

2025

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 14, 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. Wells |
| Inlet | ABSENT |
| Lake Pleasant | Betsy A. Bain |
| Long Lake | Clay J. Arsenault |
| Morehouse | Anthony Fernandez |
| 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. Rhodes: Alison Webbinaro from the Governor's Office reached out to him yesterday in response to reading the article regarding the grant extension. It is still uncertain whether it will be extended. He provided her with background information. She requested additional details. He provided those. He is glad she is willing to help with the matter. They are still working on the logistics of the Jail Physician. The Doctor's Administrative Assistant has done a considerable amount of work in getting the medical record software set up. She will also serve as the program's administrator in the future. It has been requested that the Administrative Assistant be paid \$10,000 per year. The Chairman discussed the savings to the County for not having to purchase its own software package and train someone to administer it. Mr. Rhodes discussed the deputy budget officer position he had recommended for the County Treasurer. A job description might be challenging as many of the duties already fall under the Treasurer's purview. He would still like the Board to consider rewarding the Treasurer for her outstanding work. The Board decided to discuss it during budget discussions.

Mr. Wells: He reached out to Alison Webbinaro regarding the legislation that is still sitting on the Governor's desk regarding taking ambulance budgets off the tax cap. He still has not received a response.

RESOLUTIONS:

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, the Chairman stated that the title is to be corrected; Purchase is changed to Payment.

RESOLUTION NO. 400-25

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR 2026 SHERIFF VEHICLE

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 397-25 authorizes the Fleet Coordinator to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV for the Sheriff Department, and

WHEREAS, the said vehicle has been delivered and the Fleet Coordinator recommends payment to Mohawk Chevrolet, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be so authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$54,277.96 payable to Mohawk Chevrolet, 639 State Route 67, Ballston Spa, NY 12020 out of Account No. A3110.0203 BJ25-1095-D00 DCJS Grant and the Sheriff, Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

2026 Budget Review:

Mr. Baker stated he checked with Board of Elections regarding the increase to Account No. A1450.0108 Programmers when there haven't been any charges to that account. Board of Elections told him that with the new Hart voting system they have done all the programming for the past election. They did not know how much programming would be provided by Hart going forward.

The Board discussed the salaries of the Board of Elections Commissioners; budget amount vs. what is approved by local law.

Mr. Baker discussed adding Account No. A3150.0116 Jail Administrative Assistant to Physician at \$10,000. The account will be created by resolution in the 2025 budget and funded at \$5,000 to compensate the Administrative Assistant for 2025. The Board agreed.

The Board discussed the County Treasurer's salary. Mr. Tomlinson stated that he supports the increase that Mr. Rhodes recommended. Mr. Fernandez stated that her office also supports the towns and there is revenue from doing that. Ms. Hunt stated that the office has never been recognized for all the extra work it does. Everyone agreed with the County Treasurer's salary being increased by \$4,000.

The Board discussed the County Clerk's salary. The fact that the department needs improvement and that the Board is willing to consider an increase next year was discussed. Mr. Tomlinson stated that we should also recognize that the County Clerk did not request an increase beyond 5% COLA. The Board discussed the duties of the Deputy County Clerk and the fact that the position is an appointment of the County Clerk.

The Board discussed options for use of fund balance for the 2026 budget.

The Chairman recessed the meeting until November 17, 2025 at 10:30 AM.