

OFFICIAL RECORD

Lockport, New York
April 21, 2026

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

A Moment of Silence was held for William P. Gosch.

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

Chairman Hill called Legislator Godfrey and Sheriff Michael Filicetti to the lectern to read a proclamation declaring the week of April 12th-18th 2026 as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" in Niagara County.

Chairman Hill called Legislator Abbott and Commissioner of Social Services Meghan Lutz to the lectern to read a proclamation declaring April 2026 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Niagara County.

Chairman Hill called Legislator Abbott and Bill Patti, Chief Executive Officer and Lea Sobieraski, Chief Operating Officer of the Kenan Center to the lectern, to give an update on the Capital Project. A project that will allow them to better provide Arts, Culture, Recreation, Education & Sports programming to the Lockport Community as well as several surrounding communities

Chairman Hill called Legislator Andres and Commissioner of Economic Development Andrea Klyczek to the lectern to present the 2026 Niagara County Economic Development Address.

Commissioner of Economic Development Andrea Klyczek read the following Fair Housing statement:
Niagara County Declares April as Fair Housing Month. Niagara County is proud to recognize April as Fair Housing Month, marking the anniversary of the Fair Housing Act of 1968. This important law helps ensure that everyone has equal access to housing; free from discrimination. The County continues to support its Fair Housing Plan, which focuses on educating the public about their housing rights and promoting equal opportunity for all residents. For many years, Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. (NIACAP) has served as the County's Fair Housing Advocate. NIACAP provides information about fair housing rights, helps people who may be facing housing discrimination, and works with renters, homebuyers, landlords, and housing professionals to resolve concerns.

All residents of Niagara County have the right to:

- View available homes or apartments in any location
- Receive honest and complete information about costs and fees
- Choose where they want to live and do so without discrimination

NIACAP shares fair housing information through community outreach, including local media, printed materials, and partner agencies and sites across the County. They have offices in Niagara Falls, Lockport, and North Tonawanda to assist residents. Niagara County holds an annual public meeting on fair housing to remain eligible for important state and federal grant funding. This funding supports public infrastructure, job creation, small business development, and to create and preserve affordable housing. By recognizing April as Fair Housing Month, Niagara County reaffirms its commitment to fair, equal, and accessible housing for all.

No citizens spoke on the Agenda.

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

Resolution No. AD-012-26

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**CLAIM SETTLEMENT
DAVID HOFFMAN V. COUNTY OF NIAGARA, ET AL.
NIAGARA COUNTY INDEX NO. E186245/2025**

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara self-insures its general liability coverage, and

WHEREAS, such loss fund is fully funded and separate from the General fund, and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature is authorized under Section 6-N of the General Municipal Law to approve claim settlements in excess of \$25,000.00, and

WHEREAS, on or about December 17, 2023, David Hoffman was injured in a motor vehicle accident while on Wilson Cambria Road, located in the Town of Wilson, New York, when a Niagara County Sheriff's vehicle which is owned and maintained by Niagara County collided with Mr. Hoffman's vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the case David Hoffman v. County of Niagara, et al., now presents an opportunity for settlement thereby avoiding additional litigation, trial and adverse judicial determinations, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the authority to disburse the David Hoffman v. County of Niagara, et al., litigation, in settlement, is given to the Risk & Insurance Manager in the amount of \$45,000.00 upon completion and receipt of a General Release for Niagara County and all other agents and employees of Niagara County and Stipulation of Discontinuance from plaintiff's and County's counsel.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. AD-013-26

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: April 21, 2026

SUMMER HOURS – 2026

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to a ten-week period for a summer work schedule change and,

WHEREAS, it was agreed that this new schedule will apply only to those departments and employees who are on a Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. schedule, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that effective June 28, 2026 through September 5, 2026 the work schedule of the County employees mentioned above will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the following regulations:

1. Any department required by local regulations or law to remain open until 5:00 p.m. may be exempt from this schedule.
2. Each Department Head is authorized to return to the 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. schedule if the new hours cause operational problems, or if the employees abuse the new work schedule.
3. This agreement is for the ten-week period as stated above and will not be repeated without further Legislative action.

4. Public notice of the hours will be posted in all County offices affected.

5. Any deviation from the above must be cleared with the Human Resources Department.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CS-017-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION-ACCEPT JUUL SETTLEMENT FUNDS
CREATE AND FILL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST POSITION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, 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, a \$1,062,901.15 JUUL Settlement has been allocated to Niagara County allocated to confront the increased vaping use in youth and young adults, and

WHEREAS, partial payment of the settlement of \$398,587.93 has already been received, and

WHEREAS, it is determined one Public Health Specialist will be needed to focus on vaping data analysis, education programs, partner collaboration, forming peer youth groups, and

WHEREAS, the position will be no cost to the county and co-terminus with settlement funding, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health requests acceptance and appropriation of funds, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that one Public Health Specialist, CSEA Job Group 10, Step 1, position# to be determined, salary range \$31.40 - \$36.46 be created and filled effective May 4, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.20.4189.428 42690.06	Other Compensation for Loss -Settlement Rev	\$ 398,587.93
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.20.4189.428 71010.00	Position # to be determined	\$ 38,745.00
A.20.4189.428 71050.00	overtime	\$ 500.00
A.20.4189.428 72100.12	Machinery & Equipment Cars	\$ 35,000.00
A.20.4189.428 72100.05	Computer Equipment	\$ 10,000.00
A.20.4189.428 74375.01	Advertising & Promotion	\$ 10,000.00
A.20.4189.428 74250.01	Office Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
A.20.4189.428 74300.03	travel/mileage	\$ 2,000.00
A.20.4189.428 74500.01	Contractual	\$ 260,000.00
A.20.4189.428 74675.01	central postage	\$ 10,000.00
A.20.4189.428 74750.02	Supplies/Materials	\$ 8,202.93
A.20.4070 428 78100.00	Retirement	\$ 5,308.00
A.20.4070 428 78200.00	FICA	\$ 2,964.00
A.20.4070 428 78300.00	Worker's Comp	\$ 670.00
A.20.4070 428 78400.01	Active Health Ins.	\$ 13,110.00

A.20.4070 428 78400.05	HRA	\$	567.00
A.20.4070.428 78700.00	Disability	\$	51.00
A.20.4070 428 78800.00	Flex	\$	470.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
 Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

Resolution No. CS-018-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.
 Dated: April 21, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION-ACCEPT PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE INITIATIVE FUNDS
 NURSING DIVISION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the Nursing 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 Niagara County Department of Health an Article 6 State Aid Performance Incentive to be spent on Article 6 related programs, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health requests acceptance and appropriation of funds, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.20.4189.401 43401.00	State Aid Revenue	\$	23,084.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.20.4189.401 72100.05	Computer Equipment	\$	5,000.00
A.20.4189.401 74375.01	Advertising & Promotion	\$	10,084.00
A.20.4189.401 742500.01	Office Supplies	\$	1,000.00
A.20.4189.401 74300.03	travel/mileage	\$	1,000.00
A.20.4189.401 74675.01	central postage	\$	1,000.00
A.20.4189.401 74750.02	Supplies/Materials	\$	5,000.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
 Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

Resolution No. CS-019-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.
 Dated: April 21, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION- REAPPROPRIATE DISABILITES GRANT
 EMERGENCY PLANNING-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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

WHEREAS, the National Association of County and City Health Officials awarded the Public Health Emergency Planning Division funding to address needs of people with disabilities reapproved through County budget adoption Resolution B-07-24, and

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

RESOLVED, the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

CM.20.4189.406 44401.00	Public Health Federal Aid	\$10,000
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INCREASE EXPENSE:

CM.20.4189.406 74750.02	Supplies/Materials	\$10,000
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CS-020-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION- REAPPROPRIATE PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Health received CDC Infrastructure funding to Strengthen Public Health Workforce and Foundational Capabilities accepted through resolution CS-035-23 and county budget 2025, and

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

RESOLVED, the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

CM.20.4189.426 44401.00	Public Health Federal Aid	\$15,385.25
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INCREASE EXPENSE:

CM.20.4189.426 72100.05	Computer Equipment	\$15,385.25
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CS-021-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING DEPARTMENT
BUDGET MODIFICATION – ACCEPT ADDITIONAL \$115,682 RENEWABLE ENERGY TRAINING
INITIATIVE (RETI) FUNDING 2026**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Local Workforce Development Board (NCWDB) has been awarded an additional \$115,682 under the Renewable Energy Training Initiative (RETI), and

WHEREAS, this state funded program is allocated by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) working in cooperation with the New York State Department of Labor’s (NYSDOL), Office of Just Energy Transition (OJET) to support clean energy and workforce development training, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Employment & Training (NCET) Department will manage and administer these training funds as outlined in the Subrecipient Agreement, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that the 2026 NCET Department Budget be modified as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

CD.29.6291.000 43089.11	State Aid Other, RETI	\$ 115,682
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD.29.6291.000 74500.01	Contractual Expenses	\$ 115,682
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Moved by Abbott, second by Nemi to amend the resolution.

Amendment: Change the dollar amount from \$115,682 to \$175,000 in the title, first WHEREAS and last RESOLVED.

