

2026

FIFTH SESSION

MAY 7, 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	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	Anthony Fernandez
Wells	Beth Hunt

Also present: County Attorney (Zoom), Tracy Eldridge-Public Works Superintendent, Lisa Johnson-Deputy Public Works Superintendent, Chanda King, Dayton King

A motion was made to accept the minutes of April 2, 2026 and April 9, 2026 by Ms. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Tomlinson. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present

County Attorney: No report

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Met with the Sheriff and staff to review grants. Everything is going well; his Confidential Secretary is doing an exceptional job administering these grants. The weekly tower meeting was yesterday; they are still on schedule. National Grid got power across Route 8 to the Arietta site earlier this week, the ditch is done to the top within 40 feet because they hit ledge. The Highway Superintendent is going to look at it and see if he can help. Mr. O'Neill is continuing to work on getting equipment on Gore Mt. tower, he was informed yesterday that we may possibly be on that tower this fall. We will be moving the Hope equipment to that location. They also discussed the possible radio system upgrade to improve communications throughout the County. It is a very expensive system, but it could improve communication for multiple agencies. This would be paid for by the SI18 grant and the SFY25 & 26 grant that is on the agenda today.

Mr. Snyder: There are four resolutions for Central Government for your approval today.

Ms. Hunt: Attended the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board on April 14. They are working on several items for Hamilton County. They did work on a Congressionally Directed Spending application for the Town of Long beach and for the Town of Indian Lake Commons Infrastructure and Revitalization. The Chairman stated they did not get the funding for the beach. Mr. Wells stated he has not heard yet. Ms. Hunt further reported that she attended the Intercounty meeting this month, it was held in Washington County. There was a tour of the Fort Miller Group and Tymetal. There was a Soil & Water meeting yesterday. They thanked the Sheriff's Confidential Secretary and the Clerk of the Board for their help with the Hazard Mitigation program. In Real Property, Mr. Baker has been working on the new NYS Tax and Finance System. Hamilton County was the test county. The State is very grateful for Hamilton County stepping up and making this work. For the Birding Festival, 10 of the 19 trips are full, there is a waiting list on some of the trips. The Great Adirondack Garage Sale will be on May 22 and 24; the registrations are going well. Ms. Wilt is also working with the Historian on the 250th Celebration. Ms. Wilt is also active in the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board, working on the two Brownfields environmental projects that have been identified in Speculator and Arietta. They are also looking at the IDA agreements with the County for the workforce rentals.

Mr. Wells: He had a Zoom meeting yesterday with the Office for the Aging. The good news is there are no openings with staffing. The Seniors of the Year for Hamilton County are David Brennan from the Town of Wells and Karen McComb from the Town of Lake Pleasant. They are working on the 2027 budget. The Senior Fall Festival will be in Johnsbury this year, Sept 24th at the Ski Bowl. The Local Government Review Board meeting in April was at Paul Smith's College; he couldn't attend but has the minutes. They discussed the DANC project from Lewey Lake to Lake Pleasant, they have run into cost issues with that project also. It has increased by 2.5 million. In the Adirondacks they had planned over 350 miles of projects and now they have to cut at least 100 miles from these projects. We know this is a vital project for Hamilton County; it creates a loop system for our power and potentially for internet carriers. Mr. Wells further reported that AATV was in Lake George, there was good attendance. A lot of discussion about what is going on in Albany for Adirondack Day. May 31st and June 1st is the membership meeting at the High Peaks Resort. The May meeting for AATV will be at 1 PM in Minerva. Mr. Wells introduced Chanda King, a candidate for the 118th Assembly District. There will be a debate for 118th Assembly at the Pine Tree Rifle Club.

Ms. Bain: Asked for support for the Human Services Committee resolutions on today's agenda.

