

**2025**

**TENTH SESSION**

**OCTOBER 2, 2025**

The Board convened at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisors' Chambers at the Court House, Lake Pleasant, New York, with the Chairman, Clay J. Arsenault presiding. Mr. Arsenault led the members of the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and an opening prayer.

The Clerk, Mrs. Laura Abrams, called the roll with the following Supervisors answering:

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| Arietta       | Chris D. Rhodes     |
| Benson        | Phillip C. Snyder   |
| Hope          | Steven M. Tomlinson |
| Indian Lake   | Brian E. Wels       |
| Inlet         | John Frey           |
| Lake Pleasant | Betsy A. Bain       |
| Long Lake     | Clay J. Arsenault   |
| Morehouse     | Anthony Fernandez   |
| Wells         | Beth Hunt           |

Also present: Hamilton County Attorney, Lisa Johnson-Deputy Public Works Superintendent and Carole Ruiz-Personnel Officer

A motion was made to accept the minutes of September 4, 2025 by Ms. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Tomlinson. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present

County Attorney: Notified the Board of recent Opioid settlements. One with multiple manufacturers and a large one with the Sackler family.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: The Inlet tower is still waiting for the installation; the crews are booking out to 2026. The Hope tower site is waiting for CNS Engineer to sign a contract extension. Once signed, the coverage study maps need to be completed and sent to our attorney. The attorney will then reply to the latest NIPA on that site. Atlantic Testing Labs have done the soil boring for the Spy Lake tower site. We are waiting for the geotech report. The lease agreement is filed for that site. Thanked the Clerk of Board for her help with this and the Morehouse site. With these sites being delayed by the APA permits, it has become very convoluted. We are waiting for the geotech report for the Morehouse site. Once we have the reports for Spy Lake and Morehouse, we will get the information to CNS Engineering to put together a bid package. He would like to bid both sites at the same time to get potential cost savings. The added cost to the DANC agreement was discussed in a committee meeting this morning. Thanked the County Attorney for his guidance. Further, Mr.

Rhodes thanked the Supervisors for their support of the Sheriff's budget and other requests he has made recently. The Sheriff is striving to keep his department as efficient as possible. He covers a large area with limited manpower and his team does a remarkable job. There is a lot happening behind the scenes that the public doesn't see. Mr. Rhodes thanked Tracy Eldridge and DPW for the work on the tower roads. Having the roads done will allow the tower contractor to start building soon.

Mr. Snyder: Requested support for the Central Government resolutions on the agenda.

Ms. Hunt: Attended the NYSAC Conference in Niagara Falls. She accepted an award on behalf of the Treasurer's Office for their investment strategy. Ms. Hunt further reported that ROOST attended a committee meeting and gave an update. Requested support for the resolution regarding the Recreation Management Plan and the resolution regarding the fees for the Birding Festival.

Mr. Wells: Thanked the individuals that met this morning. Thanked the Board for their support and their support of our Personnel Officer. He feels she is doing an outstanding job. It is a tough job and sometimes not a very popular job. He appreciates the Board's full support for her in this ongoing issue.

Ms. Bain: The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Lynn Galusha Memorial Conservation Field Day was held in mid-September. She attended and the Chairman did a welcome speech. There were four schools in attendance.

Mr. Fernandez: Attended a PAC meeting. Everything is going well. The new Medical Director is doing great. They are currently undergoing a Medicaid audit. He spoke with Dr. Delizo regarding vulnerable residents. There is a program that has been going on for some time. The Deputy Director is working to expand it. He should have let the Board know. He is hoping it was well received. She is trying to keep the list up to date and send it back to the Supervisors so they know who in their town is in this compacity so if there is an emergency you know. They have had that program for some time so he thought it was common to update it, she is trying to increase the number of people that are registered.

Mr. Frey: Stated that as we move through the budget process, regarding the support that this Board has been doing for the county employees; between the health insurance adjustment, the cost-of-living rate and other things, he wants it on the record that the Board does have the employees' back.

Mr. Tomlinson: Reviewed the status of road projects. The Courthouse parking lot is moving forward. The Coon Creek Bridge Project should be finished in mid to late October. The cold storage building is making progress. The Big Brook Bridge is also moving forward. Regarding the fleet, the auction is live. It will end October 15. The construction continues for the ADA bathroom and security office in Indian Lake. Requested support for DPW resolutions on the agenda. Thanked the Chairman for bringing the Board together, the morale has changed for the better and he feels everyone is working very well together. We have been looking for a County Manager for some time and he feels we have found one with Mr. Arsenault.

Proclamation:

Ms. Ruiz, Personnel Officer read the Proclamation for Linda Kennedy.

