

A public hearing was held pursuant to CS-025-26, adopted by the Legislature on June 16, 2026, for the purpose of hearing public comments on SUNY Niagara (formerly known as Niagara County Community College) FY 2026-2027 Budget. Legislator Godfrey opened the hearing 5:45 p.m. and closed it at approximately 5:46 p.m.

OFFICIAL RECORD

Lockport, New York
August 4, 2026

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Hill called Legislator Abbott was called to the lectern to present a proclamation to the Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival Organization. President of the board Rebecca Schweigert Presented the legislature with a certificate of appreciation.

Chairman Hill called County Clerk Joe Jastrzemski and Dave Wohleben of Veterans Services to explain the Veterans Property Tax Exemptions Law, that the governor passed. County Clerk invited all the legislators to flag raising ceremony on Friday August 7th Purple Heart day.

Chairman Hill called Amy Schifferli to the lectern to give an update on the newest Wetlands Regulations.

Chairman Hill called Legislator Farruggia and Dr. Kahn to the lectern to speak on the Sounds the Alarm, which bring organizations together to deliver smoke detectors to residents.

Chairman Hill called Director of Emergency Management Jonathan Shultz and Deputy Commissioner of Public Works Jeff Gaston to the lectern to give an update on the flooding across Niagara County.

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

Resolution No. IL-131-26 was read at this time. (Appears in numerical order)

Resolution No. CSS-107-26 was read at this time. (Appears in numerical order)

Resolution No. AD-019-26

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: August 4, 2026

APPOINTMENT ASSIGNED COUNSEL & CONFLICT ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, due to prior representations of witnesses, defendants, and other parties by the Public Defender's Office, a "conflict of interest" is created for the Public Defender's Office to represent certain indigent defendants in criminal proceedings in certain village, town, city, and county courts within the County of Niagara, appeals to the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, and to the New York State Court of Appeals, and

WHEREAS, the Assigned Counsel and Conflict Administrator position was vacated on June 29, 2026 as a result of a resignation and it is imperative that this Department Head be appointed based upon proven leadership experience and a thorough knowledge of the criminal justice system as it relates to the representation of indigent defendants in criminal proceedings, and

WHEREAS, Mary-Jean Bowman has decades of professional attorney experience with criminal cases and has demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities and has been serving as Interim Assigned Counsel and Conflict Administrator since June 29, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the County Manager has determined that Mary-Jean Bowman best meets the qualifications and possesses the qualities required to serve as Assigned Counsel and Conflict Administrator, and therefore, should be appointed to the position subject to the appointment being confirmed by the County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the position is fully funded for 2026 in the Assigned Counsel & Conflict Administrator's Office budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Mary-Jean Bowman be appointed Assigned Counsel and Conflict Administrator effective August 4, 2026 at an FLSA exempt annual salary of \$147,000 (pro-rated for the remainder of 2026) with subsequent increases subject to approval in the annual budget and is entitled to all the benefits normally granted to Department Heads for the duration of the appointment.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. AD-020-26

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: August 4, 2026

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

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

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

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. AD-021-26

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**EXTENSION OF MEDICAL CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT BETWEEN
AND AMONG NIAGARA COUNTY, THE NIAGARA COUNTY HEALTH PLAN
AND NOVA HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATORS, INC.**

WHEREAS, Niagara County, the Niagara County Health Plan ("NCHP") and the Niagara County Legislature previously authorized the signing and delivery of a current contract between NCHP and Nova Healthcare Administrators, Inc. ("NOVA") for the provision of medical claims administration services through December 31, 2026 for the NCHP, and

WHEREAS, NOVA has rendered professional and competent services to the County and to NCHP pursuant to said contract, and

WHEREAS, NCHP requires, and Nova has offered, to render the same professional services set forth in said agreement for an additional three (3) year contract extension period at the same per employee per month fee and menu of services pricing as 2026 for 2027 with a below market 1.5% increase in years 2028 and 2029, and

WHEREAS, such measures serve to preserve advance rebates and strategically align the TPA medical claims services contract with the current Pharmacy Benefit Administration Services contract term; provides continuity of service and avoids disruption to Members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby waives a request for proposal for this professional service and approves the extension to the agreement between NCHP and Nova extending such engagement to an additional one year period beginning January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027 at the current 2026 pricing schedule for services and an additional 2 years 2028 and 2029 at a below market 1.5% increase, on the same terms and conditions as set forth in the previous agreement referenced above, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature or County Manager is hereby, authorized and directed to execute said contract in form and content as reviewed and approved as to legal form by the Niagara County Attorney.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. AD-022-26

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: August 4, 2026

NIAGARA COUNTY GRANT IDENTIFICATION AND WRITING ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, RFP #2023-77 was issued by Niagara County for Grant Identification and Writing Assistance, and

WHEREAS, in 2023 Upper Edge Consulting was awarded a contract to perform grant identification and writing assistance based on experience, staffing, capability, and cost appropriate to the job, and

WHEREAS, the Grants Committee was designated to evaluate proposals and select the firm or person best qualified to effectively and efficiently accomplish the work outlined in the Request for Proposal, and

WHEREAS, the RFP allowed for two one-year extensions and the County desires to enter into the first of the one-year extension per the RFP and contract for the work that Upper Edge Consulting has performed, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County enter into an agreement with Upper Edge Consulting in an amount of \$6,000 per month effective April 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027, and that following the County Attorney's review, the agreement may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

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

Carried.

Moved by Nemi, seconded by Andres.

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

Resolution No. CS-032-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**SUNY NIAGARA (NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE) FY 2026-2027
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Administration Committee and the Community Services Committee, which are also the Budget Review Committees, have had under consideration the SUNY Niagara (Niagara County Community College) Board of Trustees recommended budget for the conduct of the SUNY Niagara fiscal year commencing September 1, 2026 and ending August 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS, the said budget has had careful consideration by the Administration Committee, the Community Services Committee, the Budget Office, and the County Manager, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the 4th day of August, 2026 with regard to the tentative budget for the College, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the foregoing tentative SUNY Niagara budget for the fiscal year 2026-27, beginning September 1, 2026 and ending August 31, 2027, is hereby approved and adopted with any amendments as heretofore approved this date by this legislature and which results in a total figure of \$ 52,514,444 with the Sponsor's contribution from taxes of \$ 8,971,000.

Moved by Casale, seconded by Robins.

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

Resolution No. CS-033-26

From: Administration Committee.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION - LEAD RENTAL REGISTRY
ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health increased the Lead Registry Award funding adopted through resolution CS-052-24 to include an increase of \$35,775, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Lead Rental Registry Program requests authorization to accept the additional funds, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

CM.20.4070.427 43450.03	Other Lead Grant	\$ 35,775.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CM.20.4070.427 74200.02	Copier Rental	\$ 800.00
CM.20.4070.427 74250.01	Office Supplies	\$ 2,250.00
CM.20.4070.427 74500.01	Contractual	\$ 5,000.00
CM.20.4070.427 74600.03	Training & Education	\$ 2,200.00
CM.20.4070.427 74675.01	Central Postage	\$ 3,500.00

CM.20.4070.427 74675.02	Central Printing	\$ 250.00
CM.20.4070.427 74725.02	other Lab	\$ 21,000.00
CM.20.4070.427 74750.21	Gas & Oil	\$ 600.00
CM.20.4070.427 74800.11	Maintenance Vehicle	\$ 175.00

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

Resolution No. CS-034-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**BUDGET MODIFICATION-HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM
 ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION-DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the New York State has renewed funding for the remainder of Environmental Health's Healthy Neighborhoods Program 5-year cycle through March 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS, a position was held vacant until the 26/27 state budget approved funding, resulting in unspent funds in personnel lines, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Healthy Neighborhoods Program requests reappropriation of position balance to non-personnel budget lines, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the following budget modification be effectuated:

FROM:

CM.20.4189.405 71010.00	Position #13108	\$ 25,000.00
CM.20.4189.405 78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$ 3,425.00
CM.20.4189.405 78200.00	FICA	\$ 1,912.00
CM.20.4189.405 78300.00	Worker's Comp	\$ 432.00
CM.20.4189.405 78400.01	Hospital/Medical Insurance	\$ 10,000.00

TO:

CM.20.4189.405 74250.01	Office Supplies	\$ 299.00
CM.20.4189.405 74300.03	Travel, Mileage	\$ 1,500.00
CM.20.4189.405 74300.06	Uniforms/Clothing	\$ 2,000.00
CM.20.4189.405 74375.01	Advertising & Promotion	\$ 12,690.00
CM.20.4189.405 74650.11	Professional Physical Exams/Test	\$ 310.00
CM.20.4189.405 74675.01	Central Postage	\$ 500.00
CM.20.4189.405 74675.02	Central Printing	\$ 500.00
CM.20.4189.405 74750.02	Supplies/Materials	\$ 21,762.00
CM.20.4189.405 74750.21	Gas & Oil	\$ 500.00
CM.20 4189.405 74800.11	Maintenance Vehicle	\$ 708.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CS-035-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**ABOLISH (3) PART-TIME (PT) AGING SERVICES AIDES
(NUTRITION SERVICES) OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

WHEREAS, the department has reviewed its operational needs and requirements to address ongoing waitlist for services of home delivered meals program for older adults that rely on these valuable services offered through the OFA in partnership with Feedmore WNY, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office for the Aging has made changes to assessment requirements which require in-home visits annually with enrolled participants to determine continued eligibility, and

WHEREAS, based on the increased requirements by NYS, the current PT Aging Services Aides do not have the capacity to meet the new requirements and to keep up with the demand for processing and certifying applicants for the home delivered meals program, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it would be in the best interest of the department to abolish three (3) PT Aging Services Aides and engage in a service level agreement with Feedmore WNY to take on the increased certification requirements including annual in-home visits with older adults as required, and

WHEREAS, our partner, Feedmore WNY has the staffing and capacity to handle the additional case load in a cost-effective manner, and

WHEREAS, this plan and arrangement will also eliminate the extensive waitlist for home delivered meals eligible applicants and would result in those seniors receiving home delivered meal services more efficiently and without unnecessary delay, and

WHEREAS, the funds from abolishing the three (3) PT Aging Services Aides would be shifted from personnel to contracted services to cover increased meals production along with required assessments, and

WHEREAS, funding for this is readily available in the current OFA budget via line item transfer, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Position No. 10408, 13908, and 2155 PT Aging Services Aide, be abolished, effective August 29, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated per the following,

DECREASE APPROPRIATION:

A 24.7610.702 71030.00	Part Time Expense	\$ 24,953.28
A 24.7610.702 78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$ 3,418.97
A 24.7610.702 78200.00	FICA Expense	\$ 1,547.37
A 24.7610.702 78300.00	Worker's Compensation	\$ 431.64

INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

A.24.7610.702 74500.01	Contractual Expense	\$ 30,351.26
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CS-036-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING DEPARTMENT BUDGET MODIFICATION
INCREASE IN 2026 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SYEP) FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Workforce Development Board (NCWDB) has been selected by the Niagara County Department of Social Services to administer the 2026 New York State Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) funded by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Employment & Training (NCET) Department performs the operation and management of this annual summer program, and

WHEREAS, the NCET 2026 budget currently reflects an estimated amount of \$570,000 based upon the prior year's funding, and the actual 2026 award is \$583,392, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the NCWDB and NCET are authorized to accept this award and operate the Summer Youth Employment Program, and be it further

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

CD.29.6291.000 44089.02	Other TANF Revenue	\$ 13,392
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD.29.6291.000 74500.01	Contractual Expenses	\$ 13,392
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CS-037-26

From: Community Services and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING DEPARTMENT
BUDGET MODIFICATION – ACCEPT NEW YORK SYSTEMS CHANGE AND INCLUSIVE
OPPORTUNITIES FUNDS (NY SCION-OMH) 2026 -ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution No. CS-037-25 on August 5, 2025, to accept New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities (NY SCION) funding, and

WHEREAS, this state funded program is allocated by the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) to the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) to be utilized in our local area to support job seekers with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the 2026 NCET budget needs to be modified in order to accept additional funding in the amount of \$34,615, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

CD.29.6290.000 43089.10	State Aid, Other NY Scion OMH	\$ 34,615.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

CD.29.6291.000 74500.01	Contractual Expenses	\$ 34,615.00
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.

Resolution No. CSS-086-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.
Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SOLE SOURCE FOSTER AND FREEMAN USA INC.,
OF CRIME-LITE FOR FORENSIC LABORATORY**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory analyzes forensic evidence for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, partner Niagara County Law Enforcement agencies, the Niagara County District Attorney's Office and Orleans County through a contract, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Lab is in need of a high intensity alternate light source to be used by scientists to search for hidden evidence including body fluids, blood, drugs, fibers and fingerprints, and

WHEREAS, Foster & Freeman USA Inc., manufactures the Crime-Lite 82S Pro B Kit, which is the only crime light manufactured with the power level needed for increased forensic sensitivity to detect additional evidence and also has the interchangeable filters for nine available wave lengths, and

WHEREAS, Foster & Freeman USA Inc., is the only manufacturer of a crime light with the specifications needed by the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory, 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 Foster & Freeman USA Inc can be awarded the contract for purchase of the Crime-Lite 82S Pro B Kit and camera filter for a price not to exceed \$7,000 and that the Sheriff's Office is hereby, authorized to purchase the Crime-Lite 82S Pro B Kit and camera filter without the need to solicit for alternate proposals, such purchase to be made in consultation with the Purchasing Department and in accordance with budgetary procedures.

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

Resolution No. CSS-087-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.
Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SOLE SOURCE TYLER TECHNOLOGIES FOR SUPPORT AND
MAINTENANCE OF TYLER TECHNOLOGIES SOFTWARE**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office entered into an agreement with New World System Corporation ("New World") dated December 31, 2013 which licensed software for use by the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, Tyler Technologies and New World merged effective November 16, 2015 with Tyler as the surviving entity, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office entered into a software support and maintenance agreement extension with Tyler Technologies which is effective from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office would like to extend the current software support and maintenance agreement with Tyler Technologies for another year with a 5% increase in cost, and

WHEREAS, Tyler Technologies is the sole provider of software support and maintenance for the Tyler software, 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 Tyler Technologies can be awarded the contract for support and maintenance for the Tyler Technologies software, which is used by Law Enforcement, Corrections, Communications and Emergency Management Fire Services and that the Sheriff's Office is hereby, authorized to purchase the support and maintenance for the Tyler Technologies Software without the need to solicit for alternate proposals, such purchase to be made in consultation with the Purchasing Department and in accordance with budgetary procedures.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-088-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
WILMAC SOLE/SINGLE SOURCE DESIGNATION FOR
SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE OF NICE SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution # CSS-064-24 to designate Wilmac as the Sole/Single Source Provider for service and maintenance of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Communication 911 Center's NICE Systems Inc., digital recording system which records and plays back the Sheriff's Office telephone system 911 calls and radio system calls, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution # CSS-088-25 to designate Wilmac as the Sole/Single Source Provider for service and maintenance of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Communication 911 Center's NICE Systems Inc., digital recording system, which records and plays back the Sheriff's Office telephone system 911 calls and radio system calls, and

WHEREAS, this system is critical for the function of the Communication Center as well as law enforcement agencies throughout Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office wishes to continue to purchase maintenance contracts to include unlimited break/fix service, software assurance for major version upgrades, software patches, bug fixes and minor version upgrades, and

WHEREAS, Wilmac remains the only NICE contracted Premier Public Safety Dealer Business Partner in Western New York State, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Sheriff's Office be authorized to waive the requirement for a Request for Proposal or additional bids to purchase maintenance contracts for the NICE Systems Inc., digital recording system and that Wilmac be recognized as the sole source provider for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office NICE System and its service and maintenance.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-089-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SOLE SOURCE CLPS, LLC FOR SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE
OF THREAT ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has an ongoing New York State Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant which focuses on activities within the County to reduce the risk of Domestic Terrorism, including the Niagara Threat Assessment Group, and

WHEREAS, in 2025 the Niagara County Sheriff's Office used the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant to fund a Threat Assessment and Management Software Platform (TAMSP), Emergency Management and Security Software (EMSS) through CLPS, LLC to be used in Niagara County school districts, and

WHEREAS, the TAMSP/ EMSS is due for a renewal of the support and maintenance of the software for the 2026-2027 year in the amount of \$9,000, and