Mr. Fernandez: Stated that Mr. Rhodes, Ms. O'Neill and Mr. O'Neill are the individuals that keep the Emergency Management Grants on track. He thanked them all for the work they do.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that Mr. Eldridge and Ms. Johnson have been busy. He thanked them for attending today. Mr. Eldridge has an update. There is a resolution on the agenda today for the award of the project for the Courthouse first floor renovations. The cold storage building is almost done. The Sheriff's Office renovations are moving forward. Last week we discussed the possible removal of the maintenance storage building. He thanked Mr. Eldridge for taking on all of these roles. Mr. Eldridge stated last week after Committee Day they had the public meeting for the draft Solid Waste Management Plan. No public attended. The comment period has to be left open until

May 18th. At that point, Barton & Loguidice will submit it to the state. When they do that, he will notify the Governor's Office. Mr. Eldridge further reported that he is going to send an email to Town Highway Superintendents regarding town-wide trash days. We can't have metal picked up as garbage. It needs to be sorted. If the public has any issues they can contact him. Mr. Eldridge further stated that he needs a full-time seasonal laborer, he will do a ten-day letter. Regarding the renovation in the Sheriff's Office, they are frustrated. They have been patient but continue to be moved from location to location. He is going to put extra resources there to get it finished. It's already small and having them all on one side doesn't work. They will work on a couple of Saturdays to get it finished.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 160-26

MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, it appears from the reports of the County Clerk and the County Treasurer for the period October 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, that there remains for distribution of moneys received by taxation on Mortgages pursuant to the provision of Article Eleven, Section 261 of the Tax Law, the sum of \$146,923.00, for the distribution among the Towns and Village of the County of Hamilton, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton that the sum of \$146,923.00 be and the same hereby is apportioned as follows:

Arietta	\$732.00
Benson	\$3,910.00
Hope	\$13,670.00
Indian Lake	\$33,164.00
Inlet	\$34,722.50
Lake Pleasant	\$14,592.48
Long Lake	\$27,461.50
Morehouse	\$1,845.50
Wells	\$14,045.50
Village of Speculator	\$2,779.52

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to pay the respective sums so appropriated to the Supervisors of said Towns.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 161-26

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH GUIDES, FACILITATORS, AND PRESENTERS, AND
TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES, FOR THE 2026 ADIRONDACK
BOREAL BIRDING FESTIVAL**

DATE: MAY 7, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is sponsoring our 20th county wide Adirondack Boreal Birding Festival to be held from June 4, 2026 through June 7, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Festival will consist of numerous events, including but not limited to guided outings, lectures, seminars, and educational programs, and

WHEREAS, these festival events will require the services of paid guides, facilitators, and presenters with specialized knowledge and experience, and

WHEREAS, all guides, facilitators, and presenters shall be compensated in accordance with their submitted proposals and approved contractual agreements, and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Hamilton County budget includes Revenue Account No. A1289.0500, and participant fees have been implemented to offset the cost of contracting guides, facilitators, and presenters, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute contracts, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, with guides, facilitators, and presenters for services related to the 2026 Adirondack Birding Festival, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is further authorized to approve payment for such contractual services related to the festival, in accordance with approved contracts and applicable County policies, and be it further

RESOLVED, that such payments shall be made from the appropriate budgeted accounts as provided for in the 2026 adopted budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign contracts with guides, facilitators, and presenters, upon approval of the County Attorney as follows:

Joan Collins – total not to exceed \$2,400.00
Pat Bixler - total not to exceed \$1,500.00
Timothy Emmerich or Guide TBD – total not to exceed \$550.00
Laurie Freeman – total not to exceed \$950.00
Claire Guyer – total not to exceed \$400.00
Mike Moccio – total not to exceed \$600.00
Wanda Moccio – total not to exceed \$600.00

Funding for outings, lectures, and related events is hereby authorized in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 from the Publicity budget, Account No. A6410.0404 (Event Funding), and the County Treasurer shall be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 162-26

**AUTHORIZING AND FUNDING NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – FY2023
CYBERSECURITY GRANT – CY23-1033-E00**

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Department has been awarded a NYS DHSES grant through the FY2023 Cybersecurity Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said FY2023 Cybersecurity Grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to create and fund Account No. A1680.0405 CY23-1033-E00 at \$50,000 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0102 CY23-1033-E00 at \$50,000.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 163-26

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 128-26 the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton, State of New York noted the retirement of County Attorney Charles R. Getty, Jr., effective March 3, 2026 and had arranged for interim contracted legal services pending the appointment of a new County Attorney, and

