

## OFFICIAL RECORD

Lockport, New York  
May 20, 2025

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

Deputy Clerk Fronczak called the roll. All Legislators were present with the exception of Legislator Andres.

No citizens spoke on the Agenda.

Chairman Wydysh called Legislator Hill and Director of Emergency Services and staff to the lectern to read a proclamation declaring May 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as "National EMS Week" in Niagara County.

Chairman Wydysh called Legislators Nemi, Abbott, Speranza and Mary Brennen Taylor to the lectern to present a WWII plaque to Niagara County.

Chairman Wydysh read the Niagara County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Draft Report is available for public review and comment until June 20, 2025. The document can be found at [www.niagaracountybusiness.com/resources](http://www.niagaracountybusiness.com/resources) or by visiting the office of the Niagara County Department of Economic Development at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, NY 14132. Comments can be submitted to [ncced@niagaracounty.gov](mailto:ncced@niagaracounty.gov).

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

**Resolution No. CW-011-25 was read at this time. (Appears in numerical order)**

### **Resolution No. AD-021-25**

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: May 20, 2025

## **DISTRIBUTION OF MORTGAGE TAX**

WHEREAS, Niagara County has received mortgage tax monies for the period October, 2024 through March, 2025 in the amount of \$3,706,083.71 and

WHEREAS, the Recording Officer has previously distributed \$891,626.19 to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, \$819,797.16 to the State Mortgage Tax Agency, and retained \$131,855.98 for approved county administrative expenses, and

WHEREAS, that Recording Officer has remitted the remaining monies collected to the County Treasurer for distribution to various Niagara County towns, villages and cities, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,863,795.38 reflects mortgage tax monies for the period October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 to be distributed, and the same be and hereby is, apportioned as follows among the various towns, villages and cities of the County of Niagara:

TOWNS	Cambria	\$ 66,118.86
	Hartland	20,970.31
	Lewiston	131,193.57
	Lockport	339,270.02
	Newfane	73,070.55

	Niagara	58,954.22
	Pendleton	88,952.94
	Porter	48,754.76
	Royalton	74,663.75
	Somerset	29,356.21
	Wheatfield	202,335.11
	Wilson	48,803.03
VILLAGES	Middleport (Hartland)	\$ 320.92
	Middleport (Royalton)	4,840.37
	Lewiston	16,242.43
	Youngstown	9,085.76
	Barker	1,970.81
	Wilson	5,339.60
CITIES	Lockport	\$ 149,354.11
	Niagara Falls	253,324.13
	North Tonawanda	<u>240,873.92</u>
	TOTAL:	\$1,863,795.38

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be, and hereby is, directed to pay the various towns, village treasurers, and city treasurers the amounts recorded above and that this document shall be sufficient authorization to the County Treasurer to make the payments in accordance with the above direction.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. CSS-060-25**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
AWARD OF FIREARM TRADE-IN AND PURCHASE FOR  
NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEALED BID**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Purchasing Department issued Sealed Bid # 2025-29 Firearm Trade-In and Purchase for Niagara County Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department received five bid responses but only one bid response fully satisfied all of the Specifications in the Bidder Qualifications for trade-in and purchase of firearms for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team, and

WHEREAS, the qualifying proposal from PAI Defense, 204 East Chicago St, Columbia City, IN has been evaluated for satisfaction of the bid specifications and appropriateness of cost which will result in a trade-in surplus of \$23,530.00, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Sealed Bid # 2025-29 Firearm Trade-In and Purchase for Niagara County Sheriff's Office be awarded to PAI Defense, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney’s review, the contract for the Sealed Bid # 2025-29 Firearm Trade-In and Purchase for Niagara County Sheriff’s Office with PAI Defense may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.  
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.  
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. CSS-061-25**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.  
Dated: May 20, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE  
BUDGET MODIFICATION - UPGRADE BUILDING MAINTENANCE MECHANIC POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff’s Office has an open Building Maintenance Mechanic position which is part of the maintenance team which is responsible for the upkeep and repairs of the aging Niagara County Correctional Facility and Sheriff’s Office, and

