amount of \$163,275 for 2024 and \$117,300 for 2025 for a project to provide a route deviation public transportation service for the non-urbanized areas of Niagara County including the towns, Cambria, Hartland, Lewiston, Lockport, Newfane, Niagara, Pendleton, Porter, Royalton, Somerset, Wheatfield, Wilson and the cities of Lockport, Niagara Falls, and North Tonawanda, to be serviced by Niagara Falls Coach Lines, Inc., during the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara is receiving additional funding in the amount of \$22,378 from the Accelerated Transit Capital Program (ATC), and

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

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

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

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IF-037-25

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE 5465 UPPER MOUNTAIN ROAD, LOCKPORT, NY
SURPLUS PROPERTY AND TRANSFER TO NORLIC**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-144-23, dated October 17, 2023, deemed the property at 5465 Upper Mountain Road, Lockport, NY 14094, commonly known as the Shaw Building, as surplus property, and

WHEREAS, the County has no use for the building, and the expense of upkeep or needed repairs would only burden the taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the County will retain all necessary easements for utilities, and site access as indicated in the survey of February 2021, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County is a member of Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation which accepts real property in need of rehabilitation and works with developers to place these type of properties back on the tax roll to pay taxes as a remediated property, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County's best interest would be to transfer 15.588 acres as shown in the survey dated February 2021, of the parcel located at 5465 Upper Mountain Road, Lockport, NY to NORLIC in order to see it placed back on the tax rolls and paying revenue to Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the County has no public use for the property and/or facility at 5465 Upper Mountain Road, Lockport, NY, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara declares the 15.588 acres as shown in the survey dated February 2021, of the property at 5465 Upper Mountain Road, Lockport, NY, as surplus property, and be it further

RESOLVED, the County will transfer the 15.588 acres at 5465 Upper Mountain Road, Lockport, NY to NORLIC; and the required deed and necessary documents for such transfer shall be prepared for the review and approval of the Niagara County Attorney's office, and be it further

RESOLVED, the County will retain all necessary easements for utilities and site access as indicated in the survey of February 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to execute all such documents required to accomplish the transfer of 5465 Upper Mountain Road, Lockport, NY to NORLIC.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IL-008-25

From: Legislators Richard E. Abbott, Christopher Voccio and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**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) non profit 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.	\$2,000.00
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Moved by Abbott, seconded by Voccio.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IL-009-25

From: Legislators Richard E. Abbott, Anthony J. Nemi, Carla L. Speranza, Rebecca J. Wydysh, David E. Godfrey, Shawn A. Foti, Irene M. Myers, Randy R. Bradt, Michael A. Hill and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

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

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 200th Anniversary of the Erie Canal and Flight of Five, and

WHEREAS, The Niagara History Center has established the 200th Erie Canal Bicentennial Committee, and

WHEREAS, the 200th Erie Canal Bicentennial Committee will be coordinating events in the Greater Lockport area, and

WHEREAS, the 200th Erie Canal Bicentennial is requesting monies from the Community Partnership Fund to celebrate Lockport's heritage, engage the community, promote tourism and economic growth and preserve Lockport's legacy, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Niagara History Center and 200th Erie Canal Bicentennial Committee by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Niagara History Center	\$10,000.00
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Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IL-010-25

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

Dated: February 18, 2025

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

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

WHEREAS, the association has planned its annual Colonel Bruce R. Sutherland Memorial Golf Tournament fundraiser event for June 23, 2025, and

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

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

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

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

Historical Association of Lewiston, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.	
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.	

Resolution No. IL-011-25

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

Dated: February 18, 2025

**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 Lewiston GardenFest 2025 in historic Lewiston, NY on June 21-22, 2025, 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
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Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IL-012-25

From: Legislator Rebecca J. Wydysh and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTHWEST JAZZ FESTIVAL
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Jazz Festival will be held in historic Lewiston, NY on August 22-23, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the committee plans a weekend of spectacular entertainment featuring international stars, as well as its own local super talents, 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 more than 40,000 attendees from across Western New York and beyond, and

WHEREAS, an economic impact on the area is estimated to be in excess of \$1.4 million, 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 Jazz Festival, Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Lewiston Jazz Festival	\$2,500.00
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Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IL-013-25

From: Legislator Christopher J. McKimmie and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ST JOHN DE LASALLE FOOD PANTRY
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the St. John de LaSalle Food Pantry provides vital assistance to members of the community by providing food and personal care items to those in need, and

WHEREAS, the St. John de LaSalle Food Pantry currently provides food and services to approximately 275 families per month, and

WHEREAS, during these challenging times the St. John de LaSalle Food Pantry served more than 7,177 people from 3,522 families in 2024, an increase from 4,928 people from 2,471 families in 2022, and

WHEREAS, the St John de LaSalle food pantry's greatest challenge is keeping their shelves stocked due to the increase of people coming to them for assistance and the increase in food prices, 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 St John de LaSalle Food Pantry by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

St John de LaSalle Parish	\$2,000.00
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.	
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.	