WHEREAS, there has been an advertised search and review of potential candidates for the open position of County Attorney, and

WHEREAS, Section 500 of Article 11 of the County Law of the State of New York provides that the Board of Supervisors of each County shall appoint a County Attorney, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton, State of New York, hereby appoints Attorney Matthew Robert Coseo as provided by Section 500, Subdivision 1 of the County Law for a term of office commencing May 26, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the position County Attorney is declared to be a full-time position requiring officing within the Lake Pleasant County Office Complex, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the position of County Attorney shall be the appointing authority and supervisor of all assistant county attorneys authorized by the Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that without prior approval the County Attorney shall not conduct private practice, and be it further

RESOLVED, that additional funds shall be allocated in the amount of \$10,000 for the securing of necessary software support for legal research and case management and for travel during the first 6 months of the appointment in order for the County Attorney to attend conferences and for travel to nearby counties to establish useful relationships of where mutual professional legal consultation may be encouraged for the benefit of the County and for membership in the NY Association of County Attorneys, and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Attorney's biennial bar registration and cost of Continuing Legal Education classes outside of those provided by member organizations of which Hamilton County is a member, shall be reimbursable, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the salary of the County Attorney be paid from Account No. A1420.0101 County Attorney, the amount being \$135,000 per annum in bi-weekly installments plus benefits paid from relevant accounts, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$14,493.00 from Contingent Account No. A1990.0401 to the following accounts

A1420.0101 County Attorney	\$4,493.00
A1420.0401 Law-Travel/Dues	\$1,000.00
A1420.0402 Law-Supplies	\$9,000.00

and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so advised.

Seconded by All and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 164-26

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – COUNTY ATTORNEY – SPECIAL COUNSEL

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 128-26 authorized the hiring of Charles R. Getty, Jr. for legal services until such time that a County Attorney is hired, and

WHEREAS, Account No. A1420.0440 Special Counsel needs to be funded to cover said services, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$8,457.27 from Contingent Account No. A1990.0401 to Account No. A1420.0440 Special Counsel.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 165-26

TRANSFER OF FUNDS-COUNTY CLERK

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, Account No. A1410.0105 was funded for Part Time help in the County Clerk's Office, and

WHEREAS, Account No. A1410.0105 Motor Vehicle Clerk P/T will be expended by approximately May 10, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Part Time Motor Vehicle Clerk has agreed to continue working part time, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to make the following transfer:

FROM: Account No. A1410.0103 Motor Vehicle Clerk #1	\$12,800.00
TO: Account No. A1410.0105 Motor Vehicle Clerk P/T	\$12,800.00

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 166-26

CONTRACT APPROVAL WITH CAPITAL DIGITRONICS

DATED: MAY 7, 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 SI19-1010-E00 in the amount of \$540,451.00, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office would like to enter into a maintenance agreement with Capital Digitronics, 264 Bradford Street, Albany, New York to provide repairs to the communications equipment not to exceed \$50,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract will be from 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026, be it

RESOLVED, that with the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Capital Digitronics for a term of 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026 for radio equipment repairs, for \$50,000.00 to be utilized from SICG 19 Grant.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 167-26

**DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT
APPLICATION**

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the County apply for the Combined SFY2025 & SFY2026 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Grant Program for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$312,268 to be used to offset the personnel costs to operate the PSAP Center, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Hamilton County Sheriff to complete and submit said grant applications by the deadline of June 3, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 168-26

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN EISEP AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WARREN/HAMILTON COUNTY OFA FOR PCI AND PCII LEVEL SERVICES –
PUBLIC HEALTH**

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service has the capacity to provide personal care worker services for Hamilton County residents, and

WHEREAS, Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging wants to contract for PCI and PCII levels of service under the EISEP program with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service, and

WHEREAS, this agreement is for the period commencing April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027 for a total of \$60,000.00, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the County Attorney's approval, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging for PCI and PCII level services under the EISEP program for a term of April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 for a total of \$60,000.00.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 169-26

**AMENDING CONTRACT FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES RACHAEL JONES, MD -
COMMUNITY SERVICES**

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is an increased need for coverage of psychiatric services with the addition of state funded AOT/EVA program, and