WHEREAS, the Building Maintenance Mechanic position has been posted twice with only one qualified candidate who agreed to an interview but could not be hired, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office has evaluated the needs of its Maintenance Division and has determined that a General Repairperson II position would be more advantageous for the projects that are required for this facility, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a General Repairperson II position be created and filled in the 2025 Budget at AFSCME General Repairperson II Step 1 at \$27.07/hour effective May 25, 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Building Maintenance Mechanic Position # 4492 be abolished as of May 25, 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

**DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A.17.3150.000 71010.00	Position Expense	\$34,110
	Building Maintenance Mechanic	
	Position #4492	

**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A.17.3150.000 71010.00	Position Expense	\$34,110
	General Repairperson II (#NEW)	

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.  
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. CSS-062-25**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.  
Dated: May 20, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE  
BUDGET MODIFICATION – IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE ENFORCEMENT GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Probation Department has been awarded an Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Enforcement Program Grant from a federal Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee grant administered by the

New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the performance period of April 11, 2025 through September 12, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the grant is a partnership program with the Probation Department and the Sheriff's Office with funding being provided for overtime costs incurred in enforcement details for IID non-installers, and  
WHEREAS, the grant will be accepted and administered by the Niagara County Probation Department, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.17.3110.000 44389.09	Other Public Safety, Traffic	\$12,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3110.000 71050.00	Overtime Expense	\$12,000
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. CSS-063-25**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**PROBATION BUDGET MODIFICATION - ACCEPT IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE  
ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM AWARD**

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has made an award to Niagara County for the Ignition Interlock Device Enforcement Program; this funding is provided by a federal Governor's Traffic Safety Committee grant administered by DCJS for term dates April 11, 2025 through September 12, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the total Grant award is up to \$35,000 and is a partnership program with the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, the funding being provided for overtime costs incurred in enforcement details for IID non-installers, and

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

RESOLVED, that the department is given authorization to accept the grant with the effectuation of the following budget modification, effective immediately:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.18.3140.000 44310.01	Federal Aid Probation Services General	\$23,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.18.3140.000 71050.00	Overtime Expense	\$23,000
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. CSS-064-25**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
SOLE SOURCE - THE CHANGE COMPANIES**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Probation Department provides programs and services for justice involved populations to intervene in their lives to reduce criminal behavior and provide opportunities to promote positive development, and

WHEREAS, The Change Companies Inc., is the sole source developer, publisher, copyright holder, sole seller and sole distributor for the Evidence-based Practice of Interactive Journaling and all published programming curriculum materials based on this trademarked and patented practice including ATLAS Digital Interactive Journal Platform, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department has been utilizing Interactive Journaling workbooks from The Change Companies since 2018 and all Probation Officers and Alternative to Incarceration Specialists are The Change Companies Interactive Journaling trained facilitators, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department has received a grant award, the funds of which will be allocated to the costs of the ATLAS Digital Platform, at a cost of \$13,485 annually for the next 5 years, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Probation Department is hereby authorized to waive Niagara County purchasing policy to purchase Atlas Digital Interactive Journal Platform subscriptions without the need to solicit for alternative proposals, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that The Change Companies is the sole provider for the Evidence-based Practice of Interactive Journaling, and all published programming curriculum materials based on this trademarked and patented practice including ATLAS Digital Interactive Journaling Platform, such purchase to be made in consultation with the Purchasing Department and in accordance with budgetary procedures, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, all orders with The Change Companies may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. CSS-065-25**

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**PROBATION BUDGET MODIFICATION - ACCEPT YOUTH JUSTICE ALTERNATIVES AND  
DIVERSION PROGRAMMING GRANT AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Probation Department provides programs and services for justice system-involved youth that effectively intervene in their lives to reduce criminal behavior and provided structured opportunities to promote positive development, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services has awarded the Niagara County Probation Department a \$250,000 grant to support enhancing youth justice alternatives and diversion services within the Niagara County Probation Department, and

WHEREAS, the term of the grant will be July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030, and