Hamilton County Board of Supervisors  
Proclamation  
For Linda Kennedy  
On the Occasion of her Retirement  
September 30, 2025

WHEREAS, we would like to express special recognition to Linda Kennedy and honor her for her seventeen (17) years and four (4) months of distinguished service with Hamilton County's County Clerk Office; and

WHEREAS, Linda began her career with Hamilton County's County Clerk's Office as a Motor Vehicle Clerk on May 19, 2008. She was promoted to Senior Motor Vehicle Clerk on March 2, 2023, and then Assistant Deputy County Clerk on January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Linda for her dedication to the outstanding performance of her duties during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and honor of this Board to honor Linda Kennedy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, do hereby commend and honor

Linda Kennedy

for her many years of service and dedication as a Hamilton County employee and extend our heartfelt thanks for a job well done and offer our good wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, have hereunto set our hand to this Proclamation this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2025.

Ms. Ruiz left the meeting.

Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 339-25**

**SETTING ANNUAL SESSION DATES**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

RESOLVED, the following dates have been designated as the annual session for 2025:

November 6 1:00 P.M.  
November 10 10:30 A.M.  
November 12 10:30 A.M.  
November 14 10:30 A.M.  
November 17 10:30 A.M.  
PUBLIC HEARING 11:00 A.M.  
December 4 AUDIT 10:30 A.M.  
December 18 AUDIT 10:30 A.M.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that any necessary changes will be subsequently arranged.

Seconded by Mr. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 340-25**

#### **TRANSFER OF FUNDS - COUNTY CLERK**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, payroll line A1410.0107 was funded for Part Time help in the County Clerk office, and

WHEREAS, due to an underestimation of funds needed, the payroll line will be expended by Payroll #20, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$4,700.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No A1410.0107, Clerk, Temporary Clerk P/T.

Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 341-25**

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH SPEECH THERAPIST – HONORA BICHE**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service contracts with individual providers of speech and language pathologies for several programs, and

WHEREAS, Honora Biche of 170 Chartier Road, Northville, NY 12134, is a duly licensed Speech and Language Pathologist by the NYS Department of Education, Office of Professions and wishes to contract with the Nursing Service, and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 and compensated at a rate of \$75.00 per visit, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with Honora Biche, SLP to provide speech therapy to the residents of Hamilton County, for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 at a rate of \$75.00 per visit, upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so notified.

Seconded by Ms. Hunt and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 342-25**

**COUNTY PRETRIAL SERVICES GRANT- SCHOOL PRESENTER**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Probation Department received a \$60,000 grant from DCJS to be used for Pretrial Services, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Probation Department would like authorization to hire School Presenter, Chris Herren, Former NBA Boston Celtics player, to speak at Wells Central School to grades 7 to 12 students from Hamilton County regarding drug and alcohol addiction on November 6, 2025 at 10:00 am and is approximately 1hr and 15mins, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the training is \$11,000.00, which would be covered by the Pre Trial Services Grant, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Probation Department would like the Treasurer's Office to be authorized to issue a check to be given to the Presenter on November 6, 2025, from Account No. A3140.0406 DCJS Pretrial Services Grant, be it

RESOLVED, with the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Herren Talks for a presentation on November 6, 2025 at the Wells Central School in the amount of \$11,000.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon execution of said agreement, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check for \$11,000.00 to be paid to Herren Talks from Account No. A3140.0406 DCJS Pretrial Services Grant to be given to the Hamilton County Probation Director to deliver to Herren Talks on November 6, 2025.

Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 343-25**

#### **AMEND COUNTY BUDGET AND CONTRACT WITH THE HAMILTON, FULTON, MONTGOMERY PREVENTION COUNCIL**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton has approved the 2025 contract with the Hamilton, Fulton, Montgomery Prevention Council to provide Prevention Services to the residents of Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, NYS OASAS funding was increased in the most recent State Aid Letter by \$3,352.00, and

WHEREAS, the current contract does not reflect this increase in the County's 2025 budget, be it

RESOLVED, that Revenue Account No. A3484.0100 and Expenditure Account No. A4310.0425 both be increased by \$3,352.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves amending the County's 2025 contract with Hamilton, Fulton, Montgomery Prevention Council from \$201,377.00 to \$204,729.00, and the Treasurer be so advised

Seconded by Mr. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Frey asked if this is on State Contract. Ms. Johnson stated that it is a piggyback off of a Jefferson County bid. Mr. Frey asked if it would be available to the towns in the same way. Ms. Johnson stated, it is possible. Mr. Frey requested a copy of the contract.

**RESOLUTION NO. 344-25**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EXTERIOR DOORS  
WITH PANIC BAR AND ADA COMPLIANT PUSH BUTTON – HAMILTON COUNTY  
INDIAN LAKE COMPLEX – 2025**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County recognizes the need to replace and upgrade the exterior doors at the Hamilton County Indian Lake Complex, 139 White Birch Lane, to ensure security, accessibility, and compliance with ADA standards, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has received a written proposal from Kelley Bros, LLC, Syracuse, New York, under Jefferson County JCC Cooperative Contract #2023B-5 in the amount of \$15,883.09 for the purchase and installation of exterior aluminum doors with panic bar hardware, ADA compliant automatic push button operators, and associated materials and labor, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the proposal and supports the project, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the DPW Superintendent is hereby authorized to proceed with the purchase and installation of the exterior doors with panic bar hardware and ADA compliant push button system at the Hamilton County Indian Lake Complex, 139 White Birch Lane, at a total cost of \$15,883.09 from Kelley Bros, LLC, Syracuse, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$15,883.09 from the Building Reserve Fund to Account No. A1620.0413 Building Projects to cover said purchase, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer, DPW Superintendent, County Clerk, and Clerk of the Board are so notified.