WHEREAS, psychiatric services are budgeted in the 2026 Budget for a maximum of \$100,000.00 per year, and

WHEREAS, Psychiatrist Rachael Jones, MD, of 252 South Main St, Northville, NY is willing to increase her service hours, be it

RESOLVED, that Psychiatrist Rachel Jones, MD, be paid \$250.00 per hour not to exceed an amount of \$140,000.00 in 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from June 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Account No. A4310.0420 Telepsychiatry be increased by \$40,000.00, to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A3490.0000 State Aid Mental Health by \$40,000.00, and be it

RESOLVED that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to amend the contract on behalf of the Hamilton County Mental Health and Community Services Department with Dr. Rachel Jones and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 170-26

**FUNDING VEHICLE - MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Community Services Department has had an increase in revenue to create an Assisted Outpatient Program, and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Community Services Department has determined a need for a vehicle to support the program, be it

RESOLVED, Account No. A4310.0201 Automobile be increased by \$25,516 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A3490.0000 State Aid, Mental Health by \$25,516, and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 171-26

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

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Vehicle #81 – 2022 Ford Crew Cab F550 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 2022 Ford Crew Cab F550, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance by \$13,765.61 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$13,765.61, 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 #9219 in the amount of \$14,765.61 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 Ms. Hunt and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor a typo was corrected; Altima was corrected to Rogue. Motioner and seconder agreed.

RESOLUTION NO. 172-26

**AUTHORIZING FLEET COORDINATOR TO PURCHASE ONE VEHICLE FOR
MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT - 2026**

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Mental Health and Community Services Department has need for another vehicle, and

WHEREAS, 2026 Nissan Rogues are available under State Contract PC70324, Award 23166 Mini-Bid 441-2025-ROG in the amount of \$25,516.00, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the purchase of one (1) vehicle as follows per NYS Contract PC70324, Award 23166 Mini-bid 441-2025-ROG Vehicles:

(1) 2026 Nissan Rogue– \$25,516.00

be it

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to order one (1) 2026 Nissan Rogue for Mental Health and Community Services mentioned herein for \$25,516.00 delivered from Romeo Nissan of Kingston, NY, and be it further

RESOLVED, payment will be made from Account No. A4310.0201 Automobile within thirty (30) days of delivery of said vehicle and the Mental Health and Community Services Director, Fleet Coordinator, County Treasurer and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 173-26

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC. (GPI) FOR
ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES – SEGMENTAL RETAINING WALLS
PROJECT, COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMPLEX**

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Department of Public Works has identified the need for professional engineering design services for the construction of segmental retaining walls at the County Courthouse Complex in Lake Pleasant, New York, and

WHEREAS, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI), 80 Wolf Road, Suite 600, Albany, NY 12205, has submitted a proposal dated April 1, 2026, to provide design and construction phase support services for said project, and

WHEREAS, said proposal includes site investigation, design calculations, preparation of stamped drawings, and limited construction phase support for two (2) retaining walls, for an estimated fee not to exceed \$16,250.00, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed said proposal and recommends acceptance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors be hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. for professional engineering design services for at an estimated amount not to exceed \$16,250.00, upon review and approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to transfer funds in the amount of \$16,250.00 from the Building Reserve Fund to Account No. A1620.0 414 Buildings Projects – Five Year Plan, pursuant to Section 366(1) of the County Law and the DPW Superintendent, County Treasurer and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 174-26

AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF EXCESS VEHICLES

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

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:

Year	Make/Model	VIN	Plate#	Dept	FN
2017	Chev. Silverado	1GC0KYEG3HZ26718	AZ1110	PW	88
2016	Chev. Silverado	1GC2KUEG6GZ239915	AX7683	PW	93
2003	Freightliner FLD120	1FVHALAS63LL64108	AB3285	PW	116
2006	New Holland Skdstr	SN: N7M4428	NA	PW	405
1992	International Tandem	1HTGGCUTXNH394585	NA	SW	116
2015	Cam Med Dump Trlr	5JPBU1629FP036965	AV5486	SW	590

be it

RESOLVED, the above vehicles/equipment be sold by auction online by Auctions International and the funds from the auction shall be a revenue credit to Account No. DM2665 Sale of Equipment for DPW vehicles and Account No. A2665 Sale of Equipment for all other county departments, 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. Fernandez and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 175-26