WHEREAS, CLPS, LLC, is the only company who can provide the support and maintenance for the Threat Assessment and Management Software Platform (TAMPS)/Emergency Management and Security Software (EMSS) as the sole source provider who developed the platform, 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 CLPS, LLC, can be awarded the contract for support and maintenance for the platform and software developed by CLPS, LLC, and that the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to purchase the support and maintenance for the Threat Assessment and Management Software Platform (TAMPS)/Emergency Management and Security Software (EMSS) without the need to solicit for alternate proposals, such purchase to be made in consultation with the Purchasing Department and in accordance with budgetary procedures.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-090-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SOLE SOURCE
OCV LLC / THESHERIFFAPP.COM FOR SHERIFF'S WEBSITES AND APP MAINTENANCE**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has a Niagara County Sheriff website and mobile app which are dedicated to the Sheriff's Office communication as well as a Niagara Threat Advisory Committee Website and App which are dedicated to communication to Niagara County residents for the prevention of domestic terrorism, and

WHEREAS, these websites and apps are designed by OCV, LLC, and integrate with each other, and

WHEREAS, the websites and apps require annual support and maintenance in order to keep the sites up to date with information and to address any performance issues, and

WHEREAS, OCV, LLC, is the only company who can provide the support and maintenance for the websites and apps, which were designed by OCV, LLC, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution # CSS-086-25 on 08/05/25 to approve OCV, LLC, as the sole provider of support and maintenance for websites and apps developed by OCV, LLC, 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 OCV, LLC can be awarded the contract for support and maintenance for the Niagara County Sheriff website and mobile app and the Niagara Threat Advisory Committee Website and App and that the Sheriff's Office is hereby, authorized to purchase the support and maintenance for the Niagara County Sheriff website and mobile app and the Niagara Threat Advisory Committee Website and App without the need to solicit for alternate proposals, such purchase to be made in consultation with the Purchasing Department and in accordance with budgetary procedures.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-091-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET MODIFICATION
CREATE AND FILL TWO TEMPORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified of the retirement of a Deputy Sheriff Criminal Investigator in October of 2026 and the retirement of a Deputy Sheriff in October of 2026, and

WHEREAS, the next Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy will start on September 8, 2026 and the following Academy will not start until February of 2027, and

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

WHEREAS, due to the lengthy training needed for a new Deputy Sheriff it is important to start two new Deputies in the September Academy in anticipation of these retirements, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that two temporary Deputy Sheriff positions be created and filled effective 09/06/2026 at PBA Deputy Sheriff Step 2 at an hourly rate of \$32.04/hour, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the temporary positions will be abolished upon the Deputy Sheriff vacancies from the retirements, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3110.000 71010.00 Posn # 3452	Position Expense	10,254
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.17.3110.000 71010.00 Posn # NEW	Position Expense	5,127
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A.17.3110.000 71010.00 Posn # NEW	Position Expense	5,127
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-092-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET MODIFICATION
ACCEPT 2026-27 GUN INVOLVED VIOLENCE ELIMINATION (GIVE) GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services that it has been awarded a grant under the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Grant in the amount of \$242,860 for the performance period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the GIVE Initiative is the elimination of shootings and homicides, or violent crime where applicable, through the integrated use of evidence-based strategies that are incorporated into the four core elements of GIVE: People, Places, Alignment and Engagement, and

WHEREAS, the GIVE Grant is a partnership with the Niagara County District Attorney's Office, the Niagara County Probation Department and the Niagara Falls Police Department to benefit Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the GIVE Grant funds a Correction Officer position #10442 for a Corrections Intelligence Officer, travel for DCJS sponsored training and conferences, overtime for additional law enforcement presence in Hot Spot policing and Community/Youth engagement with the Niagara Falls Police Department and funds for a Firearms' Consultant for verification work in the NCSO Forensic Laboratory, and

WHEREAS, as a grant which crosses budget years some of the funds for the grant need to be added to the 2026 Budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the 2026-27 Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative Grant may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be made:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.17.3110.000 43389.13	Other Public Safety, Crime Prevention	\$66,000
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INCREASE ACCRUALS:

A.17.3110.000 71050.00	Overtime Expense	\$65,000
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A.17.3150.000 74600.03	Training and Education	\$ 1,000
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-093-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BUDGET MODIFICATION - ACCEPT FY2025 STONEGARDEN GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified it has been awarded \$137,500 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services under the FY2025 Stonegarden Grant for the performance period September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028, and

WHEREAS, Operation Stonegarden has been awarded to the Niagara County Sheriff's Office for many years for expenses to assist the County in conducting border centric, intelligence driven operations with the goal of reduction or elimination of threat, risk and vulnerability along our nation's borders in cooperation with Niagara County partner law enforcement agencies, and

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

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the FY2025 Stonegarden Grant may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be made:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.17.3645.000 44305.02	Civil Defense Homeland Security	\$137,500
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INCREASE ACCRUALS:

A.17.3645.000 71050.00	Overtime Expense	\$ 32,271
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A.17.3645.000 72100.21	Law Enforcement Equipment	\$ 11,477
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A.17.3645.000 74400.09	Payments Other Agencies	\$ 85,475
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A.17.3645.000 74750.05	Law Enforcement Supplies	\$ 777
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A.17.3645.000 78100.00	Retirement Expense	\$ 4,686
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A.17.3645.000 78200.00	FICA Expense	\$ 2,295
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A.17.3645.000 78300.00	Workers Compensation Expense	\$ 519
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-094-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BUDGET MODIFICATION - ACCEPT FY2025 & FY2026 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE
COMMUNICATIONS (SICG) FORMULA GRANT

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified it has been awarded \$1,416,668 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services under FY2025 & FY2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant (SICG) for the performance period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030, and

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

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

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the FY2025 & FY2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be made:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE:

A.17.3645.000 43305.02	State Aid, Civil Defense Homeland Security	\$1,416,668
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INCREASE ACCRUALS:

A.17.3645.000 72100.15	Communications Equipment	\$ 868,852
A.17.3645.000 74500.01	Contractual Expenses	\$ 547,816

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-095-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ACCEPT FY2025 & FY2026 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP) OPERATIONS GRANT

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office has been notified it has been awarded \$375,216 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services under FY2025 & FY2026 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Operations Grant for the performance period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, and

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

WHEREAS, the PSAP Grant is in the 2026 budget but needs to be accepted, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the FY2025 & FY2026 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-096-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DV BROWN REMEDIATION OF DUCT WORK AND CEILING FOR NIAGARA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROJECT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-002-26 on January 20, 2026 to award D.V. Brown & Associates Inc the contract for Sealed Bid #2025-52 Remediation of Duct Work and Ceiling for Niagara County Sheriff's Office Project, and

WEHREAS, Niagara County entered into a contract with D.V. Brown & Associates, Inc for the Remediation of Duct Work and Ceiling for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Project for the amount of \$135,000, and

WHEREAS, additional labor hours were needed for the project due to issues with incarcerated individuals, and

WHEREAS, D.V. Brown & Associates, Inc. has provided a quote for the additional labor needed in the Remediation of Duct Work and Ceiling project in the amount of \$10,257.60, and

WHEREAS, the change order has been reviewed for appropriateness and will be funded through the existing Capital Project H813 Jail Building Improvements and the Operating Budget, and

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

RESOLVED, that the D.V. Brown & Associates, Inc Remediation of Duct Work and Ceiling for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Change Order No. 1 for \$10,257.60 may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-097-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
AMENDED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE
FOR NIAGARA COUNTY JAIL HOUSING ADDITION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office proposed to replace one of the two buildings, part of the Niagara County Jail, located at 5526 Niagara Street Extension, Lockport, New York 14095 with the development of a new housing addition project (the "Niagara County Jail Housing Addition Project" or "Project") which included the construction of four pod-style correctional housing units and the replacement of an existing exterior vehicle sally port; the project also included additions in the replacement building for staff, laundry and maintenance, and

WHEREAS, the County determined that the Project was an "Unlisted Action" as defined under SEQRA and issued a Negative Declaration for the Niagara County Addition Project on February 18, 2025, and

WHEREAS, following the completion of the initial SEQR review for the Niagara County Jail Housing Addition Project, the Project scope was updated; the proposed Project now includes the design and construction of a 1-

story, 9,088 square-foot, stand-alone, state-of-the-art forensic laboratory facility, located in the parking lot of the existing Sheriff's Office campus at 5526 Niagara Street Extension, and

WHEREAS, based on a review of entire Environmental Record prepared for the Niagara County Jail Housing Addition Project (including the previous 2025 SEQR findings and the 2026 Short Environmental Assessment Form Parts 2 and 3 and findings narrative evaluating the entire Project, including updated Project scope), the County has determined that the Project would not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and now seeks to issue an amended Negative Declaration in compliance with 6 NYCRR §617.7 (e) (1) (i) and (ii), now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the County has considered the significance of any potential environmental impacts according to the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c) and has thoroughly analyzed the identified areas of relevant environmental concern. Based on its review of the Project's entire Environmental Record, the County has determined that the Project would not result in any significant adverse impacts; the County therefore, issues an amended Negative Declaration pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.7 (e) (1) (i) and (ii).