Seconded by Mr. Fernandez and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 345-25**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF DOOR ACCESS AND  
CAMERA SECURITY SYSTEM – DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICES, INDIAN LAKE –  
2025**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County recognizes the need to provide secure door access and video surveillance for the District Attorney's Offices located in Indian Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has received a written quote from LINSTAR, Inc. under New York State Contract No. PT-68825 in the amount of \$6,353.65 for the purchase and installation of a video intercom door access and camera system, which includes cabling, installation, programming, and client software for the District Attorney's Office PC, with an optional annual maintenance agreement available at \$970.00, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the proposal and supports the installation, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the DPW Superintendent is hereby authorized to proceed with the purchase and installation of the door access and camera security system for the District Attorney's Offices in Indian Lake, at a total cost of \$7,323.65 from LINSTAR, Inc., 430 Lawrence Bell Drive, Buffalo, NY 14221, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$7,323.65 from the Building Reserve Fund to Account No. A1620.0413 Building Projects to cover said purchase, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer, DPW Superintendent, County Clerk, District Attorney, and Clerk of the Board are so notified.

Seconded by Ms. Hunt and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

11:00 AM Open Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2025 A Local Law to Extend the Additional Mortgage Recording Tax within the County of Hamilton. Motion by Ms. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Rhodes. Carried.

No public present.

**RESOLUTION NO. 346-25**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF DOOR ACCESS AND  
CAMERA SECURITY SYSTEM – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, INDIAN  
LAKE – 2025**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County recognizes the need to provide secure door access and video surveillance for the Department of Social Services located in Indian Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has received a written quote from LINSTAR, Inc. under New York State Contract No. PT-68825 in the amount of \$11,416.70, which includes the purchase and installation of two access-controlled doors, video intercom, desk stations, cabling, programming, integration to the existing Galaxy Access Control system, and an annual maintenance agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the proposal and supports the installation, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the DPW Superintendent is hereby authorized to proceed with the purchase and installation of the door access and camera security system for the Department of Social Services in Indian Lake, at a total cost of \$11,416.70 from LINSTAR, Inc., 430 Lawrence Bell Drive, Buffalo, NY 14221, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$11,416.70 from the Building Reserve Fund to Account No. A1620.0413 Building Projects to cover said purchase, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer, DPW Superintendent, County Clerk, Commissioner of Social Services, and Clerk of the Board are so notified.

Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 347-25**

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF DOOR ACCESS  
SYSTEM – PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, INDIAN LAKE – 2025**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is standardizing a common key fob door access system for security across all county buildings, and

WHEREAS, most county buildings already utilize a key fob access system installed by LINSTAR, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department located in Indian Lake requires installation of the same system to ensure consistency and security, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has received a written quote from LINSTAR, Inc. under New York State Contract No. PT68825 in the amount of \$5,161.45 for the purchase and installation of a Dual Reader Module (DRM) controlled key fob access system, including a one-year maintenance agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the proposal and recommends moving forward with the installation, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the DPW Superintendent is hereby authorized to proceed with the purchase and installation of the keyless door access security system as quoted, at a total cost of \$5,161.45, from LINSTAR, Inc., 430 Lawrence Bell Drive, Buffalo, NY 14221, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the cost shall be charged to Account No. A1620.0413 Building Projects, with the understanding that reimbursement may be sought, if deemed eligible, from Account No. A4189.4106 HRI PH Infrastructure Grant 7549-01, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer, DPW Superintendent, County Clerk, Public Health Director, and Clerk of the Board are so notified.

Seconded by Mr. Rhodes and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 348-25**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO WALTER S. PRATT & SONS, INC. FOR TRAILER  
MOUNTED 8" WATER PUMP – 2025**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 289-25 awarded the bid for one (1) new trailer mounted 8" water pump for general dewatering to Walter S. Pratt & Sons, Inc. of Rensselaer, New York, in the amount of \$75,844.00, and

WHEREAS, the said pump has now been delivered to Hamilton County, inspected by the Highway Superintendent, found to be fully operational, and accepted, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution No. 289-25, payment is due to the vendor within thirty (30) days of delivery and acceptance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to Walter S. Pratt & Sons, Inc., 317 Columbia Street, Rensselaer, NY 12144, in the amount of \$75,844.00 for the trailer mounted 8" water pump, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said payment be made from Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer, Highway Superintendent, and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

Seconded by Mr. Snyder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 349-25**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT AMENDMENT B FOR TIME & MATERIALS FOR STATE SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT 2024/2025**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, because of the severity of the winter during 2024/2025, Hamilton County requests that the Municipal Snow & Ice Agreement (Contract No. D014765) estimated expenditure be revised, and

