

2025

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 10, 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:

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

Also present: Barry Baker-RPTS Director/Budget Officer, Jodie Small – County Treasurer

Public Comment: No one present.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Wells: November 12th there is an AATV meeting. November 14th is Common Ground Alliance.

Ms. Bain: The Department of Social Services office is closing at 3:30 PM today.

2026 Budget Review:

General Fund Revenues:

A2210.0200 County Assessing – The initial calculation did not account for the step for the Assessor #2.

District Attorney's Budget – Revenue A3389.0000 Aid to Prosecution, she requested \$100,000. He has not received any documentation affirming that amount. She has a committee meeting set so he didn't reduce it until she can explain it.

Revenue A3389.0200 DCJS LETECH – The District Attorney requested \$100,000. The Budget Officer doesn't have any documentation on that grant either. He reduced it to the prior amount.

Revenue A3389.0101 Hazard Mitigation Plan. The County's portion is \$90,000. The County is receiving \$60,000 in grant funds. There is a \$150,000 expenditure budgeted.

Discussed the Emergency Management PSAP Grant. This grant offsets the payroll for the 911 Dispatchers. It is typically a revenue that is in the budget. There has not been confirmation from the state that it will be funded.

General Fund Expenditures:

A1010.0406 Leg. Brd. Law Books – The amount will be removed. There will be an amount added to the Sheriff's budget to cover the necessity of law books for Corrections.

The Budget Officer explained the new Family Court Assistance funding for the Public Defender's office.

The Board continued to review the 2026 Tentative Budget.

A1620.0202 Buildings Equipment – the \$60,000 increase is for a vehicle.

Discussed the need to increase the account for Community College. There is a shortage for 2025.

Sheriff's Budget- A3110.0202 Automobile – He had requested two vehicles. It was reduced to one. He received a grant for one vehicle.

A3640.0406 Hazard Mitigation Plan – Was added. Previously discussed in revenues.

Discussed funding the Fire Coordinator Deputy, EMS Coordinator Deputy and Temporary all under the Temporary Account. The Emergency Services Manager is going to take the title of Fire Coordinator.

A4050.0101 Public Health Director - Corrected number based on the Director becoming a 40 hour a week employee.

The Budget Officer discussed the adjustments that were needed to convert the payroll from 3 decimal points to 2 decimal points.

Community Services' Budget – Discussed requested salary increases for staff. Forms were not submitted to Personnel. Forms will be given to Personnel and will be addressed at the next meeting.
A4310.0432 Fort Hudson Contract – Request was \$50,000. It was recently authorized at \$75,000.

A6326.0406 OFA – Large increase due to COVID funds no longer being available.

A7010.0401 Council on the Arts – Opted last year to not fund. The Board discussed. The Board agreed to not fund for 2026.

A8720.0402 Fish & Game – Needs to be increased to match the contract.

Highway Budget:

The Budget Officer explained that the Moose River Plains contract was added back to the revenues and expenditures.

The Board discussed how many miles of state road the County has a contract for. Mr. Wells discussed the brining facility. It is a tremendous strain on their water system. Ms. Hunt stated they have been discussing having a facility in Wells. The strain on water systems was discussed.

The County Treasurer discussed being conservative with investing the Highway funds.

The Budget Officer stated he will have answers to the questions for the next meeting. The Chairman requested the County Treasurer to give the Board a printout of where the County is with fund balance.

The Chairman recessed the meeting until November 12, 2025 at 10:30 AM.