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

RESOLVED, that the department is given authorization to accept the grant with the effectuation of the following budget modification, effective immediately:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

A.18.3140.000 43310.04	Probation Services NYS Dept of Criminal Justice	\$21,677
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

A.18.3140.000 71050.00	Overtime Expense	\$ 6,000
A.18.3140.000 74375.05	Communications Cellular Phone	\$ 192
A.18.3140.000 74450.02	Special Activities Safety/Wellness Activities	\$ 2,000
A.18.3140.000 74500.02	Contractual Expenses Maintenance Service Contracts	\$13,485

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. CW-010-25**

From: Committee of the Whole.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH  
THE CITY OF LOCKPORT FOR 2023 CITY IN REM PROCEEDING**

WHEREAS, the City of Lockport has instituted an In Rem action under Niagara County Supreme Court Index #E182194/2024, for the foreclosure of certain tax liens for the year 2023 against various parcels of land situate within the City of Lockport, New York, pursuant to the provisions of Article 11, Title 3 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of said law authorize and empower tax districts having an interest in various parcels to enter into an agreement making provisions for conveyance of said parcels without public sale, and upon such terms as said districts may agree upon between themselves, and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have conferred and negotiated as to the method of handling the various parcels included in said action, and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to memorialize their agreement with the execution of an Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an inter-municipal cooperation agreement with the City of Lockport regarding the City of Lockport 2023 In Rem action filed with the Niagara County Supreme Court under Index #E182194/2024.

Moved by Nemi, seconded by Abbott.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. CW-011-25**

From: Committee of the Whole.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**NIAGARA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE  
CONTRACT WITH LEGAL AID BUREAU OF BUFFALO, INC.  
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, in 2024 Niagara County, on behalf of the Niagara County Public Defender's Office entered into the Second Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Contract ("2<sup>nd</sup> HH Statewide" Contract #CSTWIDE230) with a term of three years from April 1, 2024-March 31, 2027 in the grant amount of \$12,842,333.97, and

WHEREAS, the 2<sup>nd</sup> HH Statewide" Contract #CSTWIDE230 was accepted under Resolution CSS-107-24 on October 15, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Budget and the State Comptroller's Office recently approved the addition of \$770,540.04 in state funding to 2<sup>nd</sup> HH Statewide Contract #CSTWIDE230 to support the increased costs of the personnel and other program initiatives funded in furtherance of Executive Law Sec 832(4) to amend the original grant amount of \$12,842,333.97 under Resolution CSS-107-24 to reflect an amended grant amount of \$13,612,874.01, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) has amended the 2<sup>nd</sup> HH Statewide Contract #CSTWIDE230 to include a new budget line for years two (2) and three (3) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> HH Statewide Contract #CSTWIDE230 in the amount of \$250,000.00 annually for the Niagara County Public Defender's Office to Contract with Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. for the same budget years 2025 and 2026 to handle Niagara County appeals, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Public Defender's Office requires appeals caseload relief, and upon recommendation of ILS, the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. is uniquely qualified and staffed to handle the appellate needs of the Niagara County Public Defender's Office, and

WHEREAS, the distinctive appellate service provided by the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. is uniquely and specifically tailored to the larger scale appellate needs of the Niagara County Public Defender's Office and is supported and recommended by ILS, and

WHEREAS, ILS has amended the 2<sup>nd</sup> HH Statewide Contract #CSTWIDE230 to include a new budget line for years two (2) and three (3) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> HH Statewide contract #CSTWIDE230 in the amount of \$25,000.00 annually for the Niagara County Public Defender's Internship Program to provide internship programs for the same budget years 2025 and 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Indigent Legal Services has provided the amendments to the 2<sup>nd</sup> HH Statewide Contract #CSTWIDE230, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Public Defender's Office wishes to utilize this additional state funding to 2<sup>nd</sup> HH Statewide contract #CSTWIDE 230 to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. to handle Appellate cases at a cost of \$250,000.00 annually for the 2025 and 2026 budget years and utilize an additional funding of \$25,000 annually for the Niagara County Public Defender's Internship Program for the 2025 and 2026 budget years, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2<sup>nd</sup> HH Statewide Contract #CSTWIDE23 of \$13,612,874.01 be and hereby is amended and accepted to reflect the additional funding to the Niagara County Public Defender's Office in the amount \$250,000.00 for appellate caseload relief for budget years 2025 and 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2<sup>nd</sup> HH Statewide Contract #CSTWIDE23 of \$13,612,874.01 be and hereby is amended and accepted to reflect the additional funding to the Niagara County Public Defender's Office in the amount

