

2026

THIRD SESSION

MARCH 5, 2026

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	ABSENT
Hope	ABSENT
Indian Lake	Brian E. Wells
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	ABSENT
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	Anthony Fernandez
Wells	ABSENT

Also present: County Attorney (Zoom), Lisa Johnson-Deputy Public Works Superintendent, Carole Ruiz-Personnel Officer, Mike Lamphear, Carl Ferrentino

A motion was made to accept the minutes of February 5, 2026 by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Fernandez. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present

County Attorney: No report

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Gave an update on the Morehouse and Spy Lake towers. They sent a notice of award to the contractor. They have received the signed contract, once they are executed a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled. There is a resolution today seeking permission to pay National Grid, which will start work on both Spy Lake and Morehouse sites. They will not start unless they are paid up front. The property owners of the Morehouse site requested a change of language for the National Grid easement. The resolution to pay National Grid for the Morehouse site is contingent upon the easement being signed. Mr. Fernandez stated he has been asked when Verizon will be on the towers. Mr. Rhodes stated they will probably be on before our radio equipment is on.

Mr. Wells: Attended the Intercounty meeting in Lake Placid on Feb. 26. Dave Lucas of NYSAC gave an overview of the budget. There was discussion regarding a new tax foreclosure case before the US Supreme Court. There has been another change as to how counties can foreclose and what

costs are associated with it. There was talk about the constitutional amendments with the closed prisons; Gabriels in Franklin County, Moriah Shock in Essex County, and Mount McGregor in Saratoga County. Legislative Conference Day is March 16 & 17 at the Desmond in Albany. The next Intercounty meeting is March 25 in Warrensburg with the DEC Commissioner. The awards for the Smart Growth Grants are in Westport on March 11. Adirondack Day will be April 27 & 28 in Albany; there will be an exhibit in the lobby from AATV for the 27<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> is the morning breakfast reception. The Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages meeting will be in Minerva on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM, there will be a discussion regarding the survey results from the December membership meeting. The next membership meeting will be June in Lake Placid.

Mr. Fernandez: The Indian Lake School Reunification Plan is going to be tested on March 13<sup>th</sup>. They will put the teachers on the buses, come through the parking lot, the teachers are going to walk through the building and get back on the bus. They will take a look at the whole plan after that. Dr. Delizo is working on proceeding with the Internship Program; he is trying to get funding. He did have a conversation with him regarding housing.

Proclamation:

Carole Ruiz, Personnel Officer read the following Proclamation:

Hamilton County Board of Supervisors  
Proclamation  
for Charles R. Getty, Jr.  
on the occasion of his Retirement  
March 3, 2026

WHEREAS, we would like to express special recognition to Charles R. Getty, Jr. and to honor him for his twenty-one years of distinguished service with the County of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, Charles was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve as County Attorney on January 1, 2005 and he has served in this position for his entire tenure; and

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

WHEREAS, it is the desire and honor of this Board to honor Charles R. Getty, Jr.,

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

Charles R. Getty, Jr.

for his 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 5th day of March 2026.

The Chairman thanked the County Attorney for all of his years of service. He further stated that Mr. Getty always answered the phone when he called, they may not have always agreed on certain situations but they always talked through them. Mr. Getty always had good advice for himself and the Board and they really do appreciate all the work he has done for Hamilton County. Mr. Wells added that he wanted to thank Mr. Getty for the three years they worked closely together, he really does appreciate it. Mr. Getty thanked the Chairman and Mr. Wells.

Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 107-26**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH ABSOLUTE AUCTIONS  
& REALTY, INC. FOR PROPERTY AUCTIONS FOR 2026**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton has had success in our property tax auctions over the past several years with Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc., and

WHEREAS, we have been able to put all our properties in the auctions back on the tax rolls, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Hamilton contract with Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc. to hold property auctions on our behalf through internet auction bidding, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract will cover one year, terminating on December 31, 2026 with the option of a one-year extension at the mutual consent of both parties, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board is authorized to sign the contract with Absolute Auctions & Realty, Inc.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Rhodes asked if there was language included to make this contingent upon the state grant funds being approved for this. The Chairman

stated no, but how it will work is that DANC will bill the County for the remaining amount, \$890,197.00. Ms. O'Neill in the Sheriff's Office will submit it for reimbursement from DHSES, we won't give DANC any money and they won't start the project. If DHSES turns this down, we then have a further discussion and absolve the contract. If DHSES pays the money we then in turn pay DANC. The Clerk of the Board explained the grant funds are claimed as a reimbursement; the County must expend the funds for work done or equipment bought and then submit a claim to the state for reimbursement. The Clerk of the Board further explained that we can get prior approval for the project from DHSES, we would then pay DANC after the work is complete and then submit to DHSES for reimbursement. The Clerk of the Board suggested adding language to the resolution that this amendment is contingent upon approval from NYS DHSES. The motioner and seconder agreed to adding said language to the resolution.