WHEREAS, all the terms and conditions of the original contract extension remain in effect except as follows:

**ADDITIONAL S&I OPERATIONS**

|                                      |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Original 24/25 Estimated Expenditure | \$ 900,347.53   |
| Final Snow & Ice Voucher             | \$ 1,350,891.94 |
| Adjustment                           | \$ 450,544.41   |

**TOTAL CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS**

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Final Snow & Ice Voucher     | \$ 1,350,891.94 |
| Amount Paid for 24/25 Season | \$ 900,347.53   |
| Contract Adjustment          | \$ 450,544.41   |

and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been executed by the State, acting by and through the duly authorized representative of the Commissioner of Transportation and the Municipality, which has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer on the date and year first written in the original contract extension, and

WHEREAS, the County Budget for 2025 must be amended to reflect this contract adjustment, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign Amendment B (Supplemental Agreement No. 4) to the State Snow & Ice Agreement (Contract No. D014765), in a form approved by the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget amendment:

Revenue:

D2302.00 – Snow Removal Services, Other Govts +\$450,544.41

Expenditure:

D5144.0401 – State Snow, Equipment Rental           +\$450,544.41

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board, and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

Seconded by Ms. Hunt and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 350-25**

**FUNDING STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS – CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 392-24 obligated \$200,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for capital improvements to county owned property, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to create and fund Account No. A1620.0408 ARPA Capital Improvements in the amount of \$200,000.00 to be offset by funding Revenue Account No. A4089.0200 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Seconded by Mr. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 351-25**

**RESOLUTION ASSERTING THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF DEC GETTING THE  
RECREATION MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP) FOR THE SPECULATOR TREE  
FARM, PERKINS CLEARING, AND BURNHAM MOUNTAIN TRACTS DONE AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, it is not unique for Communities and local businesses to have to wait multiple years for the planning documents which guide recreation and use, but in the case of an Easement purchase which was finalized in 2005, the time is overdue for the People of the State of NY to be more fully afforded the recreation opportunities acquired, and

WHEREAS, DEC has now released a Draft RMP, holding both a Public Meeting and a Public Comment period, for a Draft Plan that has received far more praise than opposition, and

WHEREAS, this should be deemed a unique and powerful opportunity to both get the RMP finalized and implemented, and

WHEREAS, these types of consensus opportunities are not always the norm for the Adirondacks, but these lands are a unique case:

- The boundaries of the private lands impacted were approved and ratified by the People of the State of NY through a 1979 Constitutional Amendment which provides a win/win land exchange assuring the private land and state land boundaries were improved
- A 2005 Conservation Easement acquired from International Paper (subsequently the underlying Fee ownership was transferred to Lyme Timber) provided widely endorses environmental protection, recreation, and the assurance that the Forest Product Industry would continue to thrive on these lands
- This was broadly embraced as a win/win, but also a unique opportunity for unique recreational uses and management
- Existing uses such as:
  1. Snowmobiling
  2. Camping
  3. Access to Forest Preserve
- Newer opportunities such as (which have more recently materialized):
  1. Mountain Biking
  2. Gravel Road Biking
  3. Groomed Cross Country Ski Trails
  4. Hamlets to Huts and connecting Communities to the Forest Preserve and to each other

and

WHEREAS, the level of existing collaborative partnership between the Landowner, DEC and the involved municipalities is also unprecedented here:

- DEC/Lyme/municipalities constantly working to improve communication
- The County is aggressively working with Lyme and on behalf of the County and user groups to improve access. Improved access for all through roughly a million dollars in bridge work, all of which improves safety, efficiency, and everyone's experience
- The Town of Lake Pleasant working as a partner under contract with DEC, to improve road access, creating a real win/win (Better access for all – Lyme/a critical industry – Recreational users and local residents). Road maintenance is great for users, Lyme, and is a critical investment in sustainability (ultimately maintenance is an investment which pays for itself)
- All the municipal leaders have worked to assist DEC in building consensus around these lands.
- All the municipalities involved, from the County to the Towns (Lake Pleasant, Wells, and Arietta) to the Village, all stand ready to partner on implementation. DEC constantly states the need for partners, and so this is both consensus planning, as well as highly implementable.
- This consensus-based leadership has only strengthened the commitment of user groups and recreational users to work on implementation. These partners are also standing at the ready, and so seizing the moment is critical.

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby encourages DEC to bring this through to completion as soon as possible, in a manner which finalizes and strengthens the opportunities for Snowmobiling, Biking, Camping, Cross Country Skiing, Hamlets to Huts, and making these lands a community gateway to magnificent recreational opportunities, and a gateway to the Forest Preserve, and be it further

RESOLVED. that Certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Hochul, Senator Harckham, Assembly member Glick, Senator Walczyk, Assemblyman Smullen, DEC Commissioner Lefton, and APA Executive Director Barbara Rice.