\$25,000.00 for the Niagara County Public Defender’s Internship Program for budget years 2025 and 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby agrees to waive the purchasing policy for professional services to award the contract via the Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) to Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. for the aforementioned 2025 and 2026 budget years ending December 31, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature approve the MOA between the Niagara County Public Defender’s Office and Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. in the amount of \$250,000.00 annually for the budget years 2025 and 2026, ending on December 31, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney’s review, the MOA between the Niagara County Public Defender’s Office and Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc., may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, the following 2025 budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.03.1170.000 43025.03	ILS Hurrell-Harring Settlement	275,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS

A.03.1170.000 74500.01	Contractual Expenses	250,000
A.03.1170.000 71011.00	Seasonal Help Expense	22,800
A.03.1170.000 78200.00	FICA Expense	1,730
A.03.1170.000 78300.00	Worker's Compensation Expense	470

Moved by Hill, seconded by Speranza.

Adopted. 13 Ayes, 1 Noes – Nemi, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. ED-011-25**

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A CONSULTING FIRM FOR BROWNFIELD GRANT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, in September 2024, Niagara County was awarded a One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$1,500,000) brownfield coalition assessment grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), of which five hundred thousand (\$500,000) is included in the 2025 Economic Development Department budget, and

WHEREAS, the brownfield coalition consists of Niagara County as the lead agency with Niagara University, Lockport Main Street Inc., and Oliver Street Merchants as coalition partners, and

WHEREAS, the EPA grant requires hiring a brownfield consulting firm to perform community engagement, brownfields reuse planning, and assist with site characterization, with all costs eligible to be funded by the grant, and

WHEREAS, the County issued Request for Proposals 2025-26 on February 13, 2025, and

WHEREAS, six (6) proposals were publicly opened by the County Purchasing Department on March 13, 2025 which were independently evaluated by the brownfields coalition based on brownfields experience, community engagement experience, hourly rates, successful completion of similar projects, and references, and



WHEREAS, the brownfields coalition met to discuss the proposals and unanimously recommended C&S Engineers, Inc. as the chosen brownfield consulting firm, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract for brownfields consulting services be awarded to C&S Engineers, Inc., 141 Elm Street, Suite 100, Buffalo, NY 14203, and be it further

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

Moved by Hill, seconded by Speranza.

Adopted. 13 Ayes, 1 Noes – Nemi, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IF-095-25**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN NIAGARA COUNTY REFUSE SITE TRUST AND PARSONS ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP INC. FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT THE NIAGARA COUNTY REFUSE SITE**

WHEREAS, in July 1998, Parsons and Niagara County entered into a contract for Construction Management/Quality Assurance Services (the "Contract") at the Niagara County Refuse Site (the "Site"), and

WHEREAS, the parties agree Parsons affiliated company, Parsons Environment & Infrastructure Group Inc. will assume responsibility for completion of the project management services under the Contract, and

WHEREAS, in August 2000, Parsons, Niagara County and the Trust entered into a First Amendment and Assignment of the Contract, with the Trust succeeding to the rights and obligations of Niagara County under the Contract subsequent to the execution thereof, and

WHEREAS, Niagara Refuse Site Trust or Lumsden & McCormick, LLP have succeeded Arthur Andersen, LLP as Trustee of the Trust, and

WHEREAS, the Trust has entered into a Contract with GHD to conduct the work specified in the O&M Plan for the Site, except for Section 7.0 thereof, and