Resolution No. IL-014-25

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

Dated: February 18, 2025

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

WHEREAS, the Niagara Beautification Commission (NBC) was organized on August 29, 1978 to address concerns about beautification in the downtown area of the City of Niagara Falls, NY, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Beautification Commission is formed for the purpose of promoting the beautification of the Niagara Falls area by mobilizing the volunteer resources of the community's private and public sectors, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Beautification Commission's mission is to implement visual enhancements beautifying the Niagara Falls community, to educate and promote public awareness, and inspire pride in our 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 the Niagara Beautification Commission by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara Beautification Commission	\$2,000.00
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.	
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.	

Resolution No. IL-015-25

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

Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HANDS HEALING HEROES
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Hands Healing Heroes, creates the Field of Flags each year in the City of Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, the Hands Healing Heroes is a benefit to the City of Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support the Hands Healing Heroes, in their commitment to our local Veterans, and 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 Hands Healing Heroes, by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Hands Healing Heroes	\$2,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.	

Resolution No. IL-016-25

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

Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF NIAGARA ACTIVE HOSE FIRE COMPANY
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, The Town of Niagara Active Hose Fire Company provides 100% volunteer Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Rescue services to the Town of Niagara and mutual-aid to neighboring municipalities in Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Niagara Active Hose Fire Company is seeking financial support to upgrade and improve their Emergency Medical Services capabilities by purchasing state of the art Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) equipment, including a LUCAS Device, and

WHEREAS, EMS personnel are a critical link in the “chain of survival,” and early and continued high quality CPR significantly increase a person’s chance of survival after cardiac arrest, 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 Town of Niagara Active Hose by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Town of Niagara Active Hose	\$5,000.00
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.	
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.	

Resolution No. IL-017-25

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

Dated: February 18, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Niagara Wheatfield Athletics Alumni	\$2,250.00
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.	
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.	

Resolution No. IL-018-25

From: Legislator Irene M. Myers and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE TOWN OF PORTER
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

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

WHEREAS, the various organizations and groups throughout the Town of Porter help with activities, enrichment programs, community events, education, beautification, conservation, support, maintenance and or repair, for our community and citizens of all ages, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Porter supports the business and social community, wishing to provide for the citizens a sense of well-being individually and socially, 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 organizations listed below as follows:

Ransomville Library	\$1,500.00
Youngstown Library	\$1,500.00
Youngstown Lions Club	\$1,500.00
Town of Porter Recreation	\$1,000.00
Village of Youngstown Friday Night Concert Series	\$500.00

Ransomville Garden Club	\$500.00
Youngstown Garden Club	\$500.00
3-F Club	\$1,000.00
Niagara County Gobblers NWTF	\$250.00
St. John's Episcopal Church Strawberry Festival	\$500.00
Ransomville Business Association	\$1,500.00
Youngstown Business Association	\$1,000.00
Cub Scout Pack#829	\$1,000.00
Boy Scout Troop#829	\$1,500.00
Scouting America Troop 829G	\$500.00
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.	
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.	

Resolution No. IL-019-25

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

Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GATHERING PLACE PROJECT
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Gathering Place Project is a non-profit organization with a mission to bridge the gap in services for Niagara County residents facing poverty, food insecurity, and lack of necessities, and

WHEREAS, the Gathering Place Project has created two programs to serve the needs of the community; Wheels of Hope and Hope Closet, and

WHEREAS, Wheels of Hope is a mobile outreach program delivering food and essential items directly to those in need, and

WHEREAS, Hope Closet provides free clothing, shoes, and related items with convenient and accessible hours of operation, and

WHEREAS, since the programs' inception, they have served thousands of residents in need, and the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this program, 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 Gathering Place Project by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