Amendment approved.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CS-022-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

MH – 2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION – CLOSEOUT FUNDING FOR DALE ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services receives funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) for the oversight and provision of Mental Health services in Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, OMH made retroactive programmatic and funding changes that required the Dale Association to revise their 2022 and 2023 Consolidated Fiscal Reports (CFRs), and

WHEREAS, these revisions changed the original closeouts so that the Dale Association utilized more of the available State Aid for years 2022 and 2023, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services is required to send additional State Aid funding in the amount of \$49,302 to the Dale Association to close out years 2022 and 2023, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County Department of Mental Health has maintained this revenue anticipating State takeback, and it is available for this purpose, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the following budget modification be effectuated to the 2026 County budget:

INCREASE REVENUE:

CM.21.4322.415.43490.01	Dale Association	\$ 49,302
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

CM.21.4322.415.74500.01	Dale Association	\$ 49,302
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CS-023-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

MH – JAIL BASED SERVICES BUDGET MODIFICATION – PEACEPRINTS

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

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

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature has already authorized the Director of Community Services to engage in the process to carry out the necessary agreements between the County and Peaceprints of WNY to provide the Jail-Based Services at the Niagara County Jail, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature has already approved the budget of \$266,555 for Jail-Based Services (screening, assessment, counseling, discharge planning, medication assisted treatment, and follow-up) in the adoption of the 2026 County Budget, and

WHEREAS, as NYS OASAS Fiscal approval was received after the 1st of the year, funds were applied to the Niagara County Department of Mental Health’s State Aid Funding Authorization (SAFA), thus must be allocated to Peaceprints through subcontract, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

DECREASE REVENUE:		
A.21.4322.425.43490.10	Mental Health Program Alcoholism Agencies	\$266,555
DECREASE APPROPRIATION:		
A.21.4322.425.74500.01	Contractual Expenses	\$266,555
INCREASE REVENUE:		
A.21.4310.000.43490.07	Mental Health Program Alcoholism County	\$266,555
INCREASE APPROPRIATION:		
A.21.4310.000.74500.01	Contractual Expenses	\$266,555
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.		
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.		

Resolution No. CSS-049-26
From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.
Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
FORENSIC COMPARATIVE SCIENCE SPECIALISTS, LLC PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff’s Office has a Forensic Laboratory which is accredited to ISO 17025 International Standard by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB); the accreditation puts rigorous requirements in place for the laboratory and any potential vendors and/or subcontractors that the laboratory uses as part of their accredited testing services, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory has a contract with Forensic Comparative Science Specialists, LLC (FoCoss) to verify all of its Firearms casework, as required for the Forensic Lab Accreditation Standards, and

WHEREAS, Forensic Comparative Science Specialists, LLC (FoCoss) also has the capability to verify all Latent Prints casework as soon as Latent Prints Casework is added to the Forensic Lab's scope through an additional accreditation process (latent print casework training is currently being conducted), and

WHEREAS, the casework verification of Firearms and Latent Prints Casework to accreditation standards is highly specialized, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory wishes to extend the Firearms Casework Verification contract with Forensic Comparative Science Specialists, LLC (FoCoss) for the off-site rate of \$175/hour, which is estimated to be less than \$20,000 per year with Firearms and Latent Prints Casework Verification, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County finds that the services to be provided by Forensic Comparative Science Specialists, LLC (FoCoss) for Firearms Casework and Latent Prints Casework Verification consist of "professional services" and further waives the RFP requirement and/or requirement that additional cost proposals be sought or obtained, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney review and approval of the contract, that the Forensic Comparative Science Specialists, LLC (FoCoss) contract for Firearms Casework and Latent Prints Casework Verification may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-050-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SHOWER REFINISHING FOR NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CONTRACT EXTENSION**

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

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution CSS-015-26 on February 17, 2026 to approve Change Order No.1 to the project for treatment of an additional area in the Jail, and

WHEREAS, the contract with SL Associates of Rochester Inc DBA Miracle Method of Western NY needs to be extended in order to complete the work for the approved change order, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the SL Associates of Rochester Inc., DBA Miracle Method of Western NY Contract for the Shower Refinishing Project may be extended and may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-051-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RP OAK HILL BUILDING CO INC WALK-IN COOLER AND FREEZER PROJECT
CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 REVISION AND CONTRACT EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-109-25 on October 21, 2025 to award RP Oak Hill Building Co Inc., the contract for the RFP 2025-41 Walk-In Cooler and Freezer Project for Niagara County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$731,970, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution CSS-034-26 on March 24, 2026 to approve Change Orders Number 1 through 7, and

WHEREAS, the original contract with RP Oak Hill Building Co Inc. ends on April 30, 2026 but the project will continue past that date, and

WHEREAS, previously approved Change Order No.5 has been approved for revision by Azar Design which is the Engineering firm for this project to include custom cooler panels and additional temporary freezer/cooler rental for a change order amount of \$29,930, and

WHEREAS, the change order proposals are all reviewed for approval by the Engineering Firm for the project, Azar Design Co., before any change orders are processed for approval and payments are made and will be funded through the existing Capital Project H785 Jail Kitchen Improvements, and

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

RESOLVED, that the RP Oak Hill Building Co Inc., contract for the Walk-In Cooler and Freezer Project for Niagara County Sheriff's Office Project may be extended until July 31, 2026 and the Change Order No.5 revision for \$29,930 may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-052-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SOLE SOURCE OVERHEAD DOOR FOR PERIMETER GATE REPAIR**

WHEREAS, Niagara County had Capital Project H632 in 2016 which was closed in 2019 to install Perimeter Fence Enclosure with Rolling Gates at the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, the rolling gates were installed by Overhead Door, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution CSS-121-24 on November 12, 2024 approving sole source purchase of replacement parts and repair through Overhead Door for replacement of a partial grille for the rolling gates, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Jail is currently having issues with a Perimeter Fence Rolling Gate, which needs to be replaced, and

WHEREAS, Overhead Door has provided a quote of \$49,851 to replace and repair the rolling gate, and

WHEREAS, the necessary compatible parts to the Overhead Door gate are only available through Overhead Door as the sole source provider, and

WHEREAS, under New York State common law, an exception to competitive bidding arises when the goods or services required in a contract may be obtained only through a single source so that there is no possibility of competition (*Harlem Gas Co. v. Mayor of New York*, 33 NY 309; 11 Opns St Comp, 1955, p 502), now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature deems that under NYS Common Law Overhead Door can be awarded the contract for the Perimeter Fence Rolling Gate Replacement/Repair Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, upon review by the County Attorney, a contract with Overhead Door may be executed pursuant to Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-053-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
AMENDMENT "SIXTH" OF SECURUS CONTRACT FOR
INMATE COMMUNICATION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-033-21 on March 23, 2021 to enter into a contract with Securus Technologies, LLC for inmate communication services at the Niagara County Jail, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution CSS-041-22 on July 21, 2022 to extend the contract until October 14, 2025 with the addition of a full-time onsite administrator for the Securus System at no charge to the county and exercising the first of the two 12-month renewal options, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution CSS-085-25 on August 5, 2025 to extend the contract until October 14, 2026 exercising the second of the two 12-month renewal options, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-028-26 on March 24, 2026 to amend the contract in order to comply with the FCC Interim Order, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the Securus Contract with "Sixth Amendment to the Master Services Agreement" in order to amend the revenue payment rates to the County for Inmate Communication Services in order to comply with the FCC regulations, now, therefore, be it

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-054-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BUDGET MODIFICATION - ACCEPT FY23 EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CANINE TEAM GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services that it is the recipient of an FY2023 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the performance period of April 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS, this grant is provided for the sustainment, maintenance, and enhancement of the Sheriff's Office explosive detection canine team assets, through equipment, training, exercise and planning projects that support terrorism prevention activities, and

WHEREAS, the 2026 budget needs to be amended in order to expend the grant funds, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services FY2023 Explosive Detection Canine Team 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.17.3645.000 44305.02	Civil Defense Homeland Security	\$15,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3645.000 71050.00	Overtime Expense	\$ 1,450
A.17.3645.000 72100.21	Law Enforcement Equipment	\$10,000
A.17.3645.000 74600.03	Training and Education	\$ 3,550

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-055-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CREATE AND FILL TWO TEMPORARY CORRECTION OFFICER POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified of the upcoming retirement of a Correction Officer at the end of May, who is currently on an extended medical leave, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office also has a Correction Officer who is on an unpaid extended leave until November, and

WHEREAS, the absence of two full-time Correction Officers creates additional overtime and stress on the existing staff, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office would like to create two temporary Correction Officer positions in an effort to alleviate the adverse effects of the long-term absences, and

WHEREAS, the temporary positions would be eliminated upon the expected retirements of Correction Officers at the end of May and the end of September, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that two temporary Correction Officer positions be created and filled effective May 10, 2026 at DSA Correction Officer Step 1 at an hourly rate of \$27.87 per hour, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3150.000 71010.00 Position Expense (# 567) \$28,986

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3150.000 71010.00 Position Expense (# NEW) \$ 4,460