**AWARD OF BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FORKED LAKE ROAD (CR20)
BRIDGE ABUTMENTS OVER PINE BROOK**

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton received sealed bids for the Construction of the Forked Lake Road (CR20) Bridge Abutments over Pine Brook, and

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received, with Tioga Construction Co., Inc., 333 Gros Blvd., Herkimer, NY 13350, submitting the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$360,000.00, and Birdsall Excavation and Construction LLC, 15 Tower Lane, Clarksville, NY 12041, submitting a bid in the amount of \$425,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the project engineer, Andrew S. Bell, P.E. of A.S. Bell Engineering, P.C., has reviewed the bids received and recommends awarding the contract to Tioga Construction Co., Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Works Committee concurs with this recommendation, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby awards the bid for the Construction of the Forked Lake Road (CR20) Bridge Abutments over Pine Brook to Tioga Construction Co., Inc., 333 Gros Blvd., Herkimer, NY 13350, in the amount of \$360,000.00, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Tioga Construction Co., Inc., subject to the approval of the County Attorney, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Account No. D5120.2005 Forked Lake Road (CR20) Bridge, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$360,000.00 is hereby appropriated from Unappropriated County Road Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366, Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. D5120.2005 Forked Lake Road Bridge and made available for the construction of the above designated project and the County Treasurer, DPW Superintendent, and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 176-26

**AWARD OF BID FOR HAMILTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE FIRST FLOOR
RENOVATIONS PROJECT**

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton opened sealed bids for the Hamilton County Courthouse First Floor Renovations Project on April 21, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Iron Sword Enterprises, LLC, 2359 State Route 300, Wallkill, NY 12589, submitted the sole bid in the amount of \$679,200.00, and

WHEREAS, CPL, the County's consulting engineer, has reviewed the bid received and recommends awarding the contract to Iron Sword Enterprises, LLC, noting the firm's qualifications and experience in public works construction, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Works Committee met to discuss said work and recommends awarding the bid to Iron Sword Enterprises, LLC, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby awards the bid for the Hamilton County Courthouse First Floor Renovations Project to Iron Sword Enterprises, LLC, 2359 State Route 300, Wallkill, NY 12589, in the amount of \$679,200.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Iron Sword Enterprises, LLC, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to create Account No. A1620.0418 Courthouse First Floor Renovation Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$679,200.00 be transferred from the Buildings Reserve Fund to Account No. A1620.0418 Courthouse First Floor Renovation Project and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so advised.

Seconded by All and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 177-26

FUNDING DISTRIBUTION #14 – PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 246-24 authorized NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services contract for Distribution 14 Contract No. T140001 in the amount of \$25,896.00 with a term of January 1, 2024-December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender's 2026 Budget needs to be modified to account for the remaining funding in NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services Distribution 14 grant, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase and rename Account No. A1170.0106 Arraignment Stipend-Dist. 14 by \$11,877.25 to be totally offset by

increasing and renaming Revenue Account No. A3025.0200 NYS OILS Dist. 14 by \$11,877.25, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$1,118.98 from Account No. A1170.0409 Arraignment Mileage to Account No. A1170.0106 Arraignment Stipend-Dist. 14.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 178-26

**SFY 2025 & SFY 2026 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS (SICG)
GRANT APPLICATION**

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the County apply for the Combined SFY2025 & SFY 2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$1,133,398.00, 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 June 17, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 179-26

2026 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – SHERIFF ACCOUNT

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 375-25 authorized the Undersheriff's compensation package in lieu of the 2026 COLA, and

WHEREAS, the Undersheriff's reimbursement was not budgeted within the Sheriff's accounts which will create a shortage of funds, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$4,800.00 from Account No. A3110.0111 – Sheriff Part Time to Account No. A3110.0402 – Deputy Sheriff for the Undersheriff's compensation package.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Wells asked where this is taking place. The Clerk of the Board explained that she called Public Health to ask what this involved. Public Health explained that this is for 5 food pantry buildings that will be placed around the County. Public Health has not discussed this with the different towns yet. Mr. Fernandez asked how the 24/7 would work. The Clerk stated that they will be stocked with nonperishable items that people can help themselves to. The Board discussed possible issues with this. Mr. Fernandez stated that he will discuss it with the Director of Public Health to see how they are going to keep the food safe.