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-098-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
EMERGENCY REPAIR FOR MOUNT VIEW COMMUNICATIONS TOWER**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's office maintains Communication Towers for the Emergency Communications System which is utilized by emergency personnel throughout Niagara County as well as the 911 Communications Center, and

WEHREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office discovered that the Mount View Tower was not communicating with the System and found the cause to be a fiber cable which was cut, and

WHEREAS, it is essential to have the Mount View Communications Tower connected to the Emergency Communications System, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office worked with the Niagara County Information Technology Department to identify a reliable vendor who has been used by the county for projects similar to the repair needed for the Mount View Tower and is known to have the appropriate insurance coverage, and

WHEREAS, due to the emergency situation of a communication tower not being connected to the Emergency Communication System, an Emergency Purchase Justification Form was provided to the Niagara County Purchasing Department, the County Attorney's Office and the Chairman of the Legislature to approve the declaration of an emergency for repair in the amount of \$5,926.84, and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Declaration was signed on July 15, 2026 for a non-competitive award of the contract for Emergency Fiber Cable Repair to the Mount View Tower to Deny H Adelman DBA WorkingKnowledge which will be paid by existing grant funds, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature accept the notice of the Emergency Fiber Cable Repair to the Mount View tower, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Emergency Fiber Cable Repair to the Mount View Tower project contract be awarded to Deny H Adelman DBA WorkingKnowledge and that following the County Attorney's review, the contract may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-099-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
EXTEND INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH
TOWN OF WHEATFIELD FOR ENHANCED POLICE PROTECTION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution CSS-103-21 authorizing the County to enter into an agreement with the Town of Wheatfield for enhance police protection, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office entered into an agreement starting October 20, 2021, and continuing for a period of five years with the option to further extend the agreement upon Niagara County Legislature approval, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatfield and the Niagara County Sheriff's Office would like to extend the existing Intermunicipal Agreement for another five-year period, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Wheatfield for continued Enhance Police Protection and that following the County Attorney's review, the contract may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-100-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACCEPTANCE OF GUN INVOLVED VIOLENCE
ELIMINATION INITIATIVE GRANT**

WHEREAS, the GIVE (Gun Involved Violence Elimination) Initiative is a statewide comprehensive strategy that focuses exclusively on reducing shootings and homicides by promoting integrated, evidence-based strategies, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County District Attorney's Office, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office and the Niagara County Probation Department, in conjunction with the Niagara Falls Police Department, applied for the renewal of funding under the 2026-2027 GIVE Initiative, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County District Attorney's Office has received notification that funding has been awarded in the amounts of \$336,707.00 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with no required match from Niagara County, 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 – Foti, McKimmie.

Resolution No. CSS-101-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER FROM THE NIAGARA COUNTY
PURCHASING PROCEDURES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
DISTRICT ATTORNEY, CONFLICTS AND PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County District Attorney's Office, Public Defender Office and Conflicts Office must enter into contracts for certain professional services for evaluations and testimony at hearings and trial, and

WHEREAS, some of these professionals are hired on a case-by-case basis for unique and specific fact patterns, where evaluations must be done on a strict timeline provided by a court scheduling order, and

WHEREAS these types of contracts include professional services relating to analyzing and review of evidence, expert consultation, and providing expert opinions and testimony concerning existing criminal cases or investigations; they also include experts in the areas of medicine, psychiatry, psychology, ballistics, fingerprint analysis, DNA testing and analysis, toxicology, and other areas of forensic science ordinarily applicable to criminal trials and investigations, and

WHEREAS, for these specific instances, there can be times where a contract must be entered before approval can be had by the Niagara County Legislature for these professional services, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Purchasing Guidelines allow for waiver of Requests for Proposals or quotes for professional services contracts where justification exists, and

WHEREAS, waiver of Requests for Proposal and solicitation of quotes will serve the interests of Niagara County and its taxpayers by minimizing the interruption of these extremely important criminal matters, both for the prosecution and defense, and

WHEREAS, the necessity for utilization of a contract under this resolution shall only be had when the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender Officer or Conflicts Office does not have the time pursuant to a scheduling order to solicit for quotes or RFPs, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the District Attorney, Public Defender and Conflicts Office is hereby authorized to engage in the process to carry out the necessary agreements between the County and professional services relating to analyzing and review of evidence, expert consultation, and providing expert opinions and testimony concerning existing criminal cases or investigations; they also include experts in the areas of medicine, psychiatry, psychology, ballistics, fingerprint analysis, DNA testing and analysis, toxicology, and other areas of forensic science ordinarily applicable to criminal trials and investigations as aforesaid, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office and purchasing, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon approval by the County Attorney's Office and purchasing that a court order exists, said agreements shall be entered pursuant to Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-102-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

PROBATION 2026 BUDGET MODIFICATION - RENEWAL OF GIVE GRANT

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Probation Department has been notified by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services that the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) grant has been renewed for the period July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, and

WHEREAS, the grant is being renewed in the amount of \$419,392 and said funds are used to pay for two Probation Officer positions (coterminous with the grant, position numbers 2051 and 10599) and a .5 FTE Field Intelligence Officer position (coterminous with the grant, position number 10158) within the Probation Department, in addition to funding field activities, GPS monitoring of offenders, and staff training, and

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

RESOLVED, that the Probation Department is given authorization to accept the grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following 2026 budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE REVENUE:

A.18.3140.000.43310.04	Probation Services NYS Dept. of Criminal Justice	\$18,896
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INCREASE EXPENSE:

A.18.3140.000.71050.00	Overtime Expense	\$18,856
A.18.3410.000.74600.03	Professional Development Training & Education	\$40

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-103-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

PROBATION - ACCEPT CRTF GRANT AWARD

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Probation Department has received notification from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services of a financial award in the amount of \$237,245 for the period of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 to support the continuation of the Niagara County Re-entry Task Force Program, and

WHEREAS, the CRTF funds have been budgeted in the 2026 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, and

WHEREAS, Community Missions, Inc., is currently the sole source provider for such services in Niagara County and has been the only agency providing reentry services in Niagara County since 2008, is the only agency with an experienced Reentry Coordinator, and has staff trained and certified to provide the required

cognitive behavioral interventions, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature does hereby waive purchasing guidelines requiring the solicitation of alternate price quotations and/or advertisement of a Request for Proposals as the parole reentry program provided by Community Missions, Inc., is the sole provider of the professional services required in Niagara County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara does hereby accept this grant and continue to fund the Niagara CRTF through Community Missions, Inc., co-terminus with this grant, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-104-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
AWARD OF BID FOR RESCUE EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Purchasing Department issued a Bid #2026-49 Rescue Equipment on June 16, 2026, and

WHEREAS, only one response was received for the bid opening on July 2, 2026 which was from Fire and Rescue Products, 4230 Industrial Rd Harrisburg, PA 17110, and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Fire and Rescue Equipment has been evaluated for compliance with the Bid parameters and appropriateness of cost and all purchase items being funded by FY2023 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Bid #2026-49 Rescue Equipment for Niagara County Emergency Services be awarded to Fire and Rescue Equipment.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-105-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
CREATE AND FILL TEMPORARY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Emergency Services Office has been notified that an Emergency Medical Technician will be on military leave starting June 14 through at least March 2, 2027, and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Technician position has an important role in providing emergency medical services to the Niagara County community, and