A.17.3150.000 71010.00 Position Expense (#NEW) \$24,526

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-056-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
BUDGET MODIFICATION - ACCEPT RED TEAM EXERCISE GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff’s Office has been notified by the New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services Counter Terrorism Office that it would like the Niagara County Sheriff’s Office to participate in their Red Team Exercise, and

WHEREAS, the Red Team Exercise is designed to test the effectiveness of Operation Safeguard: Safeguard New York which is an outreach initiative designed to educate individuals, community groups and other public and private sector organizations on how to recognize and report suspicious activity. Safeguard New York promotes the “See Something, Say Something” campaign and the State’s Terrorism Tip Line, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will reimburse the Sheriff’s Office for the costs incurred with this exercise, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney’s review, the Letter of Agreement for the Red Team Exercise Grant with the New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services 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.17.3645.000 44305.02 Civil Defense Homeland Security \$6,966

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3645.000 71050.00 Overtime Expense \$4,893

A.17.3645.000 78100.00 Retirement Expense \$1,614

A.17.3645.000 78200.00 FICA Expense \$ 374

A.17.3645.000 78300.00 Worker’s Compensation Expense \$ 85

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-057-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ACCEPT EXTENSION OF FY21 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE
COMMUNICATION FORMULA GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-067-22 on 9/13/22 to accept \$1,541,147 under the FY21 Statewide Interoperable Communication Formula Grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for the performance period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-101-24 on 10/15/24 to extend the performance period until December 31, 2025, 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, DHSES has approved an extension of the performance period of this grant until December 31, 2026 to fully utilize the funds, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the FY21 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant Extension may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-058-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ACCEPT EXTENSION OF FY23 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE
COMMUNICATION FORMULA GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-119-23 on 11/14/23 to accept \$788,111 under the FY23 Statewide Interoperable Communication Formula Grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for the performance period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, 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, DHSES has approved an extension of the performance period of this grant until December 31, 2026 to fully utilize the funds, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the FY23 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant Extension may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

Resolution No. CSS-059-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.
Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ACCEPT OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES GRANT REVISED AMOUNT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-079-25 on August 5, 2025 to accept a grant award that was received in writing from the New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) for a multiple year grant from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028, and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2025 the NYS Office of Victim Services notified all of the grant recipients that the Office of the New York State Comptroller (OSC) would not be approving the tentative awards that were issued through their 2025 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant Program Request for Applications (RFA), and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2025 the Office of Victim Services (OVS) notified the Niagara County Sheriff's Office that it was granting a one-year extension of the previously awarded grant for the performance period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the one-year extension is for the performance period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 in the same annual amount as the existing grant which is \$302,826.18 without any requirement for matching funds, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Victim Services Grant extension needs to be accepted in order to support funding of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Unit including co-terminus Crime Victim Advocate positions 474, 3469, 4218, 4722 and 13495, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution #CSS-079-25 be rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney review and approval, that the New York State Office of Victim Services Victim Assistance Grant Program one-year grant extension may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

Resolution No. CSS-060-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.
Dated: April 21, 2026

PROBATION - ACCEPT STRIVE II GRANT AWARD

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Probation Department provides supervision, programs, and referral to services for justice system involved individuals that effectively intervene in their lives to reduce criminal behavior, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services has awarded the Niagara County Probation Department a \$31,152 grant under the Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) Year II program to be used for the prevention of, and intervention in incidences of intimate partner violence, and

WHEREAS, the term of the grant will be April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS, the STRIVE II funds have been budgeted in the 2026 County budget, and

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

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-061-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**ACCEPTANCE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE DISCOVERY REFORM GRANT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2020, the State of New York enacted Discovery and Bail Reform legislation that require District Attorney's Offices to obtain and turn over to defense, all evidence in any criminal case, regardless of the level of crime, within a very short period of time and eliminate bail for many offenses, and

WHEREAS, this legislation requires the District Attorney's Office collect all items and information in its possession, including all information in the possession of any law enforcement agency, including reports, supplemental reports and investigative notes, 911 calls, radio transmissions, booking or surveillance video, photographs, body camera footage, witness and co-defendant statements, and the names of all law enforcement personnel and witnesses involved, for submittal to the defense within fifteen (15) days of arraignment for approximately 5,000 cases yearly, and

WHEREAS, these discovery requirements significantly increase the burden on law enforcement agencies by requiring them to separate out, create a record of, and share all 911 calls, radio transmissions, booking or surveillance video and body cam footage for each arrest or appearance ticket issued within fifteen (15) days of arraignment, and

WHEREAS, this legislation also eliminated bail for many criminal offenses and created increased pre-trial supervision requirements, greatly reducing the number of people held in jail and increasing the responsibilities of Probation Departments, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has recognized the extreme burden placed on District Attorney's Offices, Sheriff's Offices, Probation Departments and local law enforcement agencies outside of New York City as a result of these changes, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County has been awarded \$1,165,939.00 based on its proportionate share of criminal court arraignments statewide, to be distributed among and utilized by County agencies, and

WHEREAS, funding will be provided to the following agencies that submitted requests to the District Attorney's Office, and whose requests were approved in full or in part, by the Division of Criminal Justice Services:

Niagara County District Attorney's Office	\$560,584.45
Niagara County Sheriff's Office	\$361,434.55

Niagara County Probation Department	\$0.00
Niagara Falls Police Department	\$134,160.00
Lockport Police Department	\$ 40,200.00
North Tonawanda Police Department	\$ 37,400.00
Town of Niagara Police Department	\$ 17,260.00
Lewiston Police Department	\$ 9,600.00
Middleport Police Department	\$ 5,300.00

and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has determined the need for additional staffing to address the significant increase in the workload resulting from the criminal justice mandates which should be addressed through the use of this funding, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Probation Department has identified a need for additional staffing for pretrial services and public safety needs that include additional GPS monitoring equipment which should be addressed with these funds, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has identified administrative support needs for law enforcement personnel to record and gather materials required by Discovery Reform, which should be addressed with these funds, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has identified a need for additional computer hardware and software including Police Body Cameras, which should be addressed by these funds, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara does hereby accept this award, and that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute any grant agreement and/or required documents.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. ED-006-26

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**RESOLUTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH
NIAGARA TOURISM & CONVENTION CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara pursuant to section 1202-T of the tax law collects a bed tax of 5%, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1202-T of the tax law section 13 the county is to distribute, that is allocate and pay 95% of the first 4% to a not-for-profit corporation under the contract for the promotion of tourism in the county and 95% of the remaining 1% shall be dedicated to the operation of the Discover Niagara Shuttle, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara and the Niagara Tourism & Convention Corporation (NTCC) also doing business as Destination Niagara USA, had entered into a certain agreement dated February 20, 2003, and

WHEREAS, the agreement and certain extensions and modifications of that agreement expire May 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the parties to that agreement desire to modify and also extend said agreement from the original date of its expiration through May 31, 2029, and

WHEREAS, NTCC is equipped and staffed to achieve the goals and purposes set forth in the agreement and has hired and retained persons and entities which are required and necessary, and

WHEREAS, the municipality desires to engage NTCC to continue those services specified in said agreement of February 20, 2003 and all amendments thereto, until May 31, 2029, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara is hereby authorized to enter into the extension agreement with NTCC and said agreement after review by the Niagara County manager and review and approval by the Niagara County Attorney may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. ED-007-26

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**APPROVAL OF LOW COST POWER BENEFIT TO STEAKS OF BUFFALO, INC.
DBA PELLICANO'S MARKETPLACE UNDER AGREEMENT FOR THE
SALE AND PURCHASE OF NIAGARA PROJECT POWER & ENERGY (ASPNPPE)**

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara entered into the Host Community Relicensing and Settlement Agreement ("HCRSA") on June 25, 2005, and

WHEREAS, the HCRSA entitles the County of Niagara to 9 megawatts of low cost power allocation (at 70% load) from the New York Power Authority, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has made the use of this low cost power allocation for economic development purposes as the top priority for that allocation, and

WHEREAS, there is presently an Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Niagara Project Power and Energy ("ASPNPPE") that has been approved by the County of Niagara and NYPA and the Governor of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the ASPNPPE specifically provides that the County of Niagara, could use its low cost power allocation for economic development purposes, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has taken the necessary actions to fully implement the benefits contained in the HCRSA and the ASPNPPE, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara established the Empower Niagara Board by resolution ED-021-07 to review applications for the use of low cost power for economic development by reviewing applications and to make recommendation to Legislature of Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara has previously awarded to Steaks of Buffalo, Inc. dba Pellicano's Marketplace for this same project under resolution ED-005-23, 80 Kw (at 70% load factor), which agreement will expire on May 1, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Empower Niagara Board has reviewed the renewal request of Steaks of Buffalo, Inc. dba Pellicano's Marketplace for the use of low cost power to allow it to remain competitive in Niagara County and for which Steaks of Buffalo, Inc. dba Pellicano's Marketplace has met or exceeded each part of the previous application, including adding to its workforce, which now totals 83 employees, and