Mr. Rhodes stated he is going to be opposed to this resolution as he doesn't feel it is a wise use of the funding, but he wants to make sure that it is contingent upon receiving state funding for it.

The County Attorney stated that he has lost track of the issues on this file. The issues concern him because of the dollar amount and the potential contractual relationship that you are pursuing and maybe not intending to put your dollars and cents behind it. He knows there was an issue at a prior meeting wanting to respond to communications, his opinion is he would rather not negotiate those things publicly. If you in fact have come to an agreement, he is not sure this resolution adequately outlines what that agreement is. The Chairman explained that with the passing of this resolution, DANC will send us a new agreement, which will be reviewed by you. The Chairman explained that the amendment is increasing the term from 20 years to 30 years and increasing the amount from \$550,000 to \$1,084,800. The County Attorney stated that the County should receive, in writing, from NYS DHSES the approval of the amendment.

The Chairman stated that he wanted to make it clear that this increase is not DANC's fault. They are a public authority, not part of NYS. They have no legal ability to profit off of this. This increase in amount is solely for the make ready and National Grid and the fact that it took us so long to get our permitting from the APA. Mr. Rhodes stated he hates to give the APA any credit, but it wasn't the APA that held this up, it was the make ready from National Grid and Frontier, which they still don't have all of. The sites were not going to change, the only thing that could have changed was the height of the towers. It wasn't the APA or DANC that held up the process, it was National Grid and Frontier getting the make ready estimates. Mr. Wells stated that he agrees somewhat, but with the NIPAs and the APA's structure, that did hold us up. Mr. Rhodes stated yes, that did hold up the towers because of the height, but as far as DANC moving forward, they knew we were always going to have these sites. The Chairman stated that since we have started talking about this project, make ready costs have increased 500% in NYS, from \$20,000 a mile to \$100,000 a mile. The Chairman stated that he feels that expanding fiber into underserved areas of Hamilton County is not a luxury, it is critical infrastructure, which impacts our residents, our businesses, emergency services and our long-term economic viability and is a good thing.

Mr. Fernandez asked Mr. Rhodes if National Grid will have to go to the APA for approval. Mr. Rhodes stated that if they change the height of the poles they do. That could be another problem. Mr. Rhodes believes that DANC did do a JIF for this project, the APA said they didn't have jurisdiction, then came back and said they did on certain ones.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote:

Mr. Rhodes - Nay

Mr. Wells – Aye

Mr. Frey – Aye

Mr. Fernandez – Aye

Mr. Arsenault – Aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 108-26**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1- DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY  
FACILITIES AND SERVICES AGREEMENT DATED MAY 31, 2024**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, the Development Authority of the North Country was approached by Hamilton County to construct, own and operate 12 miles of fiber to connect public emergency towers between Morehouse, NY and Lake Pleasant, NY, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County faces significant challenges related to cell service, 911 access, and emergency public communication—issues that directly impact public safety, particularly given the County’s vast state managed forest preserve and high visitor volume, and

WHEREAS, the project will: 1) enhance emergency services by improving cell tower back-haul/improved cell coverage in Hamilton County; 2) provide broadband to approximately 65 unserved and underserved residential customers; 3) interconnect to the Authority’s network allowing all services to be on-net, thereby increasing reliability and resiliency for broadband services provided to Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the Authority and County entered into a Facilities and Services Agreement (F&SA) dated May 31, 2024 for an amount not to exceed \$550,000 to construct, own and maintain approximately 12 miles of optic fiber network from Pole 118 ½ State Route 8 in Lake Pleasant, NY to 2 new public emergency communications towers located at 984 State Route 8, Arietta, NY 12139 and 802 State Route 8, Morehouse, NY 13324, and

WHEREAS, the basis for the cost to construct was detailed in a letter to Supervisor Chris D. Rhodes on March 19, 2024 and stated, “The Authority’s cost per mile, based on historical projects, typically ranges from \$45,000 to \$55,000 per mile. The Hamilton County project is estimated to be 12 miles and our total project budget is projected to be \$550,000 or \$45,833 per mile” and the letter further stated that the estimate assumed a total estimated project timeline of 18 months, and

WHEREAS, due to delays in tower permitting, and the pole owner application review process, the project is now delayed and is not anticipated to be able to be completed within the original 18-month schedule for completion, and

WHEREAS, make ready construction costs have resulted in an increase in the total estimated project cost from \$550,000 to \$1,084,800, and

WHEREAS, the revised budget includes estimated costs and 5.6% contingency as construction has not been bid and some make-ready packages have not yet been received from the pole owners, and

WHEREAS, pole replacements due to clearance concerns have increased in frequency since the original agreement was signed with Hamilton County in May of 2024. This can be attributed to three major factors:

1. Clearance: National Grid now requires all attachments to provide 18 feet of clearance from the bottom communication wire be maintained at the pole, mid-span, driveway crossings, and road crossings. Previously, the 18-foot practice was only implemented over the roadway.
2. Communication Separation: National Grid requires that 12-inches of separation be maintained between all communication lines on the pole, versus the 3 inches previously allowed.
3. Frontier Merger: With the merger of Frontier with Verizon, the Authority is now required to hire a Frontier approved contractor to complete all make ready adding additional time and cost to the make ready process, and

WHEREAS, the additional pole replacements that were not anticipated during initial field review are the root cause of the make ready budget exceeding the original estimate – essentially more poles are required to have make ready construction prior to allowing fiber cable to be attached and the cost for the make ready at each pole has significantly increased since the original estimate, and

WHEREAS, these cost increases are directly attributable to changes to National Grid's attachment processes that were documented a letter to attachees on September 20, 2024 and stated "On July 22, 2024, the New York State Public Service Commission issued an updated Order adopting modifications to the 2004 Policy Statement on Pole Attachments and Related Proceedings. Among those modifications included changes to Post-Construction Inspections, with the Commission determining that "Effective 60 days after the issuance of this Order, mandatory post-construction inspections shall be conducted on all attachments for which an attacher applies after that date." The Order also reaffirms that post-construction inspections will continue to be funded by third party attachers", and

WHEREAS, the costs to attach to poles owned by other utilities are outside of the Authority's control, and

WHEREAS, per Section IV. "Term" of the F&SA, the initial term of this Agreement "F&SA" shall be twenty (20) years, and

WHEREAS, in consideration for the additional capital outlay required, Hamilton County has requested that the term of the Agreement be extended from 20 to 30 years, and

WHEREAS, the Authority is a New York State Public Benefit Corporation and the F&SA with the County is considered to be an intergovernmental agreement, supported by Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that contingent upon the Sheriff's Office receiving approval from NYS DHSES for said amendment, the Authority and the County agree to amend the F&SA for a total amount not to exceed \$1,084,800, which includes 5.6% contingency, and to extend the term of the Agreement from 20 to 30 years.

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

AYES: WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: RHODES

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 109-26**

**AUTHORIZING EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH HIGH PEAKS HOSPICE**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 169 adopted August 6, 1992, the Chairman was authorized to sign referral agreements with High Peaks Hospice, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Nursing Service is in receipt of an extension agreement with High Peaks Hospice for 2026, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the extension agreement with High Peaks Hospice.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 110-26**

**EXTENSION OF AWARD OF BID FOR DUST CONTROL MATERIALS FOR THE  
YEAR 2026**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County DPW solicited bids for Dust Control Materials per Specification No. 6-2025, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 158-25 the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors awarded the Dust Control Materials bid to All States Construction, Inc., for Calcium Chloride, and

WHEREAS, the referenced bid provides the bid pricing for a one-year contract with the option of extending the contract by one year if both parties (Hamilton County and All States Construction, Inc.) agree that terms and conditions remain the same for the duration of the extension, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent has contacted All States Construction, Inc. and they agree to a contract extension for Dust Control Materials at the same terms and conditions for a one (1) year period, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent believes it is in Hamilton County's best interest to extend the current contract with All States Construction, Inc. due to price stability resulting in no price increase in 2026, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has determined that the contract with All States Construction, Inc. for Dust Control Materials should be extended for a period of one (1) year subject to the approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer, Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 111-26**

**EXTENSION OF AWARD OF BID FOR COLD IN-PLACE RECLAMATION FOR THE  
YEAR 2026**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County DPW solicited bids for Cold In-Place Reclamation per Specification No. 5-2025, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 150-25 the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors awarded the Cold In-Place Reclamation bid to All States Construction, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the referenced bid provides the bid pricing for a one-year contract with the option of extending the contract by one year if both parties (Hamilton County and All States Construction, Inc.) agree that terms and conditions remain the same for the duration of the extension, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent has contacted All States Construction, Inc. and they agree to a contract extension for Cold In-Place Reclamation at the same terms and conditions for a one (1) year period, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent believes it is in Hamilton County's best interest to extend the current contract with All States Construction, Inc. due to price stability resulting in no price increase in 2026, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has determined that the contract with All States Construction, Inc. for Cold In-Place Reclamation should be extended for a period of one (1) year subject to the approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer, Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, the Chairman stated that he thinks it is good that the Highway Superintendent is trying this in Hamilton County, it seems to be working for the state roads well.