Seconded by Ms. Hunt and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 352-25**

**AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A REGISTRATION FEE PER OUTING  
FOR THE ANNUAL ADIRONDACK BOREAL BIRDING FESTIVAL**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

WHEREAS, the Annual Adirondack Boreal Birding Festival has grown in popularity and scope, attracting participants from across country and beyond, and

WHEREAS, the planning, coordination, and execution of festival outings require significant resources, including hiring guides, presenters and birding experts, and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a modest registration fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per outing will help offset operational costs, enhance the quality of programming, and ensure the sustainability of the festival for future years, be it

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County Economic Development and Tourism is hereby authorized to implement a registration fee to be charged per outing for participants of the Annual Adirondack Boreal Birding Festival, and be it further

RESOLVED, that appropriate communication and outreach shall be conducted to inform the public of the new fee policy, including details on how the fees will support and improve the festival experience.

Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 353-25**

**ADOPTION OF UPDATES TO HAMILTON COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, there is a need to update and add to the Hamilton County Employee Handbook, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has recommended the adoption of said updates and additions to the handbook, be it

RESOLVED, the following additions be created in the employee handbook:

Addition – Section 701– Wage and Salary: **Increases** – The County has adopted the following Grade and Step System for the purposes of determining increases in employee salary (see **Time in Service** for those who were hired at a higher Step):

- After completion of one (1) year in service, an employee will be considered for Step 1, a five percent (5%) increase in salary based on a satisfactory performance evaluation.
- After completion of two (2) years in service to ten (10) years, a four percent (4%) increase in salary will be considered every two (2) years for Steps 2 - 6.
- After completion of twelve (12) years in service to twenty (20) years, a three percent (3%) increase in salary will be considered every two years for Steps 7 - 11.
- After the completion of twenty-five (25) years and after completion of thirty (30) years a four percent (4%) increase will be considered for Step 12 and 13.
- After the completion of thirty-five (35) years, an employee will be considered for a three percent (3%) increase in salary for Step 14.

Addition – Section 701 – Wage and Salary: **Time in Service** – An individual transferring into employment with Hamilton County, shall be given one-half (½) credit for the time in service of the same or a related title that has applicable job experience, toward the County's anniversary date for purposes of the Grade and Step System. An individual who begins employment with Hamilton County at a higher Step than Step Hire, will follow the salary increase schedule for the Step they come in at. In other words, anyone who comes in at Step 1 will receive Step 2 after one year of employment with a satisfactory performance evaluation. Anyone who comes in at Step 2 through Step 11 will receive their first Step increase after two years of employment with a satisfactory performance evaluation, etc. Any higher Steps would follow the schedule of that Step accordingly.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions and policies contained in the Employee Handbook are intended to supersede any and all prior manuals, guidelines or related policies issued by Hamilton County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer will provide all employees with a copy of updated employee handbook with said changes highlighted for their convenience.

Seconded by Mr. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 354-25**

**AUTHORIZING IMPROVED QUALITY FAMILY COURT REPRESENTATION GRANT AND  
CREATING POSITIONS FOR SAID GRANT 2026 – PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services has notified Hamilton County that they have been awarded a sum of \$750,000.00 over three (3) years (\$250,000.00 per year) with a term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028 for improved quality family court representation under County Law Article 18-B, and

WHEREAS, said grant will require the creation of two (2) new positions in the Public Defender’s Office, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a contract with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services for the Improved Quality Family Court Representation grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon execution of the Improved Quality Family Court Representation Grant Contract, the position of Full Time Family Court Assistant Public Defender be hereby created with a hire rate of \$91,454.00 effective January 1, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon execution of the Improved Quality Family Court Representation Grant Contract, the position of Part Time Community Liaison be hereby created with a hire rate of \$45,000.00 effective January 1, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said positions are contingent upon continuation of New York State reimbursement funding.

Seconded by Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 355-25**

**SFY2024, 2025 & 2026 EMERGENCY SERVICES IP NETWORK (ESInet) READINESS  
GRANT APPLICATION**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the County apply for the SFY2024, 2025 & 2026 Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) Readiness Grant for Hamilton County in the amount of \$689,655 in funding, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Hamilton County Sheriff to complete and submit said grant application by the deadline of November 12, 2025.

Seconded by Mr. Tomlinson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 356-25**

**AUTHORIZING AND FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
EMERGENCY SERVICES SFY2025 NEXT GENERATION 911 (NG911) GRANT  
PROGRAM – NG25-1051-E00**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has been awarded the SFY2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911) Grant in the amount of \$1,266,796.00, NG25-1051-E00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said NG911 grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to create and fund Account No. A3645.0435 – NG25-1051-E00 in the amount of \$1,266,796.00 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0138 – NG25-1051-E00 in the amount of \$1,266,796.00 and the Sheriff be so notified.