WHEREAS, Steaks of Buffalo, Inc. dba Pellicano's Marketplace is planning an expansion at its current location from 7,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet and hiring an additional 30-60 employees, and is also revamping their website to offer international shipping, which may lead to more sales tax being collected, and exploring additional capital improvements to better serve their current customers, and

WHEREAS, Steaks of Buffalo, Inc. dba Pellicano's Marketplace has met or exceeded all the criteria qualifying its original project for consideration and the Empower Niagara Board is recommending approval of a three-year extension of the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the demand usage of Steaks of Buffalo, Inc. dba Pellicano's Marketplace will remain at 80 kw (at 70% load factor), based on its average usage, and

WHEREAS, the approval of the Steaks of Buffalo, Inc. dba Pellicano's Marketplace extension for 80 kw (at 70% load factor) of low cost power will not only increase economic development in the Town of Wheatfield and Niagara County, but will also assist Steaks of Buffalo, Inc. dba Pellicano's Marketplace to remain competitive in the specialty grocery business, with a focus on Italian products and fresh cut meats and fresh produce, and will also have a good economic effect on the community in Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the Empower Niagara Board recommends the approval of the extension of low cost power allocation of 80 kw (at 70% load factor) for a period of three (3) years commencing May 1, 2026, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby approves the application of Steaks of Buffalo, Inc. dba Pellicano's Marketplace for 80 kw (at 70% load factor) low cost power benefits from Niagara County, pursuant to low cost power allocation received through the June 25, 2005 HCRSA and ASPNPPE, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute this Empower User Agreement for Low Cost Power with Steaks of Buffalo, Inc. dba Pellicano's Marketplace.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. ED-008-26

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: April 21, 2026

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT RESTORE NY GRANT FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF 519 CAYUGA DRIVE, NIAGARA FALLS

WHEREAS, Empire State Development administers the Restore New York Community Initiative ("Restore NY") grant program to provide municipalities with financial assistance for the revitalization of commercial and residential properties, and

WHEREAS, the program encourages community development and neighborhood growth through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County applied for grant funding through Round 9 of the Restore NY program to assist with Cayuga Landing, a redevelopment project of a 1921 building, located at 519 Cayuga Drive in the City of Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, Cayuga Landing is a mixed-use waterfront project, offering craft beverage manufacturing, an entertainment venue, water-based activities along Cayuga Creek, and three second floor affordable housing units, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County has been awarded \$1.250,000 towards this project, and

WHEREAS, Restore NY grants are administered on a reimbursement basis, and the developer is aware that the project must be completed in advance of receiving any grant funding, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County accepts the Restore NY Round 9 grant award for the Cayuga Landing project.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. ED-009-26

From: Economic Development and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**AUTHORIZATION TO CONVEY CERTAIN TAX LIENS IN THE TOWN OF NIAGARA TO
NIAGARA ORLEANS REGIONAL LAND IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 902 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York the Niagara County Treasurer, acting in his capacity as Tax Enforcing Officer, acquired tax liens on the following properties commonly known as (the Properties):

- 130.15-3-2.1 4225 Hyde Park Blvd., Niagara Falls, New York in the Town of Niagara
- 130.15-5-10 4401 Hyde Park Blvd., Niagara Falls, New York in the Town of Niagara
- 130.15-5-11 4425 Hyde Park Blvd., Niagara Falls, New York in the Town of Niagara
- 130.15-5-14 Delaware Ave., Niagara Falls, New York in the Town of Niagara
- 130.15-5-19 4311 Hyde Park Blvd., Niagara Falls, New York in the Town of Niagara
- 130.15-5-20 Hyde Park Blvd., Niagara Falls, New York in the Town of Niagara
- 130.15-5-21 James Ave., Niagara Falls, New York in the Town of Niagara
- 130.15-5-8 Pennsylvania Ave., Niagara Falls, New York in the Town of Niagara
- 130.15-5-9 Pennsylvania Ave., Niagara Falls, New York in the Town of Niagara
- 131.09-2-28.2 4287 Witmer Rd., Niagara Falls, New York in the Town of Niagara

and

WHEREAS, the Properties are tax delinquent commercial parcels that require environmental remediation, and

WHEREAS, Section 1616 of NY Not-for-Profit Law authorizes a municipality to enter into a contract to sell some or all of the delinquent tax liens held by it to a land bank, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Treasurer had previously requested legislative approval to transfer the above tax liens in 2022 (ED-024-22) to the Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation ("NORLIC") with the understanding that the Properties will be put back on the tax rolls into a productive use, and

WHEREAS, the above Properties continue to not be needed for municipal purposes, and

WHEREAS, the benefits accruing the County of Niagara (avoidance of the costs of environmental remediation, demolition and other expenses) are in excess of the potential auction value of the

Properties, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, pursuant to County Law Section 215 and Real Property Tax Law Section 902, Niagara County is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with NORLIC to sell all tax liens including 2026 and all previous year's tax liens on 130.15-3-2.1; 130.15-5-10; 130.15-5-11; 130.15-5-14; 130.15-5-19; 130.15-5-20; 130.15-5-21; 130.15-5-8; 130.15-5-9; 131.09-2-28.2 for one and no more dollars, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, a contract, and all other reasonable and necessary title transfer documents shall be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. ED-010-26

From: Economic Development and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**AUTHORIZATION TO CONVEY TAX LIENS ON CERTAIN DUNN
AND SCHOOLCRAFT TRANSPORTATION LLC PROPERTIES TO
NIAGARA ORLEANS REGIONAL LAND IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 902 of the Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") of the State of New York the Niagara County Treasurer, acting in his capacity as Tax Enforcing Officer, acquired tax liens on certain properties as follows: 140 Telegraph Road / S.B.L. No. 86.17-1-98 and Rochester Road / S.B.L. No. 86.00-3-12.121 (collectively, the "Properties"), and

WHEREAS, the Properties are abandoned industrial properties that require environmental remediation, and WHEREAS, Section 1616 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York authorizes a municipality to enter into a contract to sell some or all of the delinquent tax liens held by it to a land bank, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Treasurer has requested legislative approval to transfer all the tax liens through 2026 on the Properties to the Niagara Orleans Land Improvement Corporation ("NORLIC") with the understanding that the Properties will be remediated by a private tax-paying purchaser, and

WHEREAS, the Properties, if foreclosed upon by the County of Niagara, are not needed for municipal purposes, and

WHEREAS, the benefits accruing the County of Niagara (avoidance of the costs of environmental remediation, demolition, and other expenses) are in excess of the potential auction value of the Properties, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, pursuant to County Law Section 215 and RPTL Section 902, the Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature be, and hereby is authorized and directed to sign and enter into a contract with NORLIC to sell all the tax liens through 2026 on the Properties for one and no more dollars and all other reasonable and necessary title transfer documents, subject to the review and approval of the Niagara County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to RPTL Section 1190(2)(a), the County Treasurer, as enforcement officer, shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date scheduled for the sale of the delinquent tax liens shall provide a notice, in the form provided by RPTL Section 1190(2)(b), along with any other information deemed necessary or required, by First Class and certified mail, to the owners of the Properties and any other person who has filed a declaration of interest pursuant to RPTL Section 1126, or a comparable instrument pursuant to a comparable law, which has not expired, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, upon NORLIC's purchase of the tax liens, the County Treasurer is authorized and directed under RPTL Section 1190(3) to convey the tax liens to NORLIC by delivering to NORLIC tax lien certificates identifying the affected parcels and the total amount due on each parcel as of the date of the sale, including interest, penalties, and charges; the County Treasurer shall retain a copy of each such certificate in his office, and shall maintain records that will enable interested parties to determine which liens have been sold, to whom, and the total amount due on such liens when they were sold, and be it further

RESOLVED that, upon sale, the affected tax district(s) shall have no further rights or responsibilities relative to delinquent tax liens which were sold under RPTL Section 1190(3).

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. ED-011-26

From: Economic Development and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**AUTHORIZATION TO CONVEY CERTAIN TAX LIENS TO
NIAGARA ORLEANS LAND IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 902 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York the Niagara County Treasurer, acting in his capacity as Tax Enforcing Officer, acquired a tax lien on the following property commonly known as

(SBL 130.19-2-1) 3425 Hyde Park Blvd., Niagara Falls, New York in the Town of Niagara, and

WHEREAS, the property is a tax delinquent commercial parcel that requires environmental remediation, and

WHEREAS, the benefits accruing the County of Niagara (avoidance of the costs of environmental remediation, demolition and other expenses) are in excess of the potential auction value of the properties, and

WHEREAS, the above property is not be needed for municipal purposes, and

WHEREAS, Section 1616 of the Not-for-Profit Law of the State of New York authorizes a municipality to enter into a contract to sell some or all of the delinquent tax liens held by it to a land bank, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Treasurer had previously requested legislative approval to transfer the above tax lien in 2022 (ED-024-22) to the Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation ("NORLIC") with the understanding that the property will be put back on the tax rolls into a productive use, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation promoted the tax liens to developers for the purposes of redevelopment and reuse, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation entered into an agreement with a provide developer proposing an investment of over \$2,000,000, and

WHEREAS, the selected developer entered into a development enforcement mortgage; ensuring timely site development, and

