

AGENDA
SIXTH SESSION
JUNE 4, 2026

10:30 AM Call to Order
 Pledge to Flag
 Opening Prayer
 Roll Call

 Accepting Minutes of May 7, 2026

 Public Comment Period

 Reports of Standing/Special Committees

10:45 AM Drescher and Malecki, LLP – Audit Report

PROCLAMATIONS:

James Luck On the Occasion of His Retirement May 31, 2026

Betsy A. Bain On the Occasion of Her Retirement June 3, 2026

RESOLUTIONS:

Finance Committee:

No. 1 Resolution Supporting a Coordinated Regional Advocacy Effort Urging the State of New York to Establish an Expedited Pathway for the Transfer of Vacant State-Owned Residential Properties within the Adirondack Park for Local Municipal Purposes

No. 2 Approval of Bids on Auction Tax Parcels

Emergency Preparedness/Emergency Response Committee:

No. 3 Authorizing Termination and Release Agreement with Development Authority of the North Country

No. 4 Authorizing Change Orders and Increase of Rozell Contract – Statewide Communications Grant ST18-1005-D04

No. 5 Authorizing Deputy Sheriff Position in Sheriff's Office

Health Committee:

No. 6 Authorizing Chairman to Sign Contract for Evaluation and Service Provision with Newmeadow, Inc. for Children Aged 3-5 Years

No. 7 Authorizing Chairman to Sign WIC Contract

No. 8 2026 Transfer of Funds – CHHA Medical Supplies

Central Government Committee:

No. 9 Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

Public Works Committee:

No. 10 Authorizing Payment to Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc. – Insurance Repair

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COORDINATED REGIONAL ADVOCACY EFFORT
URGING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ESTABLISH AN EXPEDITED PATHWAY
FOR THE TRANSFER OF VACANT, STATE-OWNED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES
WITHIN THE ADIRONDACK PARK FOR LOCAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES**

DATED: JUNE 4, 2026

BY

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors operates under the constitutional authority granted to local legislative bodies by the State of New York Municipal Home Rule Law and the County Law, empowering this body to adopt resolutions concerning the health, safety and welfare of the residents within its corporate boundaries, and

WHEREAS, the Board maintains explicit legislative jurisdiction over intergovernmental coordination, regional development, and the advocacy of policies that protect the local economic and social infrastructure of the constituent municipalities within Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, objective demographic and housing data demonstrates that communities throughout Hamilton County and the broader Adirondack Park are experiencing persistent, compounding housing shortages, specifically with respect to workforce, owner-occupied, and safe accessible housing options, and

WHEREAS, certified demographic metrics indicate that the median age in Hamilton County is approximately 58.1 years of age (representing a population profile roughly 1.5 times higher than the median age of the State of New York) which severely exacerbates acute local crises regarding senior citizen safety, emergency services access, and “over-housing”, and

WHEREAS, there exist within individual towns inside Hamilton County specific residential properties under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and the Sunmount Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office (DDSO) that have remained entirely vacant and unutilized for extended, multi-year periods, and

WHEREAS, the protracted vacancy of these state-held structures represents a profound loss of community utility, wherein vital physical infrastructure sits stagnant and deteriorating rather than serving the critical, immediate needs of the local populace, and

WHEREAS, the continued restriction of these assets inflicts a severe opportunity cost upon Hamilton County’s municipalities, artificially capping local housing density and actively preventing the implementation of targeted local initiatives – such as independent senior living micro-communities – that would optimize the properties’ value and directly relieve the compounding social and economic pressures facing our communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Lake within Hamilton County has already taken aligned municipal action by passing Resolution No. 5 of 2026, which formally supports a New York Senior Residential Pilot Program to actively repurpose these exact vacant OPWDD assets for safe senior housing, and

WHEREAS, the proposed transfer aligns precisely with the stated public policy goals of the Governor of New York State's "Let Them Build" housing initiative, which explicitly calls for cutting bureaucratic "red tape" to accelerate regional housing projects, a directive that should logically apply to the orderly turnover of unutilized state real estate to local government entities, and

WHEREAS, Chairman Clay J. Arsenault, acting in coordination with supervisors from adjacent Adirondack counties and regional state representative including Senator Mark Walczyk, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, and Assemblyman Matt Simpson, is spearheading an inter-municipal coalition to establish unified advocacy to prompt administrative and statutory action in Albany, and