Seconded by Ms. Hunt and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 357-25**

**AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF RS TELECOM INC. CONTRACT**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, after completing the RFP process and under Resolution 280-23, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorized the Chairman of Hamilton County to enter in to a contract with RS Telecom Inc in the amount of \$38,00.00 per year for a contract period of two years with an option to renew the contract for an additional three years upon mutual agreement of both parties for maintenance and service of the County's Nokia microwave system, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County and RS Telecom are in agreement to renew the maintenance and service contract for an additional year in the amount of \$38,000.00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said contract with the approval of the County Attorney.

Seconded by Mr. Snyder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 358-25**

**SNOW AND ICE CONTRACTS WITH TOWNS FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Article 6, Section 135a of the Highway Law provides that the County Highway Superintendent may contract with any town in the County for the removal of snow and ice from the County roads and for sanding or otherwise treating said roads, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Highway Superintendent be authorized to contract with the various towns of the County, upon the approval of the County Attorney, for said purposes for the said period of:

November 1, 2025 – October 31, 2026

and the County Treasurer be so advised.

Seconded by Ms. Hunt and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Tomlinson stated that the dates need to be updated. Ms. Johnson stated that the date in the first whereas should be November 5, and the second whereas should be November 6. Motioner and Seconders agree to the change.

**RESOLUTION NO. 359-25**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
CONSTELLATION ENERGY SERVICES OF NEW YORK, INC. FOR 2025-2026**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the County agreement with Constellation Energy Services for purchase of electricity for all County facilities expires on November 5, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Constellation Energy Services has given a proposal to the County to enter into a fixed price agreement for a period of twelve (12) months beginning November 6, 2025, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter a contract with Constellation Energy Services of New York, Inc. for a fixed price not to exceed 0.0979 kWh for a period of twelve (12) months.

Seconded by Mr. Snyder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 360-25**

**AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF EXCESS VEHICLES**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, certain vehicles/equipment have become excess and no longer needed by certain County Agencies, and

WHEREAS, the County Fleet Coordinator has recommended that the following vehicles/equipment be disposed of from the County inventory:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Make/Model</u> | <u>VIN</u>        | <u>Plate#</u> | <u>Dept</u> | <u>FN</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 2018        | Chev. 1500 Crew   | 3GCUKNECJG336346  | N/A           | Sheriff     | 601       |
| 2016        | Ford F250 Crew    | 1FT7W2B63GEB78718 | N/A           | Sheriff     | 617       |

be it

RESOLVED, the above vehicles be sold by auction online by Auctions International and the funds from the auction shall be a revenue credit to Account No. A2665 Sale of Equipment, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator see that proper inventory notes be recorded when the transactions are accomplished, and the Fleet Coordinator, Director of Fixed Assets, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

Seconded by Mr. Frey and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 361-25**

#### **APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$166,643.64 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$63,343.11 presented by the County Superintendent of Highways and audited this day by the County Public Works Committee, be, and the same hereby are approved and audited.

Seconded by Mr. Tomlinson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 362-25**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL PROJECT  
2022-1 BIG BROOK BRIDGE AND CAPITAL PROJECT ELBOW CREEK BRIDGE**

**DATED: OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$498,502.00 the following committees:

|                                         |              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Public Works (Buildings) Committee..... | \$ 23,702.19 |
| Public Works (Solid Waste).....         | 46,735.69    |
| Finance Committee .....                 | 133,352.63   |
| Health Committee.....                   | 14,606.76    |
| Human Services Committee.....           | 80,696.86    |
| Central Government Committee .....      | 18,102.98    |
| Emergency Prep./Emergency Response..... | 180,623.56   |
| Internal Management Committee .....     | 681.33       |

be it further

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the following Capital Projects:

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Big Brook Bridge.....   | \$271,080.31 |
| Elbow Creek Bridge..... | \$ 2,228.19  |

are hereby approved.

Seconded by Mr. Rhodes and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,  
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

Other Reports:

Mr. Wells: At the Local Government Review Board meeting, DANC did a presentation on plans for parkwide cell tower/fiber routes, it is moving along slowly. The biggest setback is funding. He believes Hamilton County would take the lead. AATV is looking for regional directors. He thanked Mr. Snyder for attending with him. Please let him know if anyone else is interested.

Ms. Bain: On September 11, the Town of Lake Pleasant had a flag raising ceremony at the Airdville Cemetery. A lot of community organizations attended. It was a great event. The Sheriff's Office did a great job with traffic control.

Mr. Frey: Stated that social media can be interesting these days, but he found on Facebook that someone has been posting during the Yankee's game, people that died in 9/11. One of the pictures was a gentleman that took his two sons to a Yankee game the day before 9/11 and was gone the next day. Never forget.