WHEREAS, the selected developer conducted a private foreclosure and became the owner of title for the property on January 29, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the developer requests relief from taxes accruing during the foreclosure process, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, pursuant to County Law Section 215 and Real Property Tax Law Section 902, outstanding tax liens for 3425 Hyde Park Blvd., Niagara Falls, New York be transferred to the Niagara Orleans Regional Land Corporation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Following the County Attorney's Review, a Contract with Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation to Transfer Tax Liens, Including 2026 and all Previous Years Be Executed.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. ED-012-26

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: April 21, 2026

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A CONSULTING FIRM FOR NIAGARA COUNTY BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA PRE-PLANNING PROJECT

WHEREAS, in August 2025, Niagara County was awarded a Two Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$200,000) Brownfield Opportunity Area Pre-Planning grant from the New York State Department of State (DOS), and

WHEREAS, the grant requires hiring a brownfield consulting firm to help inventory and analyze brownfield-affected areas with the county and identify concentrations of vacant, abandoned, underutilized, and/or brownfield properties for more localized future planning efforts, and

WHEREAS, the County issued Request for Proposals 2026-26 on February 27, 2026, and

WHEREAS, seven (7) proposals were publicly opened by the County Purchasing Department on March 31, 2026 which were independently evaluated by Economic Development staff based on experience and qualifications, reasonableness of costs, successful completion of similar projects, and references, and

WHEREAS, the reviewers recommended Colliers Engineering & Design as the chosen brownfield consulting firm, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract for brownfields consulting services be awarded to Colliers Engineering & Design, 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 Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-064-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
AWARD OF SEALED BID SECURITY CAMERAS AND EQUIPMENT FOR NIAGARA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Information Technology Department has prepared specifications and the Niagara County Purchasing Department issued Sealed Bid #2026-28 Security Cameras and Equipment for the new Niagara County Department of Public Works Facility on March 3, 2026, and

WHEREAS, there was additional security cameras and equipment needed which was not included on the New York State OGS pricing and was required to go out to bid, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the account number H523.15.1620.000 72200.00, Public Works Facility – Capital, and

WHEREAS, the bids were publicly opened and read by our Purchasing Department on March 19, 2026, and the results are tabulated below:

1.	Usherwood Business Equipment, Inc. 1005 W Fayette St. Syracuse, NY 13204	\$17,373.00
2.	ESO Consultants LLC 77 Sands St 6 th floor suite 7042 New York, NY 11201	\$51,033.71
3.	Everon LLC 3332 Walden Avenue #108 Depew, NY 14043	\$26,605.05
4.	FiberLink Pro LLC 6355 Dye Rd Akron, NY 14001	\$19,936.04
5.	Flower City Communications, Inc. 1848 Lyell Avenue Rochester, NY 14606	\$24,081.00
6.	Focus Camera LLC 905 McDonald Ave Brooklyn, NY 11218IF-064-26	\$24,638.78
7.	Hypertec USA, Inc. 8655 E. Via de Ventura Suite G161 Scottsdale, AZ 85258IF-XXX-26	\$19,173.56
8.	IK Systems, Inc. 7625 County Rt 42 Victor, NY 14564	\$20,172.27
9.	Kijero LLC 16890 Church Street Building 16 Morgan Hill, CA 95037	\$26,149.04
10.	LINSTAR, Inc. 430 Lawrence Bell Dr., Ste 16 Buffalo, NY 14221	\$21,123.97

11.	LYN Systems Inc. 75 S. Broadway, Suite 400 White Plains, NY 10601	\$26,765.00
12.	Manchester CS Inc 347 Wheeler St Tonawanda, NY 14150	\$25,310.37
13.	Morgan Inland LLC 380 Tennant Ave. Unit #3 Morgan Hill, CA 95037	\$21,033.63
14.	Nest Wireless Global 13515 40 th Rd, Ste 602 Flushing, NY 11354	\$19,710.00
15.	SecureWatch24, LLC 109 South William Street Newburgh, NY 12550	\$24,001.12
16.	Tech Advanced Computers, Inc. 1508 Creighton Road Pensacola, FL 32504	\$20,671.00
17.	CivicBridges 2195 Village Park Ave., Suite 100 Twin Falls, ID 83301	\$26,693.73
18.	vPrime Tech Incp 1400 Broadfield Boulevard Suite 200 Houston, TX 77084-5162	\$22,466.95

WHEREAS, Purchasing and Information Technology has examined the bid proposals, 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 Security Cameras and Equipment be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Usherwood Business Equipment, Inc., and not to exceed \$17,373.00, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-065-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION ADD FUNDS TO 2026 IT BUDGET FOR
SECOND INSTANCE OF RETAIN**

WHEREAS, Niagara County is required to retain all emails for a minimum of six years, and

WHEREAS, the Microsoft Exchange email service storage is limited in size, requiring the use of the Micro Focus product, Retain, for long-term email retention, and

WHEREAS, the legal holds placed on the County requires retaining all emails for an unlimited time causing Retain to become too large to manage properly and apply security patches, and

WHEREAS, the only solution to meet retention and information security requirements is to invest in a second instance of Retain, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2026 Information Technology budget be increased by \$40,793.96 to fund the second instance of Retain, and be it further

RESOLVED, that that the Niagara County Treasurer and Budget Office are authorized to take necessary steps to implement this action, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A 40599.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$40,793.96
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.16.1680.000 74750.12	Supplies, General Computer Supplies	\$40,793.96
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-066-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

AWARD OF BID – USED TORO EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Purchasing Department issued Sealed Bid 2026-33 Used Toro Equipment for the Niagara County Department of Public Works – Golf Course on March 19, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Golf Course was in need of additional equipment to maintain the Niagara County Golf Course grounds, and

WHEREAS, only one response was received for the bid opening on April 9, 2026 which was from Value Turf, LLC., 50 Brompton Road, Williamsville, NY 14221 as tabulated below:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price Per Unit</u>
Value Turf, LLC 50 Brompton Road Williamsville, NY 14221	2018 Toro Pro Care 648 with 864 hours	\$24,800
	2015 Toro 3150 With 2,347 hours	\$18,700
	2017 Refurbished	

Toro GTX Workman

\$ 4,400

WHEREAS, the proposal from Value Turf, LLC has been evaluated for compliance with the Sealed Bid parameters and appropriateness of cost and is being funded through Fund Balance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the bid for used Toro Equipment be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Value Turf, LLC, 50 Brompton Road, Williamsville, NY 14221., and not to exceed a total cost of \$47,900 to maintain the Niagara County Golf Course, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A 40599.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$47,900
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.15.7110.000 72100.25	Golf Course Equipment	\$47,900
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-067-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND NIAGARA COUNTY SOIL & WATER

WHEREAS, Niagara County Soil & Water has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to use Roylton Ravine Park for the purpose of holding an Environmental Field Day and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of Niagara County Soil & Water to hold the Environmental Field Day on June 3, 2026 and June 4, 2026 as a rain date, 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 Niagara County Soil & Water, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney’s review, Niagara County Soil & Water agreement may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-068-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND THE ROYHART CLASS OF 1976

WHEREAS, the Royhart Class of 1976 has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to use the Royalton Ravine Park and the Memorial Music Pavilion for the purpose of holding a 50th class reunion, and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of Royhart Class of 1976 to hold the event on July 11, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the event coordinator will provide all insurances required by the Risk Management Office, and agree to cover all extraordinary expenses associated with event, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the License Agreement between the County of Niagara and the Royhart Class of 1976, the County Attorney will review said Agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with the Royhart Class of 1976, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and the Royhart Class of 1976, as appears on the proposed agreement, is hereby approved in all respects, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the Chairman of the County Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the License Agreement between the County of Niagara and the Royhart Class of 1976.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-069-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

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

WHEREAS, the Western New York Disc Golf Club has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to hold the PDGA Amateur World Championship Disc Golf Tournament in an area situated on the County owned property at Clyde L. Burmaster Bond Lake Park, and in an area situated on the County owned property at Royalton Ravine Park, and

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

WHEREAS, the event coordinator will provide all insurances required by the Risk Management Office, and agree to cover all extraordinary expenses associated with the events, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Disc Golf Club to hold the tournament on August 11-15, 2026, with set up beginning on August 5, 2026 and clean up not to exceed August 16, 2026 at both Royalton Ravine & Burmaster Park, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with the Western New York Disc Golf Club for this tournament, and

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

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement between the County of Niagara and the Western New

York Disc Golf Club, as appears on the proposed agreement, is hereby approved in all respects, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, following the County Attorney’s review, the agreement with the Western New York Disc Golf Club may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-070-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
LOCKPORT COURTHOUSE FLOOR REPLACEMENT BUDGET MODIFICATION**

WHEREAS, Niagara County Courthouse Building located at 175 Hawley Street, Lockport, New York, has identified a need for floor replacement on the 1st and 3rd hallway floors, and

WHEREAS, the condition of the flooring requires timely replacement to maintain a safe and function structure for employees and the public, and