RESOLUTION NO. 180-26

SMALL GRANTS FOR SMALL FOOD PANTRIES FUND - ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, Adirondack Community Foundation (ACF) has awarded Hamilton County Public Health a grant from Small Grants for Small Food Pantries Fund in the amount of \$1,500.00 to support infrastructure-related costs for 24/7 food pantries, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A4035.0414 ACF Small Food Pantries be created and funded at \$1,500.00 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2770 Unclassified Revenue by \$1,500.00, and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Eldridge explained that this is the carpet for the Sheriff's renovation. He neglected to bring it to the Board for formal authorization.

RESOLUTION NO. 181-26

RATIFICATION OF BUILDINGS PROJECT PROCUREMENT

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 219-25 authorized and funded Sheriff's Office Renovations among other building renovation projects, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings Division, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works Superintendent, coordinated flooring replacement as part of the said renovation for the Deputy Sheriff's Office, Sheriff's Office, hallway and vestibule areas utilizing a cooperative purchasing contract available through Sourcewell, which permits installation services utilizing prevailing wage rates, and

WHEREAS, the project included removal and disposal of existing flooring materials, floor preparation, installation of carpet tile, wall base, transitions and related labor and materials, and

WHEREAS, during the project it was determined that the original proposal executed for the work, due to an error in the formula, did not include the full scope and associated pricing for all portions of the project, including the vestibule area, and

WHEREAS, the flooring work associated with the project was commenced prior to adoption of a Board resolution as required under the Hamilton County Procurement Policy for purchases and contracts between \$15,000.00 and \$34,999.99, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has reviewed the circumstances surrounding the procurement and recommends the Board formally ratify and authorize the work pursuant to the corrected proposal, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies and authorizes the flooring replacement work already performed and the remaining work to be completed by Gato Flooring, LLC pursuant to the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract for an amount not to exceed \$24,064.75, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board be hereby authorized to sign the corrected proposal for the said project, and the DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 182-26

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INDIAN LAKE ADA DOOR INSTALLATION

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution 344-25 authorized the purchase and installation of new entry doors at the Indian Lake County Facility that are ADA compliant installed by Kelley Bros. LLC, for \$15,883.09, and

WHEREAS, the project is complete and during the installation it was realized that we needed a Dual Operator rather than a Single Operator as originally quoted and it increased the cost by \$129.59 and the Superintendent approved this change when the doors were installed and recommends payment be made, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to make full payment in the amount of \$16,012.68 to Kelley Bros., LLC, PO Box 177, Colvin Station, Syracuse, NY, 13205 from Account No. A1620.0413 Building Projects and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Rhodes confirmed that there would not be any additional fees. Mr. Eldredge explained that this is just an extension of the contract for an additional year.

RESOLUTION NO. 183-26

**AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF CPL CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR
COURTHOUSE FIRST FLOOR RENOVATIONS PROJECT - BUILDINGS**

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 136-25 authorized the Chairman of the Board to enter into an agreement with CPL, 30 Century Hill Drive, Suite 104, Latham, NY 12110, for consulting services related to the Courthouse First Floor Renovations Project, and

WHEREAS, said project remains ongoing and requires continued consulting services to complete the architectural, engineering, and construction phase components, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the existing agreement with CPL for an additional one (1) year to allow for completion of the project, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent recommends extending the contract with CPL under the same terms and conditions, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute a one (1) year extension of the agreement with CPL, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain in full force and effect, and the County Treasurer, DPW Superintendent, and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 184-26

**AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR LOCAL SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 268-24 authorized funding for the preparation of an updated Local Solid Waste Management Plan by Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. in the amount of \$29,200.00, and Resolution No. 165-25 authorized the continuation of said project into 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Local Solid Waste Management Plan is now near completion, and remaining funds from 2025 must be re-appropriated for use in 2026, and