WHEREAS, this action is a Type II SEQR action which is strictly financial or legal and has no physical or environmental impact, is not subject to SEQR review because it constitutes a Type II action under the SEQR regulations and such action is considered routine administrative or financial activities with no potential for significant environmental impact, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby determines that the transfer of vacant, state-owned residential properties within the Adirondack Park to local municipal control is necessary to protect public safety, optimize infrastructure, and resolve local housing crisis, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Board formally urges the Governor of the State of New York and the New York State Legislature to establish an expedited legal pathway, constitutional mechanism, or administrative transfer protocol to deliver these vacant state properties to local towns for a nominal fee, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Board asks that the State grant maximum home-rule flexibility to the receiving towns, empowering local legislative bodies to deploy and repurpose these properties for senior living facilities, workforce housing, or whichever application returns the highest value and best addresses the most pressing local safety and infrastructure needs of their specific communities, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Mark Walczyk, Senator Dan Stec, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, Assemblyman Matt Simpson, the Adirondack Park Agency, the New York State Office of General Services, and the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

APPROVAL OF BIDS ON AUCTIONED TAX PARCELS

DATED: JUNE 4, 2026

BY

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton held the annual foreclosure auction online on May 11th - 13th, 2026, and

WHEREAS, attached hereto and made part hereof is Schedule “A” which contains the names of the high bidder, the tax parcel number, and the bid price for each parcel, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer has reviewed the bids for each tax parcel and recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the bids and sale of said parcels to the high bidders, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Section 116 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, does hereby approve the bid price for each map parcel shown on “Schedule A” and does hereby authorize the transfer of said property to the named high bidder subject to receipt of the entire bid amount along with associated transfer costs and the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors to execute Quit Claim Deeds for said tax map parcels to the high bidder and to execute all other necessary documents to transfer said tax map parcels to the high bidder.

Seconded by

SCHEDULE "A"

Town of Hope:

Bidder:

Kellen Bassette Parcel: 147.007-4-58 Bid Price: \$25,000.00

Kellen Bassette Parcel: 147.007-4-57 Bid Price: \$1,800.00

Town of Indian Lake:

Bidder:

Alexander Strahl Parcel: 65.007-1-22.100 Bid Price: \$56,000.00

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING TERMINATION AND RELEASE AGREEMENT WITH
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY**

DATED: JUNE 4, 2026

BY

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 413-23 adopted December 22, 2023 authorized a contract with the Development Authority of the North Country to construct, own, and operate a fiber connection between the Lake Pleasant Dispatch Center and the Arietta/Morehouse Towers in an amount not to exceed \$550,000, and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2025 the Development Authority of the North Country submitted to Hamilton County a revised project cost estimate requesting an increase to the project of \$534,800 making the total project amount not to exceed \$1,084,800, and

WHEREAS, there were multiple delays in resolving the project cost overages resulting in the inability to meet the State grant timeline, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County and the Development Authority of the North Country have mutually agreed that the project be discontinued and the Facilities and Services Agreement be terminated and of no further force and effect, and

WHEREAS, it has been further agreed that the Development Agency of the North Country will fully reimburse Hamilton County the amount of \$56,588.87 representing the cost of the fiber optic cable that was purchased for said project and which upon reimbursement to Hamilton County the Development Agency of the North Country shall be permitted to retain, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the Termination and Release Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS AND INCREASE OF ROZELL CONTRACT –
STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT ST18-1005-D04**

DATED: JUNE 4, 2026

BY

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, after completing the bid process and under Resolution No. 90-26, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorized the Chairman of Hamilton County to enter a contract with Rozell Industries in the amount of \$1,804,253.00 for construction of the Communication Towers in the Town of Arietta and Morehouse, and

WHEREAS, the Arietta Tower Site requires additional rock demolition, earthwork, and disposal of the rocks and along with the purchase of pipes, fittings and couplings to extend the installed drainpipe for the underground electrical service for the said project, and

WHEREAS, Rozell Industries has submitted a proposal to complete the additional work at the Arietta Tower Site in the amount of \$15,663.97, and

WHEREAS, the Morehouse Tower Site requires additional excavation and removal of material for the access road to complete the said project, and

WHEREAS, Rozell Industries has submitted a proposal to complete the additional work at the Morehouse Tower Site in the amount of \$9,209.75, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has submitted approval from DHSES for noncompetitive procurement for the submitted proposals of Rozell Industries, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to accept the proposals with Rozell in a total amount not to exceed \$24,873.72, pending approval from DHSES and with the approval of the County Attorney.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DATED: JUNE 4, 2026