**RESOLUTION NO. 112-26**

**AWARD OF BID SPECIFICATION FOR HEATER SCARIFICATION OF ASPHALT PAVEMENT**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received for Heater Scarification of Asphalt Pavement for 2026, in accordance with Specification No. 2-2026 dated February 24, 2026 as advertised by the Hamilton County DPW and the Public Works Committee, and

WHEREAS, the bid pricing is shown hereon:

(1) Highway Rehabilitation Corp.  
592 Route 22, Suite #GB  
Pawling, N.Y. 12564

- Less than 20,000 square yards \$7.46 per square yard
- 20,000 to 50,000 square yards \$6.46 per square yard
- Greater than 50,000 square yards \$5.96 per square yard

and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has determined that the bid meets specifications and recommends award be made to Highway Rehabilitation Corp. of Pawling, NY in the amounts stated above for all locations as per the needs of the DPW Superintendent, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the Chairman of the Board is authorized to enter into an agreement with Highway Rehabilitation Corp for Heater Scarification of Asphalt Pavement for 2026 with the approval of the County Attorney and the DPW Superintendent, County Treasurer, and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 113-26**

**ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR BRIDGE/BUILDING REPAIR & PNEUMATICALLY PROJECTED CONCRETE**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received for Bridge/Building Repair, in accordance with Specification No. 1-2026 dated February 24, 2026 as advertised by the Hamilton County DPW and the Public Works Committee, and

WHEREAS, the bid amounts are shown hereon:

- (1) Randy J. Bascom, Owner  
R & B Construction, L.L.C.  
1094 Bulls Head Rd.  
Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010

A. Foreman W/equipped field truck	\$130.00
B. Carpenter/Iron Worker	\$120.00
C. Laborer	<u>\$126.00</u>
Total	\$376.00

With a price per bag of Pneumatically Projected Concrete at a unit price of \$284.00

- (2) Town & County Bridge and Rail  
Vincent L Paolozzi, President  
PO Box 16395  
Albany, NY 12212

A. Foreman w/equipped field truck	\$140.00
B. Carpenter/Iron Worker	\$126.00
C. Laborer	<u>\$128.00</u>
Total	\$394.00

With a price per bag of Pneumatically Projected Concrete at a unit price of \$295.00

and

WHEREAS, R & B Construction L.L.C is the low bidder, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has determined that the bids meet specifications and that the bid be awarded to R & B Construction L.L.C., at the amount shown hereon for all locations as per the requirements of the DPW Superintendent, and be it further

RESOLVED, that hereby the Chairman of the Board is authorized to enter into an agreement with R&B Construction L.L.C. for Bridge/Building Repair and Pneumatically Projected Concrete with the approval of the County Attorney and the DPW Superintendent, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 114-26**

**AUTHORIZING THE CREATION AND FUNDING OF ACCOUNT NO. D5120.2004 –  
CR20 BRIDGE OVER PINE BROOK, TOWN OF ARIETTA**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County owns and maintains County Route 20, Forked Lake Road in the Town of Arietta, and

WHEREAS, the existing 6-foot culvert carrying Pine Brook under CR20, Forked Lake Road has reached the end of its useful life and requires replacement, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has determined that replacement of the culvert with a new bridge structure utilizing steel beams and laminated deck materials currently in County inventory is the most practical and cost-effective solution, and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to construct sheet piling and other related abutment work for said bridge is One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the County Road Fund Balance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. D5120.2004, CR20 Bridge over Pine Brook is hereby established for the construction of a bridge on County Route 20, Forked Lake Road over Pine Brook in the Town of Arietta, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer the sum of \$150,000.00 from the Unappropriated County Road Fund Balance, pursuant to Section 366(1) of the County Law, to Account No. D5120.2004, CR20 Bridge over Pine Brook for the construction of the CR20 Bridge over Pine Brook in the Town of Arietta, and that the Clerk of the Board and the County DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 115-26**

**AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE BUILDING RESERVE FUND TO  
ACCOUNT NO. A1620.0415 – COLD STORAGE PROJECT**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Resolution No. 120-25 authorized and funded the Buildings Cold Storage Project under Account No. A1620.0415 at \$480,000.00 for the initial start-up, and

WHEREAS, additional funds are required to complete final outstanding contractor costs and to cover remaining project expenses including miscellaneous grading, utility connections, electrical work, lighting, and related completion items to be performed by Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the Building Reserve Fund for this purpose, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer the sum of \$75,000.00 from the Building Reserve Fund to Account No. A1620.0415 Cold Storage Project for the completion of the Cold Storage Project, and that the Clerk of the Board and the DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 116-26**

**AUTHORIZING CREATION OF ACCOUNT NO. A1620.0417 – GREEN BARN  
RENOVATION PROJECT AND ENGAGEMENT OF CPL ARCHITECTURE,  
ENGINEERING & PLANNING**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, the County owns the “Green Barn” structure located at the County Highway Garage in Lake Pleasant, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has determined that renovations to said structure are necessary to address exterior shell replacement, roof replacement, insulation, and related improvements, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has received a proposal dated February 12, 2026 from CPL Architecture, Engineering & Planning, 30 Century Hill Drive, Suite 104, Latham, New York 12110 to provide professional architectural and engineering services including schematic design, design development, construction documents, bidding assistance, and construction administration services for the Green Barn Renovation Project in the total amount of Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000.00), and