Chairman: Thanked Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, the DPW and Lenny Croote for all their work on the Shaw Brook restoration. It is coming along very nicely. He further stated that everyone has been working on their town and the county budget. He thanked everyone that has been a part of this budget process. Thanked the Department Heads for the time they spent meeting with the Board and helping us understand some of the challenges they are facing. Thanked the Budget Officer and the Clerk of the Board for all of the work they have put into the budget. He is hopeful that we come out of this with a budget that is well thought out, balanced and takes care of our employees, but also respects our taxpayers. This balance is a very fine line and is never an easy task. With the effort that everyone has put in he believes we are in a good place to get there. As we work together to get in this good place, he knows we will face some challenges and have to make difficult decisions along the way. He is confident with all of the discussions and meetings and commitment he sees around the room, that we will find the right balance for both our employees and the taxpayers. He stated that until we see these numbers on paper, nothing is final until we approve it. Once the Budget Officer provides us with this budget, we may need to make some serious changes.

11:15 AM Open Public Hearing for proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2025 A Local Law Superceding County Law Section 215 (4) and (6) and Authorizing the Lease of County Property to New York RSA 2 Cellular Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless. Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Frey. Carried.

No public present.

Recess for 20 minutes.

11:35 AM

Close Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2025 A Local Law to Extend the Additional Mortgage Recording Tax within the County of Hamilton. Motion by Ms. Hunt, seconded Mr. Rhodes. Carried.

Close Public Hearing for proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2025 A Local Law Superceding County Law Section 215 (4) and (6) and Authorizing the Lease of County Property to New York RSA 2 Cellular Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless. Motion by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Frey. Carried.

Motion: Ms. Hunt

Second: Ms. Bain

LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2025

State of New York  
County of Hamilton

A LOCAL LAW TO EXTEND THE ADDITIONAL  
MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX IN THE  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 9 of 2006 duly enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton authorized the imposition of a mortgage recording tax in accordance with Section 253 of the Tax Law of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton desires to further extend such mortgage recording tax, now, therefore

BE IT ENACTED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1: Title. This Local Law shall be titled “A Local Law Extending the Additional Mortgage Recording Tax in Hamilton County”.

Section 2: Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this law is to authorize Hamilton County, pursuant to the provisions of Section 253-j of the Tax Law of the State of New York, to impose an Additional Mortgage Recording Tax.

Section 3: Imposition of Tax. For the period commencing December 1, 2025 and ending December 1, 2027, unless further extended by Local Law of the Board of Supervisors, there is hereby imposed, in the County of Hamilton a tax of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and each remaining major fraction thereof of principal debt or obligation which is or under any contingency may be secured at the date of execution thereof, or at any time thereafter, by a mortgage on real property situated within the County of Hamilton and recorded on or after December 1, 2025, and a tax of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) on such mortgage if the principal debt or obligation which is or by any contingency may be secured by such mortgage is less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Section 4: Administration and Collection of Tax. The taxes imposed pursuant to this Local Law shall be administered and collected in the same manner as the taxes imposed under subdivision one of Section 253 of the Tax Law and paragraph (b) of subdivision one of Section 255 of the Tax Law. Except as otherwise provided in Section 253-j of the Tax Law, all the provisions of Article 11 of the Tax Law relating to or applicable to the administration and collection of the taxes imposed by such subdivision shall apply to the taxes imposed by this Local Law with such modifications as may be necessary to adapt such language to the tax so authorized. Such provisions shall apply with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been set forth in full in Section 253-j of the Tax Law, except to the extent that any provision is either inconsistent

with a provision of Section 253-j of the Tax Law or not relevant to the tax authorized by Section 253-j of the Tax Law.

Section 5: Real Property located in more than one County or State. Where the real property covered by the mortgage subject to the tax imposed pursuant to this Local Law is situated in this state but within and without Hamilton County, the amount of such tax due and payable to Hamilton County shall be determined in a manner similar to that prescribed in the first undesignated paragraph of Section 260 of the Tax Law which concerns real property situated in two or more counties. Where such property is situated both within Hamilton County and without the state, the amount due and payable by Hamilton County shall be determined in the manner prescribed in the second undesignated paragraph of such Section 260 which concerns property situated within and without the State. Where real property is situated within and without Hamilton County, the recording officer of the jurisdiction in which the mortgage is first recorded shall be required to collect the taxes imposed pursuant to this section.

Section 6: Additional Mortgage Recording Tax. The tax imposed pursuant to this Local Law shall be in addition to the taxes imposed by Section 253 of the Tax Law.

Section 7: Disposition of Taxes. Notwithstanding any provision of Article 11 of the Tax Law to the contrary, the balance of all monies paid to the recording officer of the County of Hamilton during each month upon account of the tax imposed pursuant to this Local Law, after deducting the necessary expenses of his or her office as provided in Section 262 of the Tax Law, except taxes paid upon mortgages which under the provisions of Section 253-j of the Tax Law or Section 260 of the Tax Law are first to be apportioned by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, shall be paid over by such officer on or before the tenth day of each succeeding month to the Treasurer of Hamilton County and, after the deduction by such treasurer of the necessary expenses of his or her office provided in Section 262 of the Tax Law, shall be deposited in the general fund of the County of Hamilton. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding sentence, the tax so imposed and paid upon mortgages covering real property situated in two or more counties, under which the provisions of Section 253-j of the Tax Law or Section 260 of the Tax Law are first to be apportioned by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, shall be paid over by the recording officer receiving the same as provided by the determination of the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance.