WHEREAS, these necessary replacements were unforeseen and therefore were not included in the adopted 2026 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Buildings and Grounds Division, has a quote from Heritage Contract Flooring for the necessary floor replacement on New York State OGS Contract #PC78023 in the amount of \$36,632.98, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Buildings and Grounds Division is requesting a budget modification using Contingency Funds, for the needed floor replacement to the 1st and 3rd hallway floor, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.08.1990.000 74500.01	Contingency Funds	\$36,633.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.15.1620.000 72200.00	Building Expense	\$36,633.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-071-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUDGET MODIFICATION – BALMER ROAD CULVERT 109-14 AND
RANSOMVILLE ROAD CULVERT 17-1**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution IF-033-26 on 02/17/206 to award the bid for the Balmer Road Culvert 109-14 and Ransomville Road Culvert 17-1 Bridge NY Projects to the lowest bidder, and

WHEREAS, the lowest bidder, Concrete Applied Technologies Corp. DBA CATCO, presented a bid with higher costs than were anticipated, and

WHEREAS, additional funds are required to proceed with this project, and

WHEREAS, funds are available through the New York State Department of Transportation Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) to support this project, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

H794.15.5197.000 43501.00	Consolidated Highway Aid Revenue	\$ 90,357.63
H773.15.5197.000 43501.00	Consolidated Highway Aid Revenue	\$221,246.94

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

H794.15.5197.000 72600.02	Infrastructure Bridges	\$ 90,357.63
H773.15.5197.000 72600.02	Infrastructure Bridges	\$221,246.94

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-072-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUDGET MODIFICATION - EWINGS ROAD/18 MILE CREEK AND QUAKER ROAD OVER
GOLDEN HILL CREEK**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution IF-005-26 on 01/20/2026 to award the bid for the Ewings Road/18 Mile Creek and Quaker Road over Golden Hill Creek Bridge NY Project to the lowest bidder, and

WHEREAS, the lowest bidder, McLaughlin Construction Corp. DBA Edbauer Construction presented a bid with higher costs than were anticipated, and

WHEREAS, additional funds are required to proceed with this project, and

WHEREAS, funds are available through the New York State Department of Transportation Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) to support this project, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

H765.15.5197.000 43501.00	Consolidated Highway Aid Revenue	\$231,324.60
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

H765.15.5197.000 72600.02	Infrastructure Bridges	\$231,324.60
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-073-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**COURTHOUSE MAGISTRATE COURT ROOM RENOVATIONS
ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT- CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-140-25, dated September 16, 2025, awarded the contract for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Electrical Construction Project, CIR Electric, 2517 Long Road, Grand Island, NY 14072, for a contract amount not to exceed \$170,000, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract completion date to December 31, 2026, at no additional cost to the County, and

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

RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 1 to extend the contract to December 31, 2026 for CIR Electric, 2517 Long Road, Grand Island, NY 14072, 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 Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-074-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**COURTHOUSE MAGISTRATE COURT ROOM RENOVATIONS
PLUMBING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT- CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

WHEREAS, Resolution No IF-142-25, dated September 16, 2025, awarded the contract for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Plumbing Construction Project, to JW Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Pkwy., Tonawanda, NY 14150, for a contract amount not to exceed \$46,500, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract completion date to December 31, 2026, at no additional cost to the County, and

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

RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 1 to extend the contract to December 31, 2026 for JW Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Pkwy., Tonawanda, NY 14150, 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 Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-075-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**COURTHOUSE MAGISTRATE COURT ROOM RENOVATIONS
MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT- CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-141-25, dated September 16, 2025, awarded the contract for the Courthouse Magistrate Court Room Renovations - Mechanical Construction Project, to JW Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Pkwy., Tonawanda, NY 14150, for a contract amount not to exceed \$112,500, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the contract completion date to December 31, 2026, at no additional cost to the County, and

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

RESOLVED, that Change Order No. 1 to extend the contract to December 31, 2026 for JW Danforth Company, 300 Colvin Woods Pkwy., Tonawanda, NY 14150, 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 Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-076-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**GASPORT ROAD BRIDGE OVER EIGHTEEN MILE CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 4**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-126-23, dated August 1, 2023, awarded the contract for consultant services for the Gasport Road Bridge over Eighteen Mile Creek Bridge Replacement Project to Mott MacDonald New York Inc., 438 Main Street, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14202, for a contract amount not to exceed \$202,520.00 and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-095-24, dated May 14, 2024 extended the contract completion date to December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-210-24 dated December 03, 2024 extended the contract to December 31, 2027 and increased the contract to \$303,007.39 for final design and bid support, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-040-26, increased the contract by \$4,500.00 for the design of emergency repairs to the bridge deck, and extended the contract to December 31, 2027, but used the incorrect total dollar amount of \$207,020.00, and

WHEREAS, the revised dollar amount should be \$307,507.39 for final design and bid support, and

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

RESOLVED, that the contract to Mott MacDonald New York Inc., 438 Main Street, Suite 300, Buffalo, NY 14202, be for a corrected contract amount of \$307,507.39, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-077-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**AWARD OF CONTRACT
COUNTY ROAD PAINTING AND STRIPING**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, Bridges & Structures has prepared specifications and the Purchasing Department advertised for bids for painting traffic lines on County roads, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2026 budget of the Highways, Bridges & Structures Division of the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were publicly opened and read by our Purchasing Department on March 12, 2026, and tabulated below:

<u>Waterborne Paint Application</u>	<u>Price Per Mile Of Centerline</u>	<u>Price Per Mile Of Edge Line</u>
SPM Inc. 3526 Watkins Road Horseheads, NY 14854	\$463.00	\$332.00
Accent Stripe, Inc. 3275 N. Benzing Road Orchard Park, NY 14127	\$510.00	\$340.00

and

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

RESOLVED, that the low bid of SPM Inc., 3526 Watkins Road, Horseheads, NY, 14854, for painting traffic lines on County roads, be accepted as the lowest responsible bid meeting specifications, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-078-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONTROL OF ROADSIDE VEGETATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works prepared specifications and the Niagara County Purchasing Department advertised for bids for the chemical weed control of roadside vegetation on County roadways, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2026 budget of the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department advertised for bids and publicly opened and read bids on March 12, 2026, and

	Guide Railing Per Side Mile	Vegetation Control Per Gal. Mat. Applied
1. DeAngelo Contracting Services, LLC 100 North Conahan Hazelton, PA. 18201	\$28.49	\$0.62
2. Allen Chase Enterprises, Inc 24 County Route, Inc. Oswego, NY 13126	\$36.00	\$0.80

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 roadside vegetation control be awarded to DeAngelo Contracting Services, LLC, 100 North Conahan, Hazelton, PA. 18201, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-079-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

BID AWARD FOR HIGHWAY MATERIALS

WHEREAS, specifications for the 2026 Highway Maintenance Program have been prepared by the Highways, Bridges & Structures Division of the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Department advertised for bids and publicly opened and read bids on February 27, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Audit and Control, has, in the past, requested the Purchasing Agent to refer the results of the bid to the Niagara County Legislature for its approval, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has examined and found the bids acceptable, and

WHEREAS, the bids have traditionally been used or made available to all the Niagara County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2026 budget of the Department of Public Works, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the below bids, as outlined on the result sheets, be awarded to the respective lowest responsible bidder, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Works is authorized to purchase the required materials from the bid awards, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of the bid results be distributed to the Niagara County municipalities for their use.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-080-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF SPECIALIZED PARTS AND
SERVICE OF CATERPILLAR EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Public Works - Highway Department owns and operates various models of Caterpillar equipment that require repairs throughout the year, and

WHEREAS, repair of this equipment requires specialized parts, service and technical expertise specific to Caterpillar equipment, and

WHEREAS, Southworth-Milton, Inc., is the only sole factory authorized dealer to provide these machines, parts, sales and service in the Northeast United States, which includes the State of Maine, State of Massachusetts, State of New Hampshire, State of New York, State of Rhode Island and the State of Vermont, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Public Works – Highway Department will need to utilize Southworth-Milton, Inc. as the authorized dealer to maintain the Caterpillar equipment essential to maintaining Niagara County roads and infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of repairs from Southworth-Milton, Inc., are expected to be over \$20,000 for the 2026 calendar year, and

WHEREAS, Southworth-Milton, Inc. is the only sole factory authorized dealer to provide these machines, parts, sales and service in the Northeast United States as documented by Caterpillar, Inc., and additional research, and

WHEREAS, under New York State common law, an exception to competitive bidding arises when the goods or services required in a contract may be obtained only through a single source so that there is no possibility of competition (*Harlem Gas Co. v. Mayor of New York*, 33 NY 309; 11 Opns St Comp, 1955, p 502), now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature deems that under New York State Common Law, Southworth-Milton, Inc. is the sole factory authorized dealer to provide machines, parts, sales and service in the Northeast United States, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Public Works Highway Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the necessary repairs of the Caterpillar equipment from Southworth-Milton, Inc. for the 2026 calendar year.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-081-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF SPECIALIZED PARTS AND
SERVICE OF GRADALL HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Public Works - Highway Department owns and operates a Gradall Hydraulic Excavator which requires repairs throughout the year, and

WHEREAS, repair of this equipment requires specialized parts, service and technical expertise specific to Caterpillar equipment, and