WHEREAS, funding is available in the Building Reserve Fund, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A1620.0417 – Green Barn Renovation Project is hereby established, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000.00) from the Building Reserve Fund to Account No. A1620.0417 for the purpose of engaging CPL Architecture, Engineering & Planning for said project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the DPW Superintendent is hereby authorized to approve the proposal submitted by CPL, and the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with CPL Architecture, Engineering & Planning, subject to approval by the County Attorney, and be it further

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

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 117-26**

**AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT TO ACCOUNT NO. A1620.0414 BUILDINGS PROJECTS (5-YEAR  
PLAN)**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County continues implementation of its Buildings Projects, 5-year Plan under Account No. A1620.0414, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has identified the need to conduct a facilities study and needs assessment of the County Courthouse located in Lake Pleasant to evaluate existing conditions, space utilization, and future planning considerations, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has received a proposal dated February 12, 2026 from CPL Architecture, Engineering & Planning, 30 Century Hill Drive, Suite 104, Latham, New York 12110, to provide professional architectural and engineering services for said needs assessment in the amount of Forty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000.00), and

WHEREAS, funding is available in the Building Reserve Fund, now, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000.00) from the Building Reserve Fund to Account No. A1620.0414 Buildings Projects – 5-Year Plan for the purpose of engaging CPL Architecture, Engineering & Planning to perform a needs assessment of the County Courthouse in Lake Pleasant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the DPW Superintendent is hereby authorized to approve the proposal submitted by CPL, and the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with CPL Architecture, Engineering & Planning subject to approval by the County Attorney, and be it further

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

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Wells asked how much does it cost to outfit one of these cars. Mr. Rhodes stated it is around \$22,000. The Board discussed the difficulty with outfitting these vehicles.

**RESOLUTION NO. 118-26**

**AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLE TO VILLAGE OF NORTHVILLE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office owns a 2021 Dodge Durango PPV, VIN# 1C4SDJFT1MC825988 which is no longer needed and considered surplus equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Northville contacted Hamilton County stating their interest in purchasing the said vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Northville employees have inspected the vehicle and have made an offer of \$15,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator and the County Sheriff feel that it is a fair price and recommend the offer be accepted, be it

RESOLVED, the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to sell the 2021 Dodge Durango PPV, VIN# 1C4SDJFT1MC825988 for \$15,000.00 to Village of Northville Police Department, PO Box 153, Northville, NY 12134, and be it further

RESOLVED, that following budget accounts be amended as follows:

Revenue Account No. A2665 Sale of Equip. be increased by \$15,000.00

Expense Account No. A3110.0202 Automobile be in increased by \$15,000.00

and the County Treasurer be so authorized to make the said amendments and the Fleet Coordinator, County Sheriff and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Wells stated that while Lisa Johnson is here, he would like to thank the Highway Department in Indian Lake for allowing their Sewer and Water Department to use one of their loaders. Ms. Johnson said she would pass the thanks along.

**RESOLUTION NO. 119-26**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR REPAIRS TO 2018 JOHN DEERE 624K LOADER  
(FLEET #318)**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the County owns a 2018 John Deere 624K Loader, Fleet #318, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent had it brought to United Construction & Forestry for fuel injector issues and other fuel related problems, and

WHEREAS, the said loader is now repaired and back in service, and

WHEREAS, the final invoice for the said repairs is \$14,182.29, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to send payment from Account No. DM5130.0401 to United Construction & Forestry, PO Box 558, Albany NY 12201-0558 in the amount of \$14,182.29 for the repairs to #318 and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 120-26**

**AUTHORIZING FLEET COORDINATOR TO ORDER 2026 CHEVROLET TAHOE  
PPV FOR SHERIFF**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, Mohawk Chevrolet of Ballston Spa, NY has a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV available under Franklin County Bid 25-1029-1, 2026-2027 Vehicles at a cost of \$56,130.23, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the purchase of said vehicle for the Sheriff's Office while it is available, be it

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to order one (1) 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV for the Sheriff's Office under Quote #319514 for a total of \$56,130.23 delivered from Mohawk Chevrolet of Ballston Spa, NY, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$56,130.23 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance, pursuant to Section 366(1) of the County Law, to Account No. A3110.0202 Automobile and the County Sheriff, Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 121-26**

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF MINI WHEEL LOADER FOR DPW**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, the DPW has a need for a mini loader, and