WHEREAS, the Trust and Parsons agree to extend the term of this Contract for an additional two-years beginning July 1, 2025, subject to the terms of Parsons' April 9, 2025 proposal for oversight, reporting, and management of operations, maintenance, and monitoring activities at the Site; the current Exhibit A shall be deleted and the above stated proposal incorporated as Exhibit A of this Contract to define the work performed during the above stated period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein and in the Contract, the adequacy of which is acknowledged, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, agree the term of the contract shall be extended for two-years beginning as of July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2027, and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as modified above in paragraph 1 and 7 hereof, all other terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain in full force and effect, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney's review, the Fourteenth Amendment to the Contract between Niagara County Refuse Site Trust Fund and Parsons Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. for Project

Management Services at the Niagara County Refuse Site may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IF-096-25**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 20, 2025

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

WHEREAS, the Gasport Beautification Committee has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to use the Royalton Ravine Park for the purpose of dedicating the new Memorial Music Pavilion, and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of Gasport Beautification Committee to hold the event on June 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the event coordinator will provide all insurances required by the Risk Management Office, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with the Gasport Beautification Committee, and

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

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

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IF-097-25**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**BUDGET - CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO  
DPW-BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS LINE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health is relocating offices from the Shaw Building, 5465 Upper Mountain Road, Lockport, NY 14094 to office space at 55 Stevens Street, Lockport, NY 14094, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is responsible for the installation of card access devices to provide security to these new offices, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer funds from Contingency to cover this expense, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the following budget transfer be effectuated:

FROM:

A.08.1990.000 74500.01	Contingency Funds	\$26,168
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TO:

A.15.1620.000 72100.05	Computer Equipment	\$26,168
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IF-098-25**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR COURT RENOVATIONS AT THE ANGELO DELSIGNORE CIVIC BUILDING AND THE NIAGARA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance and operation budgets for both of these locations, and

WHEREAS, the Unified Court System has asked for renovations at both locations for an approximate cost of \$600,000, which is 100% reimbursable to the County, and

WHEREAS, allocations from prior budget years need to be reduced as the funding is no longer available, 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 approved:

DECREASE ANTICIPATED REVENUE:

H760.15.1620.000 43021.00	State Aid Court Facilities	\$276,504.86
H810.15.1620.000 43021.00	State Aid Court Facilities	\$ 99,850.00

DECREASE ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

H760.15.1620.000 72200.01	Building Improvements	\$276,504.86
H810.15.1620.000 72200.01	Building Improvements	\$ 99,850.00

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review the required documents may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following accounts be closed: H760.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IF-099-25**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 20, 2025

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-086-24, dated April 23, 2024, awarded the contract for the Royalton Ravine Pavilion Project to Titan Development, 8534 Seaman Road, Gasport, NY 14067, for a contract amount not to exceed \$266,903, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-199-24, dated November 12, 2024, extended the contract completion date to May 1, 2025, at no additional cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract completion date again to August 31, 2025, at no additional cost to the County, and

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

RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 2 to extend the contract to August 31, 2025 for Titan Development, 8534 Seaman Road, Gasport, NY 14067, at no cost to the County, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IF-100-25**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**PUBLIC SAFETY ROOF AND ROOF TOP UNIT REPLACEMENTS – CHANGE ORDER NO. 2  
PARISE MECHANICAL, INC.**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-116-24, dated June 18, 2024, awarded the contract for the Public Safety Roof and Rooftop Unit Replacements Project-Mechanical Construction Bid to Parise Mechanical, Inc., 1106 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150, for a contract amount not to exceed \$389,000, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-201-24, dated November 12, 2024, extended the contract date for Parise Mechanical to March 31, 2025, at no additional cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract completion date to December 31, 2025, at no additional cost to the County, and