WHEREAS, an extended absence could strain the operations of emergency medical services if not filled temporarily, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that one temporary, non-union and without benefits Emergency Medical Technician position be created and filled effective 8/17/26 at NUH EMS Salary Schedule Emergency Medical Technician Step 1 at an hourly rate of \$23.68 or \$24.54/hour based on level of certification, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the temporary position will be abolished upon the return of the full-time Emergency Medical Technician, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modifications be effectuated:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.19.4540.000 71010.00	Position Expense (# 13765)	\$18,755
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.19.4540.000 71010.00	Position Expense (# NEW)	\$18,755
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-106-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING VEHICLE USE
AGREEMENT WITH ORLEANS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the need for reliable emergency medical response resources to support public safety operations and 9-1-1 response capabilities, and

WHEREAS, County of Orleans Emergency Management Office has agreed to make available one ambulance for temporary use by Niagara County Emergency Services – Ambulance Division at no cost, and

WHEREAS, both parties wish to establish clear responsibilities, operational expectations, and liability protections through a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the County Legislature hereby authorizes the execution to the Memorandum of Understanding with County of Orleans Emergency Management for the temporary use of an ambulance at no cost to the County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the MOU shall specify the duration of use, maintenance responsibilities, insurance requirements, operational control, and return conditions of the ambulance, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this authorization shall take effect immediately upon adoption of this resolution.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. CSS-107-26

From: Community Safety & Security and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PATRIOT TOWERS EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION TOWER PROJECT CHANGE
ORDER NO. 1**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature passed Resolution #CSS-036-26 on March 24, 2026 to award Patriot Towers, Inc the contract for the Request for Proposal for Development of Emergency Communication Tower Site for Niagara County Sheriff's Office, and

WEHREAS, Niagara County entered into a contract with Patriot Towers, Inc for the Development of Emergency Communication Tower Site for Niagara County Sheriff's Office for the amount of \$658,811, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office would like to change the scope of this project to include the removal of a concrete foundation at the future tower site, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Middleport had a decommissioned water tower on said property, wherein NORLIC acquired a demolition grant and hired a contractor to remove said tower and associated concrete foundations prior to Patriot Towers being awarded the Communication Tower Project, and

WHEREAS, it was found that the contractor used by the Land Bank to complete the demolition work did not complete the work as specified, which included the removal of a concrete foundation, and

WHEREAS, Patriot Towers, Inc has provided a proposal for the requested services in the amount of \$33,634.00, and

WHEREAS, the change order has been reviewed for appropriateness and if not corrected by NORLIC's contractor will be funded through a New York State Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant, and

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

RESOLVED, that the Patriot Towers, Inc contract for the Development of Emergency Communication Tower Site for Niagara County Sheriff's Office Change Order No. 1 for \$33,634.00 may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Approved for Submission.

Moved by Godfrey, 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 Godfrey, seconded by Casale.

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

Resolution No. CW-011-26

From: Committee of the Whole.

Dated: August 4, 2026

CLAIM SETTLEMENT

**DEAN RAYMOND V. MEMBERS OF NIAGARA COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE, ET AL.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
CIVIL ACITION**

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, Dean Raymond v. Members of Niagara County Drug Task Force et al. presents an opportunity for settlement and thereby avoiding additional litigation, trial, and a potential adverse judicial determination, now, therefore, be it

Approved for Submission.

RESOLVED, that the authority to disburse settlement funds in the matter of Dean Raymond v. Members of Niagara County Drug Task Force, et al. litigation, is given to the Risk & Insurance Manager in the amount of \$100,000.00, and upon completion of said settlement disbursement and receipt of a General Release, a Stipulation of Discontinuance from plaintiff's and County's Counsel shall be fully executed.

Moved by Nemi, seconded by Robins.

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

Resolution No. ED-015-26

From: Economic Development Committee.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**FIXING DATE AND NOTICE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
FOR SUBMISSION OF ONE OR MORE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the County Legislature wishes to assess the advisability of submitting one or more Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") applications to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (the "OCR") for a grant or grants to support economic development projects that will support manufacturing, hospitality and tourism, economic growth and job creation in the County, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County is required to hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider public comments regarding community development needs and the possible submission of applications for CDBG funding, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature shall conduct a public hearing whereat all interested parties shall be heard regarding the CDBG program, the County's community development needs and economic development programs, and the proposed funding applications at the Legislative Chambers, Niagara County Courthouse, First Floor, 175 Hawley Street, Lockport, New York on the 22nd day of September, 2026 at 5:50 p.m., and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-107-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**NIAGARA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS DIVISION AUTHORIZING
THE PURCHASE OF LAWN EQUIPMENT FROM GRASSLAND EQUIPMENT AND IRRIGATION
CORP. UNDER SOURCEWELL CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Public Works, Parks Division is in need of additional landscape and grounds maintenance equipment to maintain the five (5) Niagara County Parks grounds, and

WHEREAS, the current landscape and grounds maintenance equipment has exceeded its useful operational lifecycle and has incurred excessive repair costs, and

WHEREAS, Resolution AD-015-23 dated August 1, 2023 authorizes contracts between Niagara County and various governmental purchasing alliances and alliance participants, and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell is a Cooperative Purchasing company which streamlines the procurement process by developing Requests for Proposal (RFP), public advertisement of the RFP and official public RFP opening of properly submitted proposals which is consistent with the Niagara County Purchasing Guidelines, and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has awarded Contract #112624-TTC to Grassland Equipment and Irrigation Corp. for landscape and grounds maintenance equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Department of Public Works, Parks Division wishes to utilize the Grassland Equipment and Irrigation Corp. contract for the purchase of landscape and grounds maintenance equipment, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Department of Public Works, Parks Division be approved to purchase landscape and grounds maintenance equipment from Grassland Equipment and Irrigation Corp. under Sourcewell contracts and is being funded through Fund Balance, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:

A 40599.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$72,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.15.7110.000 72100.14	Machinery & Equipment Miscellaneous Equipment	\$72,000
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and be it further,

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, a contract between Niagara County and Grassland Equipment and Irrigation Corp. utilizing the Sourcewell purchasing alliance, may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Purchasing Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-108-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA AND
THE NEWFANE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE AND CHEERLEADING**

WHEREAS, the Newfane Youth Football League and Cheerleading has requested that the County of Niagara grant them permission to operate a football program from July 31, 2026 through November 1, 2026 in an area situated in the County owned property on Lake Road, and

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

WHEREAS, such program is operated on a not-for-profit basis, and

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

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Niagara County to enter into a formal agreement with the Newfane Youth Football League, and

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

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the License Agreement between the County of Niagara and the Newfane Youth Football League and Cheerleading, may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Purchasing Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-109-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

BRIDGE REHABILITATION, WILSON BURT BRIDGE OVER EIGHTEEN MILE CREEK PHASE 2, (BIN 3329720), TOWN OF NEWFANE, NIAGARA COUNTY FEDERAL AID LOCAL PROJECT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Wilson Burt Bridge over Eighteen Mile Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Phase 2, PIN 5765.72, (the "Project"), is eligible for funding under Title 23 US Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% federal funds and 20% non-federal funds, and

WHEREAS, the County of Niagara desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of Engineering (Design I-IV) phase, 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 Legislature of the County of Niagara hereby approves the above-subject project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Niagara hereby authorizes the County of Niagara to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal shares of the cost of Engineering (Design I-IV) phase of the Project or portions thereof, and be it further

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

INCREASE ANTICIPATED REVENUE:

H698.15.5197.000 44597.01	Federal Aid Capital Const Hwy	\$168,000.00
H698.15.5197.000 43591.00	State Aid Capital Construction Hwy	\$ 31,500.00

INCREASE ANTICIPATED APPROPRIATIONS:

H698.15.5197.000 72600.02	Infrastructure-Bridges	\$199,500.00
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event of the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above the County of Niagara Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature of the County of Niagara be, and hereby is, authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli aid on behalf of the County of Niagara with the New York State Department of Transportation, in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project providing for the administration of the Project and the Municipality's first instance funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of Federal Aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefor that are not so eligible, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of one hundred ninety-nine thousand, five hundred dollars and 00/100 (\$199,500.00) is hereby appropriated in account H698.15.5197.000 72600.02 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the project, and be it further

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

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

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-110-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**HARTLAND ROAD BRIDGE OVER GOLDEN HILL CREEK
CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 3 – FINAL**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-073-22, dated May 3, 2022, authorized the contract for consultant services for the Hartland Road Bridge over Golden Hill Creek Project to Greenman Pedersen Inc., 4950 Genesee Street, Suite 100, Buffalo, NY 14225, for a contract amount not to exceed \$95,888, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-069-24, dated March 19, 2024, amended the contract for final design services in the amount of \$90,230, for a revised contract amount of \$186,118, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-173-24, dated October 15, 2024, amended the contract to add construction administration and construction inspection services in the amount of \$134,098, for a revised contract amount of \$320,216, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the contract in the amount of \$9,920.04, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$310,295.96, and