WHEREAS, there is available budget for the said loader, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has received a written quote for a new 2026 Caterpillar 906 Wheel Loader with attachments and extended warranty from Milton Cat under New York State Contract PGB23345 delivered for \$123,853.00, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County DPW Superintendent is authorized to order said wheel loader from Milton Cat under NYS Contract PGB23345 pricing at a cost of \$123,853.00 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. DM5130.0201 Road Equipment and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 122-26**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR 2026 SHERIFF VEHICLE**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator received verbal authorization to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV for the Sheriff's Office from Mohawk Chevrolet under Franklin County Bid 25-1029-1, 2026-2027 Vehicles, 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 \$56,802.90 payable to Mohawk Chevrolet, 639 State Route 67, Ballston Spa, NY 12020 out of Account No. A3110.0202 Automobile and the Sheriff, Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 123-26**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND C&L ENTERPRISES' CONTRACT FOR  
COMPUTER, SERVER, NETWORK AND ADVISORY SERVICES**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 106-25 adopted March 6, 2025 authorized a contract with C&L Enterprises for a term of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the IT Department and C&L Enterprises have agreed that it is necessary to extend the contract with C&L Enterprises with the current terms for two months in order to be able to complete current projects, be it

RESOLVED, that with the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a contract extension with C&L Enterprises through May 31, 2026.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, the Chairman stated that this Board is very good about reading all of the resolutions, you take the time to read the Clerk of the Board's emails. He appreciates the Board doing that, it makes for a very smooth meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 124-26**

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF DATA STORAGE SERVER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH –  
HRI PH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, Res. No. 111-24 authorized the Public Health Infrastructure Grant to strengthen infrastructure, workforce and data systems, and

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Department has obtained a quote from Distributed Technology Group for a NetApp Data Storage Server, and

WHEREAS, Distributed Technology Group quote #DTGQ4794-01 is \$24,723.98 for NetApp FAS2750, related hardware, and support under NYS OGS Contract #PM20920, be it

RESOLVED, that the Public Health Department is hereby authorized to purchase the data storage server per Distributed Technology Group quote DTGQ4794-01 under NYS OGS Contract #PM20920 for a total of \$24,723.98 to be charged to Account No. A4189.4106 HRI PH Infrastructure Grant.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, the Chairman thanked Mr. Rhodes and the Sheriff's Office for all of their work on this.

**RESOLUTION NO. 125-26**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR NATIONAL GRID INVOICE FOR MOREHOUSE  
TOWER SITE – STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT ST18-1005-D04**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has been awarded the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Grant Project ST18-1005-D00 in the amount of \$6,000,000.00, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No 393-25 authorized the proposal from National Grid to install underground wire and primary overhead wire at the Morehouse Tower Site located at 802 State Route 8, Hoffmeister for \$39,936.00, and

WHEREAS, the County has received Invoice Number 500177290 from National Grid which is requiring prepayment to schedule the work, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay National Grid, PO Box 29805, New York, New York 10087-29805, \$39,936.00 from Account No. A3645.0428 pending the fully executed easement between National Grid and the property owner of 802 State Route 8, Hoffmeister.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 126-26**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR NATIONAL GRID INVOICE FOR SPY LAKE  
TOWER SITE – STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT ST18-1005-D04**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has been awarded the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Grant Project ST18-1005-D00 in the amount of \$6,000,000.00, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 394-25 authorized the proposal from National Grid to install underground wire and primary overhead wire at the Spy Lake Tower Site located at 984 State Route 8, Piseco for \$40,279.05, and

WHEREAS, the County has received Invoice Number 500178938 from National Grid which is requiring prepayment to schedule the work, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the National Grid, PO Box 29805, New York, New York 10087-29805, \$40,279.05 from Account No. A3645.0428.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 127-26**

**AUTHORIZING VESTA 911 SYSTEM HARDWARE REFRESH PROPOSAL – NEXT GENERATION 911 (NG911) GRANT PROGRAM – NG25-1051-E00**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has been awarded the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Grant Project NG25-1051-E00 in the amount of \$1,266,796.00, and

WHEREAS, the County has received a proposal from Motorola for VESTA 911 Hardware Refresh for the PSAP Center in the amount of \$826,473.77, and

WHEREAS, the proposal will allow Motorola to refresh our current VESTA 911 system with the capability of handling Next Generation 911 calls which includes National Emergency Number Association (NENA) i3-based call processing and Text to 911 with cloud services to enhance situational intelligence through real-time text transcription, location intelligence on one map, public photo and video submission and access to supplementary life-saving data, and

WHEREAS, Motorola is the manufacturer of the County's current VESTA 911 system and has an active maintenance contract, and

WHEREAS, Motorola has advised the County that if any equipment purchased or substituted that is not provided by Motorola Solutions may void any warranties and could have a

detrimental impact on the performance, functionality and reliability of the VESTA 911 system, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to accept Motorola Solutions proposal dated February 18, 2026 in the amount of \$826,473.77 with funds coming from Account No A3645.0435, pending approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County IT Department be notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 128-26**

**AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE CHARLES R. GETTY, JR. FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, County Attorney Charles R. Getty, Jr. retired effective March 3, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Charles R. Getty, Jr., has agreed to provide the services of County Attorney until the time a new County Attorney is hired, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton, State of New York, hereby hires Attorney Charles R. Getty, Jr. of the Town of Lake Pleasant, County of Hamilton, to provide legal services to the County of Hamilton, effective March 5, 2026 until such time that a County Attorney is hired, and be it further

RESOLVED, that compensation for such legal services shall be paid from County Attorney Account A1420.0440 Special Counsel, commencing March 5, 2026, and continuing each and every day thereafter at a rate of \$291.63 per day (scheduled and prorated on \$106,445.56 annual consideration) until such time that a County Attorney is appointed, and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

Seconded by ALL and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 129-26**

**EXTENDING THE LICENSING AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND HART INTERCIVIC FOR THE VERITY MASTER AGREEMENT FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FREY:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections entered into a Verity Master Agreement with HART InterCivic, Inc. on March 14, 2025, for the furnishing of software, software support, maintenance, and licensure for twenty-eight (28) Verity Voting Machines in the amount of \$47,946.00, as well as two (2) Verity Print Machines with an annual support and license cost of \$342.00 for a five (5) year period, and

WHEREAS, the Verity Print license and support fee for the Hamilton County Board of Elections is an annual cost of \$342.00; and

WHEREAS, the agreement provides the option to renew for successive one-year periods following the initial term, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections desires to exercise its first renewal option under the agreement for an additional one-year term commencing March 14, 2026, and ending March 13, 2027, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute the renewal of the Verity Master Agreement with HART InterCivic, Inc. for the period of March 14, 2026, through March 13, 2027, under the terms and costs set forth in the agreement.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 130-26**

**AUTHORIZING EMPLOYEE PROMOTION – KERRI FARR-TRAVIS –  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, Commissioner Roberta Bly has requested to promote Kerri Farr-Travis from Caseworker to Senior Caseworker, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner has met and discussed said promotion with the Health and Human Services Committee and they have approved the request, be it

RESOLVED, that the promotion of Kerri Farr-Travis from Caseworker to Senior Caseworker effective March, 1 2026 is hereby approved, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to rename Account No. A6010.0119 Caseworker E to Senior Caseworker, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to increase Account No. A6010.0119 Senior Caseworker by \$4,782.49 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A4610 Fed. Aid Social Services Admin. by \$4,782.49.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 131-26**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 135-24 – RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH  
INNOVATEL TELEPSYCHIATRY, LLC TO PROVIDE TELEPSYCHIATRY IN  
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 135-24 authorized an agreement with Innovatel Telepsychiatry, LLC for telepsychiatry, and

WHEREAS, Innovatel Telepsychiatry, was subsequently acquired by Iris Telehealth and assigned the agreement to Iris Telehealth, and

WHEREAS, Iris telehealth wishes to amend the agreement to include a 3.2% COLA annually, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 135-24 is hereby amended to include a 3.2% COLA annual increase and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign an amendment to the contract with the County Attorney's approval.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 132-26**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO ROZELL INDUSTRIES INC. FOR PAY  
APPLICATION NO. 4 FOR WORK PERFORMED**

**DATE: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 120-25, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors awarded the Cold Storage Project to Rozell Industries, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Rozell Industries Inc., 129 Park Road, Queensbury, New York 12804, has submitted Pay Application No. 4 for the period of January 4, 2026 through February 28, 2026, for work completed on the project, and

WHEREAS, Pay Application No. 4 reflects that payment in the amount of \$97,636.25 is due at this time for work completed, with the balance of \$23,250.00 to be held by the County as contractual retainage until final inspections are completed and project closeout requirements are satisfied, and

WHEREAS, said Pay Application No. 4 has been reviewed and approved by the Project Architect in the amount of \$97,636.25, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay Rozell Industries, Inc., 129 Park Road, Queensbury, NY 12804 the sum of \$97,636.25 from Account No. A1620.0415 Cold Storage Project, be it further

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

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 133-26**

**RATIFYING UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR RICHARD CLAWSON**

**DATE: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, Richard Clawson, an employee of the Hamilton County Department of Public Works, requested and received approval from the Superintendent of Public Works for an unpaid leave of absence beginning February 19, 2026, and consulted with the Hamilton County Personnel Officer regarding the provisions of the Hamilton County Employee Handbook, and

WHEREAS, §609 of the Hamilton County Employee Handbook provides for unpaid leaves of absence subject to approval of the Board of Supervisors, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby acknowledges, and ratifies, the unpaid leave of absence for Richard Clawson beginning February 19, 2026, and continuing until his return to duty, but not to extend beyond May 1, 2026, be it

RESOLVED, that such leave shall be unpaid, and administered in accordance with §609 of the Hamilton County Employee Handbook, and the County Personnel Officer, Treasurer, and DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 134-26**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. FREY:**

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$199,499.37 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$198,861.76 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. Fernandez and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