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

RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 2 to extend the contract to December 31, 2025 for Parise Mechanical, Inc., 1106 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150, at no cost to the County, for the Public Safety Roof and Rooftop Unit Replacements Project-Mechanical Construction, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IF-101-25**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**REPLACEMENT OF QUAKER ROAD CULVERT OVER MUD CREEK  
CULVERT NO. 15-9  
CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 2**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-093-22, dated June 21, 2022, authorized the contract for design and construction administration/inspection of the Quaker Road Culvert No. 15-9 Project to LaBella Associates, 300 Pearl Street, Suite 130, Buffalo, NY 14202, for a contract amount not to exceed \$185,800, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-101-24, dated May 14, 2024, extended the contract completion date to April 30, 2025, at no additional cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract completion date to December 31, 2025, at no additional cost to the County, and

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

RESOLVED, that Amendment No. 2 to extend the contract completion date to December 31, 2025 for the Quaker Road Culvert No. 15-9 Project, to LaBella Associates, 300 Pearl Street, Suite 130, Buffalo, NY 14202, 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. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IF-102-25**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**MOWING AGREEMENT BETWEEN NIAGARA COUNTY AND TOWN OF NIAGARA**

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

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

WHEREAS, this agreement will be for the period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2028, and

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

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.  
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IF-103-25**

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**UTILITY PROJECT PERMIT BETWEEN NIAGARA COUNTY AND A UTILITY COMPANY**

WHEREAS, utility companies from time to time perform work within the road right of way which could require the digging up of County roadways and other County property, and

WHEREAS, utility companies have in the past been required to provide a bond to cover damages to our roadways and other County properties not returned to prior condition, and

WHEREAS, instead of requiring a bond, the County of Niagara will require an executed permit between the County and the utility company, and

WHEREAS, the utility company will be required to return the roadway, or other County property, to its original condition prior to the commencement of the Project, and the utility company will be responsible for the road condition for a period of up to one (1) year following the completion of the Project, 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 Niagara County Legislature grant the use of this utility permit instead of requiring a bond, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IL-075-25**

From: Legislators Richard E. Abbott, Rebecca J. Wydysh, Anthony J. Nemi, Christopher A. Robins, Christopher J. McKimmie, Richard L. Andres, Carla L. Speranza, Jesse P. Gooch, Jeffrey Elder, Irene M. Myers and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CAMP HAPPINESS  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Camp Happiness was established in 2008 in conjunction with Lockport Elks Lodge #41, and

WHEREAS, Camp Happiness is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit dedicated to intellectually and physically disabled people of all ages in the Niagara County community by promoting social and recreational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, Camp Happiness promotes these activities by operating day camp at the Cambria Volunteer Fire Department grounds, and

WHEREAS, Camp Happiness will provide volunteers to operate the camp and provide all needed transportation, and

WHEREAS, Camp Happiness is in the need of specialized recreational and sport equipment and operating costs so, 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 Camp Happiness appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Camp Happiness	\$8,250.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.	

**Resolution No. IL-076-25**

From: Legislator David E. Godfrey and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF WHEATFIELD LIONS CLUB  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, The Town of Wheatfield Lions Club was chartered in 1973, and is located in the Five Senses Nature Park on Ward Rd, and

WHEREAS, the Five Senses Nature Park is a 17 acre area, part of which is specifically designed with plantings of herbs and other flowers, as well as a pond for the sight-impaired, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield Lions Club is in need of driveway repairs, 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 Wheatfield Lions Club by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Town of Wheatfield Lions Club	\$2,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.	

**Resolution No. IL-077-25**

From: Legislator David E. Godfrey and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WILSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Wilson Historical Society was established in 1972 with a mission of preserving for future generations the historical record and items unique to the community, and

WHEREAS, the Wilson Historical Society is a community centered organization that hosts many events throughout the year, and

WHEREAS, the Wilson Historical Society is attempting to replace an outdated and nonfunctioning AED, 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 Wilson Historical Society by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Wilson Historical Society	\$2,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.	

**Resolution No. IL-078-25**

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

Dated: May 20, 2025

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

WHEREAS, the mission of the Lewiston Community Lions Club is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, to encourage peace and promote international understanding, and

WHEREAS, the Lewiston Community Lions Club is dedicated to serving the communities of Lewiston, Ransomville, and Niagara Falls through impactful service projects by supporting local initiatives, and

WHEREAS, initiatives in 2025 will continue to focus on projects that enhance the well-being of our community in the areas of environmental stewardship, hunger relief, and vision care, now, therefore, be it

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

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

Lewiston Community Lions Club	\$2,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.	