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

RESOLVED, that Amendment No. 3 – Final to Greenman Pedersen Inc., 4950 Genesee Street, Suite 100, Buffalo, NY 14225, for the Hartland Road Bridge over Golden Hill Creek Project, to reduce the contract in the amount of \$9,920.04, as the project is now complete, for a revised contract amount of \$310,295.96, be approved, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-111-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**LOCKPORT ROAD BRIDGE OVER CSX RAILROAD AND
FEIGLE-FISK ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE ERIE CANAL
CONSULTANT AMENDMENT NO. 3**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-109-24, dated May 14, 2024, authorized the contract for consultant services for the Lockport Road Bridge over CSX Railroad Project to Popli Architecture & Engineering, 555 Penbrooke Drive, Penfield, NY 14526, for a fee not to exceed \$177,000, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-174-24, dated October 15, 2024, combined this project with the Fisk Road Bridge over the Erie Canal Project, so as to expedite the repair of the bridge deck on Fisk Road and ensure the safety of the traveling public, for an additional cost of \$48,000 for preliminary engineering only, for a contract amount not to exceed \$225,000, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-111-25, dated June 17, 2025, increased the contract in the amount of \$69,000 for construction administration and construction inspection for the Feigle-Fisk Road Bridge over the Erie Canal, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$294,000, and to extend the contract for Popli Architecture & Engineering to December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the contract in the amount of \$28,000 for construction administration and construction inspection for the Feigle-Fisk Road Bridge over the Erie Canal, for a contract amount not to exceed \$322,000, for Popli Architecture & Engineering, and

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

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

H800.15.5197.000 43501.00	Consolidated Highway Aid Revenue	\$28,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

H800.15.5197.000 72600.02	Infrastructure Bridges	\$28,000
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that Amendment No. 3 to increase the contract in the amount of \$28,000 for construction administration and construction inspection for the Feigle-Fisk Road Bridge over the Erie Canal, for a contract amount not to exceed \$322,000, for Popli Architecture & Engineering, 555 Penbrooke Drive, Penfield, NY 14526, for the Lockport Road Bridge over CSX Railroad and the Feigle-Fisk Road Bridge over the Erie Canal Project, be approved, and be it further

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

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IF-112-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**FEIGLE-FISK ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE ERIE CANAL BRIDGE
REHABILITATION CHANGE ORDER NO. 2**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-107-25, dated June 17, 2025, awarded the contract for the Feigle-Fisk Road Bridge Over the Erie Canal Bridge Rehabilitation to Hunting Valley Construction, 825 Rein Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, for a contract amount not to exceed \$388,402.00, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. IF-149-25, dated October 21, 2025, extended the contract completion date to October 31, 2026, and also increased the contract in the amount of \$46,385.77 for additional work including concrete reinforcement, concrete patching, deck cleaning, deck sealing and crack injection for a revised contract amount of \$434,787.77, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase the contract in the amount of \$80,000.00 for additional concrete repairs, for the Feigle-Fisk Road Bridge over the Erie Canal, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$514,787.77, to Hunting Valley Construction, and

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

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

H800.15.5197.000 43501.00	Consolidated Highway Aid Revenue	\$80,000
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

H800.15.5197.000 72600.02	Infrastructure Bridges	\$80,000
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that Amendment No. 2 to increase the contract in the amount of \$80,000 for construction administration and construction inspection for the Feigle-Fisk Road Bridge over the Erie Canal, for a contract amount not to exceed \$514,787.77, for Hunting Valley Construction, 825 Rein Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, for the Feigle-Fisk Road Bridge over The Erie Canal Bridge Rehabilitation Project, 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 – Foti, McKimmie.

Resolution No. IF-113-26

From: Infrastructure & Facilities and Administration Committees.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT B
2024-2025 NYSDOT SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT
DPW - HIGHWAY**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Public Works Department is under agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for snow and ice removal, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County received an indexed lump sum payment based upon estimated expenditures for the 2024-2025 winter season, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation amended the estimated expenditure to more accurately reflect the season, and

WHEREAS, the amendment will enable the New York State Department of Transportation to reimburse Niagara County an additional \$36,193.56 over the estimated expenditure, and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of Amendment B will allow the processing of said reimbursement, 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, following the County Attorney's review, the Amendment B to the 2024-2025 New York State Snow and Ice Contract may be executed pursuant to the Niagara County Contract Policy.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IL-110-26

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

Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VEGGIE VAN
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Veggie Van has been in service in Niagara County since 2016, and

WHEREAS, the Veggie Van is a mobile pantry that gives away locally grown Niagara County produce to over 20,000 citizens yearly, and

WHEREAS, the van goes to about 25 different sites across the county including schools, senior centers, low-income housing and shelter sites, and

WHEREAS, Veggie Van is a program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County but is 100% supported through grants and donations, 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 Veggie Van by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County – Veggie Van \$5,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.

Resolution No. IL-111-26

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

Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BILLS ELVIS CHARITY FOUNDATION INC.
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Bills Elvis Charity Foundation is locally based, and

WHEREAS, the Bills Elvis Charity Foundation sponsors events for the purpose of raising money for locally based charities, and

WHEREAS, the Bills Elvis Charity Foundation is sponsoring an event in Lockport on October 12, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the funds will be utilized for expenses including promotions, advertising and other event expenses, 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 Bills Elvis Foundation by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Bills Elvis Charity Foundation	\$4,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.	

Resolution No. IL-112-26

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

Dated: August 4, 2026

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

WHEREAS, Celebrate Wilson's goal is to highlight their gorgeous community so residents will invest in Wilson's future, and

WHEREAS, bringing people together in a beautiful setting create community and that's what makes municipalities thrive, and

WHEREAS, Celebrate Wilson is a 100% donor run, 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 Celebrate Wilson by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

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

\$350.00

Resolution No. IL-113-26

From: Legislator Christopher J. McKimmie and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 107TH ATTACK WING FIRST SERGEANT COUNCIL
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature supports our military community and recognizes the importance and significant impact the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station has on our community, and

WHEREAS, the 107th Attack Wing First Sergeant Council is a professional not-for-profit organization made up of unit First Sergeants at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station who are entrusted with ensuring the health, morale, welfare, and readiness of their Airman and their families, and

WHEREAS, the 107th First Sergeant Council helps recognize Airman by celebrating their accomplishments, retirements, and their selfless service to our state and nation through morale events and Family Day celebrations for our military community, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the 107th Attack Wing First Sergeant Council by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

First Sergeant Council

\$5,000.00

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

Resolution No. IL-114-26

From: Legislators Christopher J. McKimmie, Michael A. Casale and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: August 4, 2026

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

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

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

WHEREAS, during these challenging times the St. John de LaSalle Food Pantry serves more than 7,177 people from 3,522 families and is consistently seeing an increase in demand, and

WHEREAS, the St John de LaSalle food pantry's greatest challenge is keeping their shelves stocked due to the increase of people coming to them for assistance and the increase in food prices, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the St John de LaSalle Food Pantry by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

St. John de LaSalle Parish	\$1,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.	

Resolution No. IL-115-26

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

Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEWISTON HARVEST & HOPS FESTIVAL
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the mission of the Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce is to strengthen the local economy, represent the interest of business with government, promote community and build business relationships, and

WHEREAS, the Lewiston Harvest & Hops Festival has been planned for September 26th & 27th, 2026, and

WHEREAS, this fall street festival will highlight over 130 artisan vendors, craft beer, and a NYS designated farmers' market, and

WHEREAS, an event of this magnitude can only be successful through full community participation and sponsorships, and

WHEREAS, the festival will draw thousands of visitors to the river region from surrounding Western New York communities and Canada, to the benefit of local businesses, and the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this influx of revenue, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Lewiston Harvest & Hops Festival by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

The Lower Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce	\$2,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.	