**RESOLUTION NO. 135-26**

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

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$351,249.98 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$50,880.30
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	15,505.18
Finance Committee .....	165,946.03
Health Committee.....	35,523.03
Human Services Committee.....	20,051.27
Central Government Committee .....	22,989.11
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	37,074.51
Internal Management Committee .....	3,280.55

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge.....	\$ 99,436.61
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are hereby approved.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

Mr. Wells introduced and motioned the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 136-26**

**CREATE AND FUND MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST/AOT POSITION FOR  
MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**DATED: MARCH 5, 2026**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Mental Health has mandated all counties create a new full-time position for the management and oversight of Assisted Outpatient Treatment and Enhanced Voluntary Agreements, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Mental Health has fully funded this position for 2025 & 2026 and will continue to fund for future years, be it

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer be hereby authorized to create the position of Mental Health Therapist/AOT in the Mental Health and Community Services Department, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to re-name Account No. A4310.0110 Mental Health Therapist/AOT, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to fund Account No. A4310.0110 Mental Health Therapist/AOT at \$85,000.00 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A3490 State Aid Mental Health by \$ 85,000.00.

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

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, FREY, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, BAIN, HUNT

Other Reports:

Mr. Wells: Asked about how the funding for the Emergency Management Grant works. The Clerk of the Board explained how it is funded and claimed. The Board discussed the possibility of DHSES not approving the project at the higher amount and the fact that at that point the Board would need to reconvene to consider another resolution.

The County Attorney stated his biggest concern is if you don't get that approval. The Clerk explained that is why we added language to the resolution to make it contingent upon the approval. If the state does not approve it at the higher amount the Board will need to meet again. The County Attorney stated he just wanted to be very clear about that. The Clerk further explained that DANC understands that if this doesn't get approved by the state then the County has to either decide to use County dollars or not move forward. The County Attorney stated you also have an agreement, legally binding, to hold them to it and have them do the project at the original amount. You have to be clear to the choices you are making. The Chairman stated that he believes we are beyond that. The County Attorney stated it is another thing for Hamilton County to bail DANC out. Mr. Rhodes stated he feels we should make them build it for \$550,000 if we don't get funding. Mr. Frey stated that becomes the big question if we don't get the funding; let's visit that if and when. The Board agreed to also start working on an extension for the grant.

The County Attorney stated that this may be his last opportunity to speak directly to the Board. He stated that the Personnel Officer has asked that he provide the jobs he performs, when he thought about it, they are so numerous and yet so vague, the County Law generally refers to being a legal advisor. He did give the Clerk a list of things he did for the County over a three-month period which gave tremendous detail as to what the County Attorney does. Generally, it is providing legal advice to the County, and that is a question he would love to ask our candidates this afternoon; who is the client actually of a County Attorney? Having served as a city attorney for more than 8 years and now a county attorney for over 21 years, he has often posed that question. They say the county is the client, but is it the Chairman, the Clerk of the Board, the Supervisors, the staff, the taxpayers, the residents? The goal for the committee this afternoon is to find the person who can practice law and get better over time and provide proper counsel to the County. He wanted to say to the Board that his experience with Hamilton County has been very positive, he has enjoyed working with the three Chairs that he has been able to serve under. He has enjoyed serving with many supervisors. In particular he has enjoyed working with the Clerk of the Board. She has made his job as County Attorney something that has been especially rewarding and also helped him many times to negotiate a course of action that has been best suited for the County. In conclusion, working for Hamilton County has been a privilege. He will eventually miss it. The Board thanked the County Attorney.

Chairman: He has been working with Beth Gilles of Lake Champlain, Lake George Regional Planning Board and Carrie Tuttle of DANC to figure out the complicated situation we have going on providing broadband for 12 miles of fiber from Lake Pleasant to Arietta and Morehouse. He and Tracy Eldridge went to Albany yesterday and joined Steve McNally-Chairman of Essex County, Matt Brassard-Deputy Chair Essex County and Meg Wood- Town of Schroon Supervisor to meet with Alison Webbinaro-Governor's North Country Representative and Ashley Dougherty-Governor's Deputy Secretary for Environment to talk about Hamilton and Essex Counties' solid waste reimbursement. Both Hamilton and Essex County must finish their Solid Waste Plans. The money to reimburse is already in the budget and we will get reimbursed once we have a completed

and accepted Plan. Hamilton County has a draft, but it needs to be accepted by DEC. In 2011 Hamilton County submitted a Solid Waste Plan to DEC and 5-6 years later Mr. Eldridge heard back from them that the plan was no longer valid. Once we finish our plan and get it submitted to DEC we will let Alison Webbinaro and Ashley Dougherty know it is submitted, then they can communicate with DEC and move it along faster. They are confident they can help. It was a very productive meeting. He appreciates the County Highway Superintendent for taking the time to join him at this meeting. He further thanked Alison Webbinaro and Ashley Dougherty for taking the time to meet with them.

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