**Resolution No. IL-079-25**

From: Legislator Christopher Voccio and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA HERITAGE OF HOPE AND SERVICE  
(HOLY TRINITY) THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, The Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service is a nonprofit organization that maintains the Holy Trinity historic complex on Falls Street in Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service provides much needed services to the community in and beyond the Falls Street corridor, and



WHEREAS, the Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service is hosting their annual PolkaFest fundraiser, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service	\$2,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.	

**Resolution No. IL-080-25**

From: Legislator Christopher Voccio and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PINE AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Pine Avenue Redevelopment Project is working to improve the Pine Avenue corridor in Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, the Pine Avenue Redevelopment Project will invest in streetscape improvements, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Pine Avenue Redevelopment Project by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Pine Avenue Redevelopment Project	\$6,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.	

**Resolution No. IL-081-25**

From: Legislator Christopher A. Robins and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: May 20, 2025

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

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Association in Niagara County has been proudly serving the community since 1964, offering free and low-cost programs that promote mental wellness, provide needed services for those with a mental health diagnosis, and actively work to alleviate the stigma and public misunderstanding of mental illness, and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Association in Niagara County is a valuable resource for Niagara County, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Mental Health Association in Niagara County by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Mental Health Association in Niagara County

\$1,000.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IL-082-25**

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

Dated: May 20, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NIAGARA FALLS LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION  
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Law Enforcement Foundation, exists to support the law enforcement efforts of the Police Officers and Detectives of the City of Niagara Falls Police Department, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Law Enforcement Foundation, provides funding for police officers to conduct community events, youth outreach and activities, and other community policing initiatives, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Law Enforcement Foundation, is committed to supplementing funding for activities not included in the operating budget of the City of Niagara Falls Police Department, to enhance law enforcement's relationship with the members of our community, 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 Niagara Falls Law Enforcement Foundation, by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara Falls Law Enforcement Foundation

\$2,000.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IL-083-25**

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

Dated: May 20, 2025

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Niagara Beautification Committee enhances the entrances to the Town of Niagara, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Niagara Beautification Committee also enhances the streetscapes of the busy Military Road business district, and

WHEREAS, the landscaping and visual improvements will make the Town of Niagara more inviting to locals and visitors, and

WHEREAS, the improvements made by the Town of Niagara Beautification Committee will help enhance economic development and support businesses in the Town of Niagara, 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 Town of Niagara Beautification Committee by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Town of Niagara Beautification Committee	\$4,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.  
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IL-084-25**

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

Dated: May 20, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA FALLS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB  
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, the Niagara Falls Junior Football Club is a youth football program in the City of Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Junior Football Club 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 the Niagara Falls Junior Football Club by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara Falls Junior Football Club	\$2,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.  
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.

**Resolution No. IL-085-25**

From: Legislator Christopher Voccio and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: May 20, 2025

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA STREET NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION  
ORGANIZATION THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara Street Neighborhood Revitalization Organization is a group dedicated to improving the Niagara Street corridor in Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Street Neighborhood Revitalization Organization is in need of funding for improvements to Gill Creek Park and programming related to the local elementary school, 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 Street Neighborhood Revitalization Organization by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara Street Neighborhood Revitalization Organization	\$7,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Robins.	
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.	

**Appointments:**

<u>Appt.</u>	<u>Expires</u>
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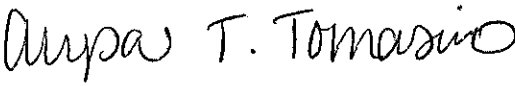
**SUNY NIAGARA BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

Kevin Clark	06/30/25	06/30/32
10 Hi Point Drive, Lockport 14094		
Moved by McKimmie, seconded by Speranza.		
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Andres.		

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

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned at 6:47pm, subject to the call of the Clerk.

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

  
Alysa T. Tomasino, Clerk