Resolution No. IL-116-26

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

Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF LEWISTON AND THE 2026 NIAGARA
COUNTY PEACH FESTIVAL THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the 68th Annual Niagara County Peach Festival will be held in historic Lewiston, NY on September 10-13, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis Club of Lewiston hosts this successful event which brings thousand of visitors to Lewiston annually, and

WHEREAS, as a result of this successful event, the Kiwanis Club of Lewiston is able to donate the festival proceeds back into the community annually by providing holiday meals to over 150 families during Thanksgiving and Christmas; sponsor student leadership programs at Lewiston-Porter Schools, The Tuscarora School and Niagara Universtiy; award over \$5,000 in scholarships to local graduating high school seniors; maintain the quality Peach Queen program which includes a \$4,000 scholarship to a young lady who in turn spends a year with Kiwanis volunteering and giving back to her community as well as improving her own leadership qualities and finally by donating tens of thousands of dollars annually to community organizations, non-profit organizations, and village and town community events, 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 Kiwanis Club of Lewiston by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Kiwanis Club of Lewiston	\$5,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.	

Resolution No. IL-117-26

From: Legislators Michael A. Casale, David E. Godfrey and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH
GERMAN SETTLEMENTS IN WNY GERMAN HERITAGE MUSEUM
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Historical Society of North German Settlements in WNY has maintained the German Heritage Museum in the community of Bergholtz, located in the Town of Wheatfield, and

WHEREAS, the museum's mission is to preserve the stories, customs, language, and artifacts of the Prussian Lutherans who settled in Western New York forming three Niagara County hamlets, including Bergholtz in the Town of Wheatfield, and

WHEREAS, the museum offers historical society publications including a quarterly newsletter, monthly community meetings at the Wheatfield Community Center, genealogical assistance to members, and free on-site educational and personal guided tours, and

WHEREAS, all of these programs as well as the grounds of the museum, including the Das Haus, Einhaus and Der Stall buildings, are led by and maintained by volunteer society members, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support the historical education efforts of the organization, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County wishes to support the Historical Society of North German Settlements in WNY, Das Haus German Heritage Museum by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

The Historical Society of North German Settlements in WNY \$1,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.

Resolution No. IL-118-26

From: Legislators Irene M. Myers, Michael A. Casale and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE YOUNGSTOWN LIBRARY JUBILEE TEA
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Youngstown Library, will host a Jubilee Tea fundraiser on October 3, 2026, in partnership with the Lewiston Service Guild, and

WHEREAS, the fundraiser will support the various community works done by each of these organizations, and

WHEREAS, both agencies are non-profit agencies run by dedicated volunteers that seek to better the communities of Lewiston and Youngstown, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support the continuation of programs and projects that enhance the quality of life for our residents, 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 Jubilee Tea Fundraiser by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Friends of the Youngstown Library \$1,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.

Resolution No. IL-119-26

From: Legislators Michael A. Casale, Irene M. Myers and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: August 4, 2026

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

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

WHEREAS, the association has planned its annual Lewiston Jeopardy fundraiser event for Thursday, September 17, 2026, and

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

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

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

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

Historical Association of Lewiston, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.	

Resolution No. IL-120-26

From: Legislator Carla L. Speranza and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NIAGARA COUNTY FEDERATION OF CONSERVATION CLUBS
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs (NCFCC) is a 501c3 organization made up of most all the active fishing, hunting, trapping clubs and organizations in Niagara County, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs advises member clubs of the latest fishing, hunting and environmental legislation and pending legislation through its administrative address 702 Ridge Road, Lewiston, NY 14092, and

WHEREAS, the NCFCC is also active in recommending to the New York State Conservation Council, ideas spawned by our member clubs pertaining to environmental laws such as bag limits, size limits, seasons,, and

WHEREAS, NCFCC sponsors and provides education, training and sporting events throughout the year across Niagara County for people of all ages and promotes awareness of wildlife and habitat conservation, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs benefits not only residents of Niagara County, but also visitors who choose to participate in hunting and fishing sports throughout the year, and the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this 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 County Federation of Conservation Clubs for the benefit of by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs	\$500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.	

Resolution No. IL-121-26

From: Legislators Carla L. Speranza, Anthony J. Nemi and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SOUTH LOCKPORT FIRE COMPANY
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the South Lockport Fire Company, Inc., a 501(c)(3), is a 100% volunteer fire company serving the residents of the Town of Lockport, New York, and

WHEREAS, the South Lockport Fire Company, Inc. provides Fire/Rescue and EMS services through its main hall at 5666 South Transit Road Drive and through its substation at 5309 Ernest Road in the town of Lockport, and

WHEREAS, the South Lockport Fire Company responds on average to over 1,500 calls per year from the residents and visitors, and

WHEREAS, volunteer fire companies across the region are struggling to attract and retain qualified volunteers, meet increasing safety requirements, acquire and maintain equipment, and buildings, and

WHEREAS, we believe that the South Lockport Fire Company benefits not only persons in Lockport, but also in neighboring communities, and the Niagara County Legislature wishes to support this now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Niagara County Legislature authorizes 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 South Lockport Fire Company, Inc. for the benefit of by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

South Lockport Fire Company, Inc.

\$3,500.00

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IL-122-26

From: Legislator Shawn A. Foti and Economic Development Committee.

Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FRIENDS OF UNIFIED SPORTS
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Friends of Unified Sports is an organization dedicated to supporting Unified Sports participants across Western New York, and

WHEREAS, Friends of Unified Sports hosts many events and fundraisers including Friendship Bingo, Golf Tournament, and Night at the Races, and

WHEREAS, proceeds from these events is used to help fund Unified Sports Events, offer scholarships for those entering college, and provide resources to those with additional needs, and

WHEREAS, on Sunday August 9th, Friends of Unified Sports is hosting their annual golf tournament and funds are being requested for a Par Sponsorship Level, 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 Friends of Unified Sports by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Friend of Unified Sports	\$500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.	

Resolution No. IL-123-26

From: Legislators Richard L. Andres, Randy R. Bradt, Jesse P. Gooch and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION OF
NORTH TONAWANDA THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Downtown Merchants Association of North Tonawanda was established in 1957 to promote the beautiful city and keep the culture alive for future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Merchants Association of North Tonawanda is on a mission to create new cultural events that promote unity, community development and turn downtown into a premier destination in Western New York, and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Merchants Association of North Tonawanda is excited to announce for its second year Arts & Eats on Webster, which is scheduled to take place on August 15-16th, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Arts & Eats on Webster event transforms Webster Street into a spectacular celebration of culture, featuring food, dance and music, 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 Arts & Eats on Webster by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Downtown Merchants Association of North Tonawanda	\$1,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.	

Resolution No. IL-124-26

From: Legislator Sam R. Farruggia and Economic Development Committee.
Dated: August 4, 2026

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service has an urgent need of repair in its facilities, 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 Heritage of Hope and Service by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service, Inc.	\$491.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.	

Resolution No. IL-125-26

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

Dated: August 4, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NIAGARA FALLS FIREFIGHTERS CHRISTMAS TOY FUND THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Firefighters Toy Fund is a 91-year-old 501(c)(3) organization, which buys new Christmas Toys and winter clothes for impoverished children in the Niagara Falls area, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Firefighters Christmas Toy Fund has become a cherished tradition and community institution whose longstanding commitment to helping others has earned the respect and appreciation of residents throughout the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, these events brighten the holidays for over one thousand Niagara County residents, now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, that Niagara County supports the Niagara Falls Firefighters Toy Fund by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

Leo F. Heck Firefighters Toy Fund Inc.	\$2,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.	

Resolution No. IL-126-26

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

Dated: August 4, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GARDEN AND HIGHLAND COMMUNITY BLOCK CLUB INC. THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTERSHIP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Garden and Highland Community Block Club Inc., of Niagara Falls, NY mission is to inspire its residents by empowering our community to build a better place one block at a time, and

WHEREAS, the Garden and Highland Community Block Club is hosting the National Night Out 2026 which is held worldwide on the first Tuesday in August, and

WHEREAS, the National Night Out helps to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances, and

WHEREAS, The National Night Out is also a wonderful opportunity for county legislators, assemblymen, law enforcement, fire fighters, emergency personnel, government and civic agencies to engage with residents to build relationships to help have a safer, more caring place to live, work and visit, 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 Garden and Highland Community Block Club of Niagara Falls, NY for the National Night Out by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Fund as follows:

The Garden and Highland Community Block Club Inc.	\$1,500.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	
Adopted. 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent – Foti, McKimmie.	