The Gathering Place Project	\$1,000.00
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Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IL-020-25

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

Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA USA 250
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, in 2026 our country will be celebrating its 250th birthday, known as a semiquincentennial, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature created the “Niagara USA 250 Committee” in 2023, a twenty-five-member group made up of representatives from historical and cultural organizations, community leaders, tourism officials, educators, elected officials, and community volunteers, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara 250th Committee would like to put together some tremendous events to celebrate the 250th of our nation, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorize the allocation of funding from the Community Partnership Program through Resolution CW-001-23, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the organization Niagara USA 250 by appropriating monies from the said Community Partnership Funds as follows:

Niagara USA 250 Committee	\$15,000.00
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.	
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.	

Resolution No. IL-021-25

From: Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE POTTER’S FIELD, 99
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Potter's Field, 99, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit children's ministry whose mission is to share the love of Jesus with children from the inner city of Niagara Falls, NY, and

WHEREAS, the Potter’s Field, 99 strives to provide a safe, loving environment where children receive meals, clothing, hear the word of God, play, and get help with homework, and

WHEREAS, the Potter’s Field, 99 is an example of discipleship so children will share the love of Christ with others, and

WHEREAS, the Potter’s Field, 99’s primary mission is to equip children with the knowledge and tools they need to grow in their spiritual walk with Christ, so they discover their God given worth and potential, 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 Potter’s Field, 99, by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

The Potter’s Field, 99	\$1,500.00
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.	
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.	

Resolution No. IL-022-25

From: Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GOD'S WOMAN VANESSA SCOTT OUTREACH MINISTRIES, INC. THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, God's Woman Vanessa Scott Outreach Ministries (GWVSOM) Inc., is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit committed to making a difference in the City of Niagara Falls, New York as Ambassadors of Christ, changing one woman at a time, and

WHEREAS, GWVSOM is a faith-based shelter, which provides services that are necessary in assisting homeless women as they return to the community and become productive members of society, and

WHEREAS, GWVSOM encourages, educates and empowers everyone to function at their maximum potential, and

WHEREAS, GWVSOM has created a supportive family atmosphere which is conducive to building self-esteem and healing, while promoting the principles of self-determination, respect of self and others, and hope for the future, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports God's Woman Vanessa Scott Outreach Ministries Inc., by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

God's Woman Vanessa Scott Outreach Ministries Inc.

\$1,200.00

Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IL-023-25

From: Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ANNUAL LORD'S DAY DINNER C.O.G.I.C. THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Annual Lord's Day Dinner C.O.G.I.C., is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit committed to making a difference in the City of Niagara Falls, New York through feeding God's people, and

WHEREAS, the Lords Day Dinner has been serving God's people for over three decades, sacrificing and preparing a feast for the people like we would for our own family, and

WHEREAS, through unwavering faith the Lords Day Dinner is a way to touch the hearts of families, and help them through their journey, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Annual Lord's Day Dinner C.O.G.I.C., by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

The Annual Lord's Day Dinner C.O.G.I.C.
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

\$1,200.00

Resolution No. IL-024-25

From: Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NIAGARA FALLS CIVIL AIR PATROL (CAP)
COMPOSITE SQUADRON # 1 THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a congressionally chartered, federally funded, 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Composite Squadron #1 is the only CAP squadron that operates out of Niagara County committed to making a difference in the City of Niagara Falls, New York, and surrounding communities, and

WHEREAS, the CAP missions include search and rescue and other emergency services as well as disaster response, which CAP conducts for states/local communities as a nonprofit organization, and

WHEREAS, operating the world's largest fleet of single-engine piston aircraft, Civil Air Patrol operates its aircraft for only \$170 per flight hour, which makes CAP an unrivaled low-cost provider to help the Air Force achieve its pilot training objectives, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Niagara Falls CAP Composite Squadron # 1, by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

The Niagara Falls CAP Composite Squadron # 1
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

\$1,200.00

Resolution No. IL-025-25

From: Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HEART LOVE & SOUL SISTER BETH BROSNER CENTER
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Heart, Love & Soul is a non-profit hunger-relief and social care agency in Niagara Falls dedicated to serving those in need – body, mind & soul, and

WHEREAS, Heart Love & Soul has provided the community with wide-reaching food and hospitality services and social care services for all those in Niagara Falls to utilize at no cost, and

WHEREAS, their newest addition, the Daybreak Program, brings together over 30 community organizations under one roof, allowing guests to easily access the social care services they need in a central location. and

WHEREAS, since the program's inception, they have had thousands guest interactions, and the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this program, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of Heart Love & Soul by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Heart Love & Soul	\$2,000.00
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.	
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.	