WHEREAS, Alta Equipment of NY is the only sole factory authorized dealer to provide these machines, parts, sales and service in the counties of Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Alleghany, Wyoming, Monroe, Livingston, Wayne, Ontario, Yates, Genesee, and Steuben in the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Public Works – Highway Department has received an estimate from Alta Equipment for the necessary repairs to the Gradall equipment which is located at 225 South Niagara Street, Lockport, in an amount less than \$8,600, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the repairs to the Gradall Hydraulic Excavator may be over \$20,000 for the 2026 calendar year, and

WHEREAS, that for the reasons and efficiency and economy, there is a need for a sole source purchase for the Niagara County Public Works Highway Department for the repair service of the Gradall equipment from Alta Equipment NY and any future repairs and parts for the service of the Gradall equipment owned by the Niagara County Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, Alta Equipment NY is the only sole factory authorized dealer to provide these machines, parts, sales and service in Western New York as documented by Gradall Industries, Inc., and additional research, and

WHEREAS, under New York State common law, an exception to competitive bidding arises when the goods or services required in a contract may be obtained only through a single source so that there is no possibility of competition (*Harlem Gas Co. v. Mayor of New York*, 33 NY 309; 11 Opns St Comp, 1955, p 502), now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature deems that under New York State Common Law, Alta Equipment NY is the sole factory authorized dealer to provide machines, parts, sales and service in the Western New York region, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Public Works Highway Department is hereby authorized to proceed with the necessary repairs of the Gradall Hydraulic Excavator equipment from Alta Equipment NY.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-082-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**EMERGENCY PURCHASE–FUEL PUMP EQUIPMENT REPAIR AT
THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA HIGHWAY FUEL ISLAND PUMPS**

WHEREAS, various GasBoy fuel pumps at the Niagara County Fuel Island located at 225 South Niagara Street, Lockport, NY, were determined to be inoperable, throughout 2026 which required emergency repairs, and

WHEREAS, these fuel pumps are essential to County services, including the fueling of emergency response and departmental vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the emergency repairs to the Niagara County fuel pumps were necessary to avoid service disruptions for emergency services, and

WHEREAS, the inoperability of the fuel pump equipment constituted an immediate repair to ensure the continuity of the County's operations, and

WHEREAS, The Pump Doctor Inc., is our emergency provider of repair services for the GasBoy Fuel Management Equipment repairs of the fuel island pump equipment, and

WHEREAS, funds are available in account number DM.15.5130.000 74800.03, Building Maintenance/Repairs/Supplies, and

WHEREAS, The Pump Doctor, Inc., completed the emergency repairs for the amount totaling of \$15,446.30, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the emergency repairs required be declared an emergency, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the work associated with the emergency repair of the fuel pumps at County of Niagara Highway, fuel island by, The Pump Doctor, Inc., 2706 Hamlock Road, Eden, NY 14057, for the amount of \$15,446.30, be authorized for payment.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-083-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
SECTION 5311 CAPITAL AWARD BUS REIMBURSEMENT – CONNECT NIAGARA**

WHEREAS, Niagara County has been awarded a Mass Transportation Capital Project Agreement, Comptroller's Contract No. C006026, in the original amount of \$524,944 for the purchase and reimbursement of a new Lot K bus, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County has purchased a new Lot K bus at a cost of \$229,030.55, and has received same, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County is seeking reimbursement for the cost of said Lot K bus from the Federal Government in the amount of 80% of said cost and New York State Department of Transportation in the amount of 10% of said cost, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the award of Comptroller's Contract No. C006026, Niagara County may receive the sum of \$206,128.80 as reimbursement for the cost of said Lot K bus, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County accept the 5311 Mass Transportation Capital Project Agreement, Comptroller's Contract NO. C006026, in the original amount of \$524,944, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Niagara County accept the sum of \$206,128.80 as reimbursement for the cost of said Lot K bus, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Niagara County Legislature is authorized to act on behalf of the County of Niagara to sign the contract to complete the reimbursement process for the cost of said Lot K bus, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IL-055-26

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

Dated: April 21, 2026

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Niagara would like to paint and wrap several of their garage doors, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Niagara, has continually been striving to make the community more attractive, 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 Beautification Committee by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Town of Niagara Beautification Committee

\$5,000.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IL-056-26

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

Dated: April 21, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA RIVER ANGLERS ASSOCIATION NIAGARA FALLS YOUTH FISHING DAY THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

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

WHEREAS, the Niagara River Anglers Association is constantly promoting fishing in our communities, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara River Anglers Association plans on supplying underprivileged children the means to fish, 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 River Anglers Association by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara River Anglers Association	\$1,750.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

Resolution No. IL-057-26

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

Dated: April 21, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF JOHN FIORE FOUNDATION
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the John Fiore Foundation will be partnering with City of Niagara Falls Director of Public Works Ken Thompkins, to create the Field of Flags in the City of Niagara Falls, between Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, and

WHEREAS, the Field of Flags will be created at the City's Veteran's Monument at Hyde Park, and is a benefit to the City of Niagara Falls community and tourism, especially during this year's America 250 celebration, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support the John Fiore Foundation and the Field

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 John Fiore Foundation and it's Field of Flags, by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

John Fiore Foundation	\$2,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

Resolution No. IL-058-26

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

Dated: April 21, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CAYUGA YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INC.
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Cayuga Youth Athletic Association has grown into one of the largest all-volunteer youth sports organizations in Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga Youth Athletic Association has served hundreds of boys and girls ages 4 to 19, from the City of Niagara Falls, and the Towns of Niagara and Lewiston, and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga Youth Athletic Association provides children top notch playing fields with safety being a priority in their player development, and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga Youth Athletic Association intends to continue making capital improvements to their athletic facilities in the City of Niagara Falls, 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 Cayuga Youth Athletic Association Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Cayuga Youth Athletic Association Inc.	\$2,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.	

Resolution No. IL-059-26

From: Legislators Jeffrey Elder, Christopher A. Robins, Sam R. Farruggia and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: April 21, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WESTERN NEW YORK AGENCY FOR CULTURAL INNOVATION THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Western New York Agency for Cultural Innovation (WNY-ACI) 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that has proposed the acquisition and adaptive reuse of the Niagara Falls Armory as a transformative cultural, workforce, and economic development asset in the City of Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Armory represents a unique and underutilized historic structure with the size, location, and architectural capacity to support large-scale film and media production, workforce training, and community-centered programming, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project aligns with key priorities of New York State, including downtown revitalization, creative economy expansion, tourism development, historic preservation, and equitable workforce pipelines, and

WHEREAS, the adaptive reuse of the Armory will provide substantial public benefit through the integration of independent film and media production, youth workforce development programs, and cultural programming that will drive year-round economic activity and community engagement, 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 Western New York Agency for Cultural Innovation by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Western New York Agency for Cultural Innovation
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

\$3,000.00

Resolution No. IL-060-26

From: Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: April 21, 2026

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

WHEREAS, the Niagara Community Information Group is a 501 (c) (3), non-profit organization dedicated to delivering information to the community in the areas of civic engagement, educational excellence, health and wellness and financial literacy, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Community Information Group's mission is to engage and equip the voiceless in the empowerment of their own advocacy, creating a community that won't just TALK about it but will BE about it, 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 the Niagara Community Information Group by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

The Niagara Community Information Group
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

\$1,000.00

Resolution No. IL-061-26

From: Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: April 21, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NIAGARA FALLS JUNIOR YOUTH ORGANIZATION
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Junior Youth Organization (NFJYO) is dedicated to making a safe place where our youth can learn discipline, sportsmanship, dance, gymnastics, hard-work, dedication and loyalty, and

WHEREAS, the NFJYO'S goal is to offer guidance and opportunity for Niagara Falls youth to become amazing athletes and dancers, but more than that, they become amazing young adults, and

WHEREAS, funding is needed to help cover the hard cost of uniforms, safety equipment, music rights, and youth competition entrance fees, and

WHEREAS, supporting events of this magnitude can only be successful through full community participation and sponsorships, 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 celebratory efforts of the Niagara Falls Junior Youth Organization by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara Falls Junior Youth Organization \$1,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

Resolution No. IL-062-26

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

Dated: April 21, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DOWNTOWN NIAGARA FALLS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Downtown Niagara Falls Business Association works to promote economic development, beautification, and revitalization efforts within the downtown Niagara Falls business district, and

WHEREAS, the downtown business district plays a vital role in the economic vitality of the City of Niagara Falls by supporting small businesses, attracting visitors, and fostering community engagement, and

WHEREAS, continued investment in beautification initiatives and community enrichment efforts helps strengthen the downtown corridor, enhance the experience for residents and visitors, and encourage additional business activity within the district, and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Niagara Falls Business Association has requested assistance to support beautification efforts and community enrichment initiatives intended to improve the appearance, vibrancy of the downtown business district, and boost exposure of local businesses to local residents and visiting tourists, 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 Downtown Niagara Falls Business Association by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Downtown Niagara Falls Business Association \$4,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