Resolution No. IL-127-26

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

Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BUFFALO BOMB SQUAD SPORTS INC.
THROUGH THE USE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Buffalo Bomb Squad Sports Inc. is a nonprofit youth baseball and softball organization dedicated to providing young athletes with opportunities to grow both on and off the field, and

WHEREAS, Buffalo Bomb Squad Sports Inc., through quality coaching, player development and community support fulfills its mission to teach the fundamentals of the game, while instilling values such as teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline and respect, which the children can carry with them long after the final out, and

WHEREAS, Buffalo Bomb Squad Sports Inc. is consistently looking for ways to expand programming, which included a new 9U team in 2026 that has experienced great success during its inaugural season, and

WHEREAS, continued community support helps Buffalo Bomb Squad Inc. cover the costs associated with youth organized sports, while reaching as many young athletes as possible, 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 Buffalo Bomb Squad Sports Inc. by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership Program Fund as follows:

Buffalo Bomb Squad Sports Inc.	\$2,000.00
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Elder.	

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

Resolution No. IL-128-26

From: Legislators Sam R. Farruggia, Carla L. Speranza, Jeffrey Elder and Christopher A. Robins.

Dated: August 4, 2026

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AQUARIUM OF NIAGARA'S CAPITAL EXPANSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Aquarium of Niagara has served as an educational, cultural, and tourism asset for Niagara Falls and Niagara County for more than sixty years, inspiring visitors through marine conservation, education, and stewardship of the natural world, and

WHEREAS, the Aquarium of Niagara provides year-round educational programming for students, families, and visitors while contributing to the economic vitality of downtown Niagara Falls and the surrounding region, and

WHEREAS, the Aquarium of Niagara has presented plans for a significant capital expansion that will enhance the visitor experience, expand educational opportunities, strengthen conservation initiatives, and further establish Niagara Falls as a premier destination for residents and tourists alike, and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion has the potential to generate additional tourism, encourage economic activity, support local businesses, and further the ongoing revitalization of downtown Niagara Falls, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature recognizes the Aquarium of Niagara as a valued community institution whose continued growth and success will benefit residents, visitors, businesses, and future generations, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature expresses its strong support for the Aquarium of Niagara's capital expansion project and its efforts to secure the public and private partnerships necessary to bring this vision to fruition, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature encourages local, state, federal, philanthropic, and private partners to give favorable consideration to opportunities that will assist in advancing this transformational project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature, the Niagara County State Legislative Delegation, the Empire State Development Corporation, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Aquarium of Niagara, and such other agencies and officials as may be appropriate.

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

Carried.

Moved by Farruggia, seconded by Elder.

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

Resolution No. IL-129-26

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

Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A7315 AND SENATE BILL
S9626 REGARDING CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS FOR GLAZING WORK
ON CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, New York State Assembly Bill A7315 and Senate Bill S9626 propose to establish certification requirements for certain glazing work performed on qualifying public works construction projects, and

WHEREAS, glazing work involves specialized skills that are essential to the structural integrity, safety, energy efficiency, and long-term performance of public buildings and infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, ensuring that contractors and workers performing specialized glazing work possess nationally recognized certifications promotes quality workmanship, enhances public safety, and helps protect taxpayer investments in public construction projects, and

WHEREAS, encouraging a highly trained and skilled workforce supports workforce development, creates opportunities for continuing education and professional advancement within the skilled trades, and promotes high standards throughout the construction industry, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Legislature recognizes the importance of maintaining high standards of safety, quality, and accountability on publicly funded construction projects, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby expresses its support for New York State Assembly Bill A7315 and Senate Bill S9626, which establish certification requirements for certain glazing work performed on qualifying public works projects, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature respectfully urges the Governor of the State of New York and the members of the New York State Legislature to give favorable consideration to this legislation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of New York, the Temporary President of the New York State Senate, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, the Niagara County State Legislative Delegation, and such other officials as may be appropriate.

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

Carried.

Moved by Robins, seconded by Speranza.

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

Resolution No. IL-130-26

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

Dated: August 4, 2026

**RESOLUTION CALLING UPON GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO IMMEDIATELY DIRECT THE
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE TO CONDUCT A
COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT OF THE INTERNET DATA CENTER SALES TAX EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul has publicly acknowledged concerns regarding New York State's decades-old Internet Data Center Sales Tax Exemption and has indicated that legislation concerning the exemption may be considered during the next legislative session, and

WHEREAS, Niagara County has repeatedly raised serious concerns regarding the application of this exemption, particularly as it relates to the Lake Mariner Data Center located in the Town of Somerset, and the substantial financial consequences this tax policy has imposed on local governments and taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, despite the enormous growth of cryptocurrency mining and artificial intelligence data centers throughout New York State, there has been little public transparency regarding the administration of this exemption, who benefits from it, whether recipients are legally eligible, and the true cost to New York taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance has publicly claimed the exemption cost approximately \$12 million in lost state sales tax revenue in the last fiscal year, a figure that appears wholly inconsistent with the scale of investments made by facilities such as Lake Mariner and raises serious questions regarding the accuracy and completeness of the State's reporting, and

WHEREAS, publicly available guidance issued by the Department of Taxation and Finance suggests that certain equipment purchases currently receiving the exemption may not qualify under existing law, creating further concerns that the exemption is being improperly applied and inadequately monitored, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature strongly urges Governor Kathy Hochul to immediately direct the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance to conduct a comprehensive, independent audit of the Internet Data Center Sales Tax Exemption rather than delaying action until the next legislative session, and be it further

RESOLVED, that such audit should include, at a minimum:

1. Identification of every company currently receiving the Internet Data Center Sales Tax Exemption;
2. A determination of whether cryptocurrency mining operations and artificial intelligence data centers qualify under existing statute and regulation and, if so, identification of the individual or agency responsible for that interpretation;
3. Verification that every recipient is in full compliance with all statutory eligibility requirements;
4. A detailed review of whether all equipment purchases claimed under the exemption qualify under existing law, including an examination of any distinction between purchases made by facility owners and purchases made by tenants operating within those facilities; and
5. A full accounting of the total amount of New York State sales tax revenue forgone as a result of this exemption since its inception, including annual totals and project-specific estimates where available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature further calls upon Governor Hochul to require the Department of Taxation and Finance to publicly release the complete findings of this audit so that the Legislature, local governments, taxpayers, and members of the New York State Legislature may make informed policy decisions based upon facts rather than speculation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Kathy Hochul, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the Temporary President of the New York State Senate, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, Senator Rob Ortt, Assemblyman Angelo Morinello, Assemblyman William Conrad, Assemblyman Paul Bologna and all others deemed necessary and proper.

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

Carried.

Moved by Hill, seconded by Bradt.

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

Resolution No. IL-131-26

From: Legislators Richard E. Abbott and Shawn A. Foti.

Dated: August 4, 2026

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

WHEREAS, the Niagara Celtic Heritage Society Inc is an official not-for-profit society, established in 2001 to help restore, preserve, and promote Celtic culture in Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Celtic Festival is one of the best upscale heritage destinations in upstate NY, hosting some of the best artists, performers, artisans and vendors from around the world, and

WHEREAS, the festival includes many incredible activities such as; five music stages w/40+ performers, two event fields, five regions to explore, 60+ vendors, Highland games, pipe bands, history groups, story tellers, animals, and events for children, and

WHEREAS, events such as this help to promote cultural heritage and tourism in Niagara County, and would not be possible without community support, 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 Celtic Heritage Festival by appropriating monies from said Community Partnership as follows:

Niagara Celtic Heritage Society

\$2,600.00

Approved for Submission.

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

Carried.

Moved by Abbott, seconded by Godfrey.

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

County Manager introduced appointed Assigned Counsel & Conflict Administrator Mary Jean Bowman.

Moved by Bradt, second by Elder to enter into Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. for discussion on pending litigation.

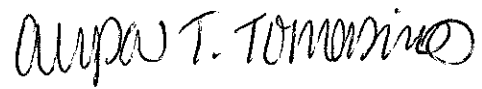
Moved by Bradt, second by Elder to adjourn Executive Session at 7:14 p.m.

Resolution No. CW-011-26 was read at this time. (Appears in numerical order)

Moved by Myers, seconded by Casale, that the Board adjourn.

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned 7:18 p.m., subject to the call of the Clerk.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alysa T. Tomasino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "A" and a circular flourish at the end.

Alysa T. Tomasino, Clerk