Resolution No. IL-026-25

From: Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NIAGARA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Community Action Program, Inc., mission is to serve the County of Niagara in developing, conducting and administering a community action plan, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Community Action Program, is to initiate, strengthen, supplement, and coordinate efforts to eliminate poverty by making available to the poor, opportunities for education and training, employment, and other services designed to aid them in their struggle against poverty, and

WHEREAS, the Community Action Program, contracts with other agencies for the conduct and administration of community programs, and

WHEREAS, the Community Action Program, develops research and evaluation procedures in connection with the anti-poverty programs conducted or funded by the agency, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara the 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 Community Action Program, Inc., by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

The Community Action Program, Inc.	\$1,200.00
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.	
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.	

Resolution No. IL-027-25

From: Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NIAGARA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER (NACC)
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara Arts & Cultural Center (NACC) is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit dedicated to providing creative space & arts/cultural experiences for WNY residents and visitors, and

WHEREAS, the NACC organizes and executes special events to engage community members, to participate in events such as the 2025 Juneteenth Festivities, and

WHEREAS, a committee has been formed to organize and run the 2025 Juneteenth festivities to include, a parade, live music, performers, and a variety of different events, and

WHEREAS, this event is essential in promoting family and community unity, and can only be successful through full community participation and sponsorship, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports The Niagara Arts & Cultural Center by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Niagara Arts & Cultural Center	\$2,500.00
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.	
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.	

Resolution No. IL-028-25

From: Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: February 18, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TRUE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the True Community Development Corporation, is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit teamed with RL Experience, LLC to create the Empower716 Young Entrepreneur Program (YEP), and

WHEREAS, The Empower716 Young Entrepreneur Program (YEP) initiative recognizes, encourages, spotlights, and supports youth of color in Western New York on their entrepreneurial journey, and

WHEREAS, we understand lack of resources and financial support discourages entrepreneurship for youth of color in underserved communities, their mission is to take away those hurdles, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the partnership between RL Experience and the True Community Development Corporation, by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

The Empower716 Young Entrepreneur Program (YEP)	\$2,500.00
Moved by Robins, seconded by Bradt.	
Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.	

Resolution No. IL-029-25

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

Dated: February 18, 2025

**EMERGENCY SERVICES
INTER-MUNICIPAL TRUCK TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, Niagara County Department of Emergency Services currently possesses a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado (Fleet # 20209-20), previously used for by Deputy Fire Coordinator which the county wishes to declare as surplus property, and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda Fire Department has a need for a truck matching the above description, and

WHEREAS, an Inter-Municipal Agreement between the County of Niagara and the City of North Tonawanda Fire Department has been drafted by the County Attorney's Office for a transfer of aforementioned 2020 Chevrolet Silverado, new therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara declares the 2020 Chevrolet Silverado to be surplus property and authorizes an agreement with the City of North Tonawanda Fire Department to transfer ownership of the 2020 Chevrolet Silverado, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the agreement with City of North Tonawanda Fire Department.

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

Carried.

Moved by Andres, seconded by Bradt.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IL-030-25

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

Dated: February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION FOR HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NEW YORK SCENIC BYWAY NOMINATION AND CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN ADOPTION

WHEREAS, the historic qualities of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, as described in the corridor management plan, and the surrounding areas have been appreciated and celebrated for over a century by the residents of New York State, as well as tourists, historians, artists, authors, and other visitors to the region; and it is this unique combination of the journeys of Harriet Tubman and those Freedom Seekers who traveled on the Underground Railroad that create the special sense of place that is vital in telling the New York story of the human desire for freedom and the historic sites they utilized during their journey to emancipation, and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, composed of representatives of 22 municipalities along the proposed scenic byway route, committed to working cooperatively to protect and promote the historic, scenic, recreational, and economic well-being of the 544-mile Corridor throughout the state and agreed to pursue the nomination of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee, each of the 22 counties contributed to the development of this corridor management plan by encouraging public participation, confirming the vision and goals, and leading individual meetings of the Collaborative, and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, consisting of relatives of Harriet Tubman, descendants of Freedom Seekers, Harriet Tubman and/or Underground