Resolution No. IL-063-26

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

Dated: April 21, 2026

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

WHEREAS, the Niagara Street Neighborhood Revitalization Organization works to enhance and revitalize the Niagara Street corridor and surrounding neighborhoods in the City of Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, the organization is dedicated to improving community spaces and promoting neighborhood engagement and revitalization, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Street Neighborhood Revitalization Organization has requested assistance to support improvements and programming associated with Gill Creek Park and the surrounding neighborhood, 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	\$5,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

Resolution No. IL-064-26

From: Legislator Jeffrey Elder and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: April 21, 2026

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

WHEREAS, the Pine Avenue Redevelopment Project works to enhance and revitalize the Pine Avenue business corridor in the City of Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, Pine Avenue serves as an important commercial district and community gathering area for residents and visitors alike, and

WHEREAS, continued investment in the beautification of the Pine Avenue business district and surrounding neighborhood contributes to community pride, economic vitality, and neighborhood enrichment, and

WHEREAS, the Pine Avenue Redevelopment Project seeks assistance to support beautification efforts and community enrichment initiatives intended to improve the appearance, accessibility, and attractiveness of the Pine Avenue corridor, 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 Pine Avenue Redevelopment Project by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Pine Avenue Redevelopment Project	\$4,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

Resolution No. IL-065-26

From: Legislator Anthony J, Nemi and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE TOWN OF PENDLETON
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 Pendleton Business & Community Association helps promote local businesses and community pride, and

WHEREAS, the Pendleton Veterans Association exists to recognize the veterans of our community with gratitude for their distinguished service, and are working on a Home Town Heroes project, and

WHEREAS, the Pendleton Lions Club serves the community by helping the blind, deaf, physically handicapped and anyone in our community that needs assistance, and

WHEREAS, the Pendleton Seniors offers important services to our local senior citizen community, and

WHEREAS, the Pendleton Historical Society plays an important part in preserving and promoting the town's tremendous history for both local residents and visitors, and

WHEREAS, the Wendelville Volunteer Fire Company is an all-volunteer emergency services provider that protects the Town of Pendleton, and

WHEREAS, the Pendleton Food Pantry provides food to persons in need residing in the Starpoint School District area, and

WHEREAS, Scouting America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, serving 2.2 million youth members between the ages of 5 and 21, including Boy Scout Troop 447 out of Wendelville Fire Company, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature authorized the allocation of funding for the Community Partnership

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the above mentioned organizations as follows:

Pendleton Community & Business Association	\$4,000.00
Pendleton Veterans Association	\$1,000.00
Pendleton Lions Club	\$1,000.00
Pendleton Seniors	\$1,000.00
Pendleton Historical Society	\$1,000.00
Wendelville Volunteer Fire Company	\$1,000.00
Pendleton Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Boy Scout Troop 447	\$250.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IL-066-26

From: Legislators Irene M. Myers, Michael A. Casale and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: April 21, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY FISHING DAY YOUTH CONTEST
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara River Anglers Association is conducting The Community Fishing Day Youth Contest on June 13, 2026, along the Niagara River at the Village of Youngstown public waterfront, and

WHEREAS, the event is free and open to youth ages 15 and under, who may fish without a license but must be accompanied by an adult, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this event is to introduce youth to fishing while fostering a lifelong connection to the outdoors, by providing hands-on instruction, mentorship, and access to equipment which will be distributed as participation prizes through the generosity of sponsors, ensuring that each child has the opportunity to continue fishing throughout the summer, and

WHEREAS, past experiences show that events like this foster confidence, strengthen family bonds, introduce new participants to the sport, and highlight the Niagara River waterfront as a valuable community asset, promoting its use in a safe, positive, and environmentally responsible way, 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 Niagara River Anglers Association and their Community Fishing Day Youth Contest, by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara River Anglers Association	\$1,250.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

Resolution No. IL-067-26

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

Dated: April 21, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTH TONAWANDA DEPARTMENT
OF YOUTH, RECREATION, PARKS & SENIORS
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the North Tonawanda Department of Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors mission is to create environments that provide residents of our community with friendly, enjoyable and satisfying recreational experiences, and

WHEREAS, the North Tonawanda Department of youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors will be holding their Thursdays Easy Listening Concert Series at the Raymond Klimek Veteran's Park Bandshell this summer, and

WHEREAS, starting June 18, 2026 and going through August 20, 2026, there will be none free community concerts, drawing hundreds of people from North Tonawanda and the surrounding communities, 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 North Tonawanda Department of Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors Easy Listening Concert Series by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

The North Tonawanda Department of Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors	\$1,000.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

Resolution No. IL-068-26

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

Dated: April 21, 2026

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

WHEREAS, the Exley Community Church is requesting funds to purchase an AED for the congregation, 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 Exley Community Church by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Exley Community Church \$2,000.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IL-069-26

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

Dated: April 21, 2026

**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 \$8,500.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IL-070-26

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

Dated: April 21, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEWISTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, Lewiston’s Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony and Luncheon will be celebrated this year on Monday, May 25th, 2026, starting at 11:00 a.m., and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Memorial Day Parade is to lead the community to Academy Park to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony at the VFW Monument where we will honor those who have given their lives in defense of our Country and to impress upon everyone that “Freedom is Not Free.”, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the efforts of Lewiston’s Memorial Day Remembrance Committee by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Lewiston’s Memorial Day Remembrance Committee	\$1,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.	

Resolution No. IL-071-26

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

Dated: April 21, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ASSOCIATION OF NORTH TONAWANDA N.Y. INC. THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, for over a century, the dedicated men and woman of the North Tonawanda and Tonawanda volunteer fire companies have courageously served our communities, providing vital fire protection and emergency response services, and

WHEREAS, recognizing the close-knit nature of our twin cities, these departments frequently collaborate to ensure the safety of all residents, and

WHEREAS, the Tonawanda/North Tonawanda 1st Responder Appreciation Day, formerly known as the Firefighters Inspection Day Parade, boasts a rich history as one of the oldest parades in New York State, spanning over 140 years, and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Fire Company Association, of North Tonawanda N.Y. Inc. is seeking support to help offset the costs of a family picnic for the entire 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 efforts of the Volunteer Fire Company Association, of North Tonawanda N.Y. Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Volunteer Fire Company Association, of North Tonawanda NY Inc.	\$1,500.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Gooch, McKimmie.

Resolution No. IL-072-26

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

Dated: April 21, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALLEGANY’S COUNTY EFFORT TO PROTECT NEW YORK STATE FORESTS AND WILDLIFE, AND IN OPPOSITION TO NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S.4408 (MAY) AND NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.10483 (LUNSFORD)

WHEREAS, the Allegany County Legislature passed a resolution opposed to New York State Senate Bill S.4408 and Assembly Bill A.10483 which would allow the State to provide leases or easements for siting or connecting renewable energy installations on reforestation areas, and

WHEREAS, Allegany County, New York is home to over 46,000 acres of New York State Forest lands, also defined as reforestation lands; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Conservation Law Section 9-0501 (1) defines the purpose of those lands as “...for watershed protection, the production of timber and other forest products, and for recreation and kindred purposes”, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is appropriately charged with the stewardship, sustainable forestry certification, and maintenance of these areas, and

WHEREAS, the over 800,000 acres of New York State controlled forests act as natural air filters, carbon sinks, and climate regulators, absorb carbon dioxide, produce oxygen, mitigate stormwater runoff, and prevent soil erosion, and provide habitats for over 10,000 species of wildlife, and

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Plateau Chapter of Ruffed Grouse and American Woodcock Society is also opposed to this legislation as Reforestation Areas are the very places that are actively managed for at risk species such as the Ruffed Grouse, and

WHEREAS, in some areas allowing this legislation could actually lead to the complete wipeout of these species entirely as they require specialized habitat and landscape connectivity, and

WHEREAS, there is concern that if New York State is willing to sacrifice Reforestation Areas now, this may open the door for them to do the same with other state land designations such as Tonawanda WMA, Heartland Swamp WMA, Golden Hill State Park, and other public accessible state and county owned properties, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of New York State Senate Bill S.4408 and Assembly Bill A.10483 once again circumvent community input regarding development siting and bypass local government zoning, approvals, and oversight, completely ignoring the Home Rule provisions of the State Constitution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Niagara County supports the Allegany County Legislature’s position New York State Senate Bill S.4408 and New York State Assembly Bill A. 10483, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature shares the position of the Appalachian Plateau Chapter of Ruffed Grouse and American Woodcock that allowing such activity in reforestation areas is a threat to certain species and is bad land use policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Kathy C. Hochul and appropriate legislators in the New York State Senate and Assembly.

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

Carried.

Moved by Abbott, seconded by Godfrey.

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

Moved by Godfrey, second by Bradt to amend the amount given on IL-026-26 from \$3,300.00 to \$1,000.00

Approved.

Moved by Robins, second by Elder to amend the organization on IL-014-26 from Niagara Falls Jr. Cataracts to the Police Athletic League of Niagara Falls NY Inc.


Approved.

Legislator Elder read a statement on the findings from the New York State Comptroller's Office Audit on Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation.

Moved by Andres, seconded by Godfrey that the Board adjourn.

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned 6:50 p.m., subject to the call of the Clerk.

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


Alysia T. Tomasino, Clerk