WHEREAS, Account No. A8161.0407 Solid Waste Management Plan had an unexpended balance of \$2,262.12 at the close of 2025, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$2,262.12 be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance, pursuant to Section 366(1) of the County Law, to Account No. A8161.407 Solid Waste Management Plan, and the County Treasurer be so authorized, and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 185-26

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS 2026

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, there has been appropriated in the 2026 highway budget the sum of \$400,000.00 for HMA for maintenance of County Roads, and

WHEREAS, there are roads that need to have Hot Mix Asphalt overlay treatments to keep the road in overall good condition, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends the approval of the following location to have pavement maintenance completed,

County Route 4 – Big Brook Road, Town of Indian Lake
Approx. 1.0 miles.....Est..... \$150,000.00

and

WHEREAS, purchase costs estimates are under New York State Contract or Piggy Back Contracts from other County's pricing which are subject to Escalation/De Escalation and above costs are based on estimates of current pricing, and

WHEREAS, the above designated roads are on a completed system of the Hamilton County road map adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County and approved by the Commissioner of Transportation, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does approve the said paving project and funds be taken from Account No. D5110.0404 Asphalt and Emulsion in the estimated amount sum of \$150,000.00 as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 186-26

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROAD FUND PROJECTS FOR 2026

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, there has been appropriated in the 2026 highway budget the sum of \$1,300,000.00 for the construction of County Road Fund Projects for 2026 and these funds are 100% reimbursed through the Consolidation Highway Improvement Program (CHIP's), and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent has recommended the expenditure of \$935,000.00 for the construction of the following projects:

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 1 Town of Inlet
Co. Rd. No. 1 – South Shore Rd., Hot-in-Place Rec and HMA Top @ 24 ft.
Approx. 0.9 mile.....\$225,000.00
Account No. D5112.2548

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 2 Town of Arietta
Co. Rd No. 24 – Old Piseco Road, HMA Top @ 22 ft.
Approx. 1.9 miles.....\$250,000.00
Account No. 5112.2541

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 3 Town of Inlet
Co. Rd No. 14 – Limekiln Lake Road, Hot-in-Place and HMA Top @ 20 ft.
Approx. 2.0 miles.....\$375,000.00
Account No. 5112.2549

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 4 Town of Indian Lake
Co. Rd. No. 4 – Big Brook Rd., HMA Top @ 21 ft.
Approx. 0.6 mile.....\$85,000.00
Account No. D5112.2547

and

WHEREAS, the above designated roads and bridge are on a completed system of the Hamilton County road map adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County and approved by the Commissioner of Transportation, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does allot and appropriate from Account No. D5112.0202 Capital projects, the sum of \$935,000.00, for the construction of the above designated projects as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 187-26

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$317,920.17 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$97,457.63 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 Ms. Bain and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 188-26

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

DATED: MAY 7, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$506,011.19 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$95,618.48
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	22,082.74
Finance Committee	14,265.51
Health Committee.....	37,166.74
Human Services Committee.....	41,646.16
Central Government Committee	23,257.22
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	270,628.04
Internal Management Committee	1,346.30

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge.....	\$ 1,289.25
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are hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

Other Reports:

Mr. Wells: The Town of Indian Lake held a Housing Task Force meeting on April 29. It was very well attended. A lot of good questions came out of it.

Chairman: Today is the Adirondack Planning Forum put on by the APA at the Hotel Saranac. Last night he attended the Adirondack Local Government round table where they discussed what challenges their communities are facing; aging water infrastructure was discussed and how most

of their small communities were forced to move to developing wells for their water sources. People complained about how expensive and unreliable they are. Also, how most of their wells underperformed, even after hydrogeologist marked the sites. State funding for water systems, like CHIPs funding, was discussed. They also discussed the Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), and their impact on Adirondack communities.

Mr. Wells stated that the Town of Indian Lake is holding a public hearing next Monday regarding a moratorium on battery storage and solar panels. Board members discussed moratoriums they are working on.

The Board discussed a moratorium at the County level.

The Chairman offered the floor to Chanda King. Ms. King thanked the Board and stated that she wants to get to know each Supervisor and their individual needs.

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