Railroad historians, representatives from state and federal agencies, has strengthened the historic integrity, representation, and the principles of the corridor management plan, and

WHEREAS, in the process of developing this corridor management plan, the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee has strengthened the bonds of inter-municipal cooperation, and the involved entities envision further benefit through scenic byway designation including sustained collaborative progress, increased funding opportunities for recommendations identified in the plan, enhanced partnerships with agencies responsible for the stewardship of resources along and adjacent to the byway route, and an improved visitor experience that interprets and promotes the corridor's intrinsic qualities and resources, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara supports the designation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway which includes programs for stewardship and enhancement of the historic scenic byway and guidance to manage future activities along its corridor, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara will work in partnership with the other municipalities along the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway and local and regional stakeholders in order to support future Byway programs, economic development, marketing, and collaborate with these interested entities to explore opportunities for cooperation to realize the Scenic Byway goals.

Moved by Nemi, 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 Nemi, seconded by Abbott.

Adopted. 12 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

Resolution No. IL-031-25

From: Legislators Rebecca J. Wydysh, Anthony J. Nemi, Irene M.; Myers, Christopher Voccio, Jesse P. Gooch, Richard L. Andres, Randy R. Bradt, David E. Godfrey, Christopher J. McKimmie, Richard E. Abbott, Shawn A. Foti and Michael A. Hill.

Dated: February 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING NATIONAL GRID RATE HIKE PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul last week issued a press release demanding that the New York Power Authority (NYPA) suspend its proposed rate hike on customers to protect consumers from sky-high utility costs that are making New York State less affordable, and

WHEREAS, in that release, Governor Hochul said, "Too many New Yorkers are already falling behind on their energy bills and I will do everything in my power to reign in these astronomical costs," and

WHEREAS, now Governor Hochul's Department of Public Service is considering a proposed from National Grid to significantly increase their rates for electric and gas delivery to their consumers, and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate hike would result in total monthly increases for the average residential customer of approximately \$18.92 (15%) for electric and \$18.34 (20%) for gas, and

WHEREAS, this drastic rate increase will create significant challenges for communities, businesses and families who are already struggling financially, possibly causing even more residents to flee the state, and

WHEREAS, this situation further highlights problems with the state's unaffordable and unsustainable energy goals and climate policies, including the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), and the significant costs associated with implementing them, and

WHEREAS, just as Governor Hochul demanded that NYPA “go back to the drawing board, shelve this existing proposal, and figure out a better way forward,” the Governor should demand the same from National Grid, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby vehemently opposes the proposed rate increase by National Grid as not reasonable or warranted and demands the Department of Public Service reject the proposed rate increase which threatens to jeopardize economic stability for numerous families and businesses, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature calls on Governor Hochul to publicly oppose this staggering rate hike scheme just as she opposed the NYPA proposal, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, the Niagara County delegations to New York State Legislature and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Moved by Nemi, 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 Nemi, seconded by Abbott.

Adopted. 10 Ayes, 2 Noes – Elder, Robins, 3 Absent – Foti, Hill, Myers.

APPOINTMENTS:

	<u>Appt.</u>	<u>Expires</u>
<u>COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COMMITTEE:</u>		
Vicki Smith, President & CEO, (replaces Heather Peck)	02/18/25	12/31/25
Grater Lockport Development Corporation One Locks Plaza, Lockport 14094		
Amanda Haseley, President (replaces Jennifer Pauly)	02/18/25	12/31/25
Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce, 895 Center St., Lewiston 14092		

Ex-officio:

Assemblyman Paul Bologna, 8180 Main Street, Clarence, 14221

YOUTH BOARD:

Hannah Edwards	02/18/25	12/31/27
6520 Harvest Ridge Way, Lockport 14094		
Christopher Wronski	02/18/25	12/31/27
389 Walnut St., Lockport 14094		

Moved by Bradt, second by McKimmie.

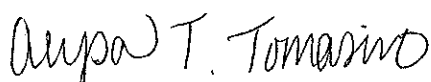
Approved.

Chairman Wydysh announced the Agribusiness Outreach Forum will be held Friday, March 14th, 2025 at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County.

Motion by Andres, second by Voccio, to adjourn the board.

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned at 6:17 pm, subject to the call of the Clerk.

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



Alysa T. Tomasino, Clerk