BY

WHEREAS, there is a need to hire a Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, be it

RESOLVED, that a new Deputy Sheriff position be created in the Sheriff's Office, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Account No. A3110.0113 Deputy Sheriff F be hereby created and funded at Deputy Sheriff, Grade 8, Hire Rate of \$28.90, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$35,836.00 from Account No. A1990.0401 Contingent to Account No. A3110.0113 Deputy Sheriff F, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so authorized, and the Sheriff be so notified.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR EVALUATION AND SERVICE PROVISION WITH NEWMADOW, INC. FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-5 YEARS

DATED: JUNE 4, 2026

BY

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is required to provide for Comprehensive evaluations for children aged 3-5, who reside within Hamilton County and have a suspected developmental delay through the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) process, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is required to provide for any combination of Center-Based itinerant or related professional services including: Special Education Itinerant (SEIT) Services; skilled Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Related services; Counseling and/or one-on-one Aide services for children determined to have an eligible level of developmental delay and require center-based services to fully meet their needs; as defined through the CPSE Process, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law, the County is required to maintain contracts with several providers for the provision of comprehensive Evaluation and specialized center-based services as described above; in order to provide parents with a choice for service provision, and

WHEREAS, reimbursement for comprehensive evaluation and subsequent center-based services is determined by the extent of the evaluation and results, and based on rates set in conjunction with the Rate Setting Unit of the New York State Education Department, and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Evaluations may be requested at any time and/or professional related service provision may be requested at any time through the regular school year and/or the 30-day summer session, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service represents Hamilton County as administrator of this program, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign contracts, upon approval of the County Attorney, for Comprehensive Evaluation and Center-Based professional service provision for children residing within Hamilton County at rates set by the New York State Department of Education, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 between the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service and, not limited to but including, the following center-based preschool service providers:

Newmeadow, Inc.
23 Sitterly Road
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN WIC CONTRACT

DATED: JUNE 4, 2026

BY

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health, Agency # 12000, requests the renewal of the Contract No. DOH01-C38237GG-3450000 with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service to provide Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC) Services, for the period of October 1, 2026– September 30, 2027, and

WHEREAS, the grant year overlaps the 2026-2027 County Budgeted fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the total grant contract is for Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$53,800), and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds have been appropriated in the 2026 Municipal Budget and the remainder will be proposed for the 2027 Municipal Budget, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the Contract with the NYS WIC Program, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

2026 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – CHHA MEDICAL SUPPLIES

DATED: JUNE 4, 2026

BY

WHEREAS, the CHHA is required to purchase medical supplies for patients, and

WHEREAS, the CHHA Medical Supplies line needs to be increased to cover additional supplies, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) from A4010.0118 Physical Therapist to A4010.0406 CHHA Medical Supplies.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

**COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION
OF INDEPENDENCE**

DATED: JUNE 4, 2026

BY

WHEREAS, for the past 210 years, Hamilton County has proudly stood as a close-knit, safe and vibrant community in the Adirondack Park region of northern New York State, the largest park in the contiguous United States, and

WHEREAS, the 250th Anniversary of The Declaration of Independence, is to be celebrated this year and especially on Saturday, July 4th, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the County is named after Alexander Hamilton, who served valiantly under General Washington during the American Revolution; he later served as the first United States Secretary of the Treasury, and

WHEREAS, the County is made up of nine towns: Arietta, Benson, Hope, Indian Lake, Inlet, Lake Pleasant, Long Lake, Morehouse, and Wells, and one incorporated village, Speculator, which was established in 1925, and is situated within the Town of Lake Pleasant, all who share the belief that all are created equal as was expressed in the Declaration of Independence and as expressed in the Constitution, "We the people," wish to celebrate this occasion as one unified county, now be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby honors the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, our generations of residents, and our proud traditions, by proclaiming June 4, 2026, to September 30, 2026 as 'The Summer of Celebration in Hamilton County of The Declaration of Independence'.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO WARRENSBURG COLLISION CENTER, INC. –
INSURANCE REPAIR**

DATED: JUNE 4, 2026

BY

WHEREAS, Vehicle #778 – 2024 Nissan Altima was involved in an accident and the repairs for the damage were completed by Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the payment of said repairs of the 2024 Nissan Altima, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance by \$7,199.26 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$7,199.26, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make a check payable to:

Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc.
3985 Main Street
Warrensburg, NY 12885

for Invoice #9257 in the amount of \$7,399.26 and the funds be taken out of Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance and the Fleet Coordinator and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

Seconded by