Section 8: Payment of Taxes. The tax imposed pursuant to this Local Law shall be payable on the recording of each mortgage of real property subject to taxes there under. Such tax shall be paid to the recording officer of the county in which the real property or any part thereof is situated, except where real property is situated within and without the county, the recording officer of the county in which the mortgage is first recorded shall collect the tax imposed by this Local Law. It shall be the duty of such recording officer to endorse upon each mortgage a receipt for the amount of the tax so paid. Any mortgage so endorsed may thereupon or thereafter be recorded by any recording officer and the receipt for such tax endorsed upon each mortgage shall be recorded therewith. The record of such receipt shall be conclusive proof that the amount of tax stated therein has been paid upon such mortgage.

Section 9: Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect December 1, 2025, provided that a certified copy thereof is mailed by registered or certified mail to the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance at the Commissioner's Office in Albany at least 30 days prior to the date this Local Law shall take effect. Certified copies of this Local Law shall also be filed with the Hamilton County Clerk, the Secretary of State and the State Comptroller within five (5) days after the Local Law is duly enacted and this Local Law shall be deemed to be duly enacted upon its date of adoption by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors.

AYES: ARIETTA (292), BENSON (221), HOPE (413), INDIAN LAKE (1,363), INLET (355), LAKE PLEASANT (897), LONG LAKE (791), MOREHOUSE (92), WELLS (683) = 5,107

NAYS: NONE

Motion: Mr. Rhodes

Second: Mr. Frey

#### LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2025

#### COUNTY OF HAMILTON

#### A LOCAL LAW SUPERCEDING COUNTY LAW SECTION 215 (4) AND (6) AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO NEW YORK RSA 2 CELLULAR PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Legislation Intent and Purpose. This Local Law is enacted to amend and supercede County Law Section 215 and authorize the County of Hamilton Board of Supervisors, in the name of and on behalf of the County of Hamilton to enter a lease of the County property identified in Section 3 hereof and thereby obtain a reasonable return on property not needed for County purposes. The purpose of superceding County Law Section 215 is to avoid the need to advertise and lease a portion or all of the property identified in Section 3 hereof to the highest bidder following a public auction.

Section 2. County Law Section 215 Amended and Superseded. It is the intent of this Local Law to amend and supercede pursuant to the County's authority under the Municipal Home Rule Law the following: (a) County Law Section 215 (4), which limits leases of County property to 5 year terms, and (b) County Law Section 215 (6) which provides that property no longer necessary for public use "may be sold or leased only to the highest bidder after public advertisement".

Section 3. County Property and Lease. Hamilton County is the lessor of real property located at 2698 State Route 10 [E911 Address: 984 State Route 8], Town of Arietta, Hamilton County, New York, Tax Map Number 127.000-1-1.110 ("Tower Site") on which it is constructing

a new public safety radio communications tower ("Tower Property") and NEW YORK RSA 2 CELLULAR PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS ("Verizon Wireless") has expressed an interest in leasing space on the tower and at the base thereof for the installation, operation and maintenance of a wireless telecommunication facility ("Facility") together with an easement for access and utilities pursuant to a Tower Lease Agreement between the County and Verizon Wireless. The portion of the Tower Property to be leased is not currently needed for County purposes and the County retains the right to use the Tower Property for County purposes pursuant to and in accordance with the Tower Lease Agreement. The term of the proposed lease is five (5) years, with four (4) five-year (5) renewals to be exercised at Verizon Wireless's option. The proposed compensation to the County is annual rent of \$24,000 increasing by 2% on each anniversary of the Tower Lease Agreement. Verizon Wireless's rights and obligations in respect to Verizon Wireless's lease of the Property will be governed by and in accordance with the Tower Lease Agreement.

Section 4. Lease Authorized. The County Executive is hereby authorized, without public advertisement or auction, to enter the Tower Lease Agreement and execute any and all related documents for the lease of the above-described Property to Verizon Wireless on the terms set forth in Section 3 hereof and in the Tower Lease Agreement.

Section 5. Severability. If any part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by a Court to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its application to the part of this Local Law for which such order or judgment has been rendered.

Section 6. Effective Date. This local law shall not take effect until at least forty-five (45) days after its adoption or, if within forty-five (45) days after its adoption, there shall be filed with the Clerk a petition protesting against such Local Law, signed and authenticated as required by the Municipal Home Rule Law, then until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of Hamilton County voting on a proposition for it. The Clerk shall publish this local law or abstract thereof and take such further action as may be required under the Municipal Home Rule Law governing adoption of this local law.

AYES: ARIETTA (292), BENSON (221), HOPE (413), INDIAN LAKE (1,363), INLET (355), LAKE PLEASANT (897), LONG LAKE (791), MOREHOUSE (92), WELLS (683) = 5,107

NAYS: NONE

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Fernandez. Carried.