

2026

SEVENTH SESSION

JULY 2, 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	Meggie Parascandola
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	Anthony Fernandez
Wells	Beth Hunt

Also present: County Attorney, Herb Schmid, Yvonne Lutz, Lisa Johnson, Tim O'Neill, Caitlin Stewart

A motion was made to accept the minutes of June 4, 2026 by Ms. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Frey. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Mr. O'Neill is here today to give a report. Mr. Rhodes reported that the Spy Lake tower site's primary powerline is in and they are working through issues with a few extras and the tower foundation. Regarding the Morehouse tower site, they are working on the foundation, hopefully they will pour within the next two weeks. Still waiting for a few details to send to C&S and get approved so they can pour. The issue they are now facing is getting the electric wire across the stream. Lenny Croote of Soil & Water is willing to help obtain a permit to cross the stream. The application should be ready for the Chairman to sign the beginning of next week. This is our best option as National Grid will not allow us to attach the primary wire to the bridge. If National Grid did it they would have to redesign the project to go overhead which would take 6-8 weeks, and would require more money and easement revisions. There was a lightning strike on East Mt., Mr. O'Neill will report more on that. Also Mr. O'Neill has additional information on the Hope tower site. Mr. Rhodes stated that it will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in engineering and attorney fees to obtain an APA approval to reach 150' tower height. We battled to get the Spy Lake tower approved at 140' and we ultimately had to settle for 110'. He believes they will allow 130'. The tree canopy is at 110'. Hope needs coverage, and it is better than nothing. This will be a

monopine and Ms. Murry is going to write it up in a way that the APA acknowledges that we can raise it in the future. We would need to get more permits, but as the tree canopy grows, we will need to do that or it will be noneffective. Mr. O'Neill reported that on June 24th he met with Capital Digitronics in Long Lake and visited the tower site. Capital Digitronics feels the power that is currently there is sufficient for our equipment. They also went to the Inlet site that day and finalized the punch list for the electric for both Hamilton County and Inlet/Herkimer side, so we know what we need to finish. Hopefully, they will be there next week to finish and get that station online. Regarding the Gore Mt. site, they have been told there is room for our equipment in the shelter on Gore Mt. The tower on Gore Mt. would give Hamilton County 90-95% coverage. They entered into a verbal agreement with them and they are working on a MOU. On June 16th he was advised by the State that the radio division had applied for a building replacement and modernization project on Gore Mt. with the APA and they foresee a fast turnaround. Capital Digitronics told him there is a very short window to get the equipment on Gore Mt. On the 21st they had a trespassing complaint, the deputies investigated it and they found who the subject was and they talked to him. The landowner asked them to use the chain across the driveway instead of the snow fence. Regarding the East Mt. site, on June 10th the East Mt. tower site was struck by lightning causing significant damage. Mr. O'Neill gave further details about the notification of the strike and the damage done. He spoke with the Clerk of the Board regarding an insurance claim and the state grants division to see the process going forward. If we were to file a claim for the failed items, the approximate cost would be \$18,000-\$22,000 just for the replacement parts to get it back on-line. If we were to completely overhaul everything, which RS Telecom is recommending, the approximate cost would be \$50,000-\$55,000 range. He believes we need to file an insurance claim to see if it will be covered then move forward. Mr. O'Neill further reported that they have a grant for \$26,000 and they are looking at trying to purchase a couple of new jet skis. He further explained that the bid for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was opened on the 23rd. Ms. Stewart is here to explain. The Sheriff wanted him to let the Board know that Deputy Skibinski has the one aerial drone in his patrol car. It can be deployed for search and rescue, wildland fires, accident reconstruction, and other tasks. They also bought two underwater drones with a grant. Mr. O'Neill stated as Fire Coordinator, classes are underway and they are working with the federal agency on the National Emergency Response Information System. On July 15th there is a Fire Advisory Board meeting in Indian Lake, looking at classes for the fall. On June 19th NYS Dept. of Health EMS division released the County EMS Plan framework under the new law. The NYS DOH has provided all of the necessary forms and all are due to be in by Dec. 19, 2026. The Sheriff, Carrie O'Neill, EMS Coord., and himself are planning an additional meeting to go over all of the forms in mid-July and then will bring the EMS Council in at the Sept. meeting.

Mr. Tomlinson asked for clarification on the Hope tower site, do you need to re-apply for a permit for a monopine? Mr. Rhodes stated that they didn't approve anything, we have been trying to get the 150' height and working on justifying that for as many years as Spy Lake and we had to drop the Hope site to concentrate on two sites because it took so long to get three together. They are now stepping back and responding to their NIPA. Essentially, they say they will take 130', we have to come up with justification to try to get that 150'. Last fall we were waiting for coverage maps, we finally got the maps then they went to the engineer and the APA requires them in layers so they can click on what is provided by other tower sites and what is provided by this new site at 150' and what is available at 130' and so on. Literally took 6 months to get the coverage study and we ran out of money with C&S, so we put it on the back burner. We started talking about Gore Mt. and the coverage we are going to gain from that tower is going to be really impressive, so we

were thinking we could leave Hope off. Mr. Tomlinson reached out to Mr. Rhodes and would like to continue with the Hope site. It is going to provide some coverage; it will be limited. We could fight it for years; our grant is up again at the end of this year. We thought if we could write it in a way to get 130' height, build it with a foundation for 150' for the future, that would be the way to go. Mr. Tomlinson asked, so the plan is to apply for the monopine? Mr. Rhodes stated yes, they want the monopine. Mr. Rhodes further clarified that they will respond to the NIPA with the fact that we will do the monopine at 130'. He believes they will grant that permit. Once we get that permit, we can start the process of going out to bid. Mr. Tomlinson told Mr. Rhodes that he appreciated the progress. Mr. Frey added that it took Inlet 20 years.

Mr. Snyder: There are some resolutions from the Central Government Committee for your approval.

Ms. Hunt: She and Mr. Wells attended the Intercounty meeting last week. She gave the Chairman reports that come out of the NYSAC presentation. There was a resolution that Intercounty was considering; a resolution opposing Senate Bill 4408 and Assembly Bill 10483 allowing for leases or easements for renewable energy installations on designated reforestation areas. She stated she will look into it further and report back to the Board. Regarding Tourism, Ms. Wilt is working on a new Hamilton County Tourism Map. She is working on the Brownfield Committee properties in Arietta and Long Lake. She is working on the decorating contest for the 250th Celebration. She is also working on a grant for outdoor recreational roundtable committees, it closes on July 10th, it is for \$5,000-\$15,000 and must be applied for by the County, it is for projects like walking trails and outdoor infrastructure. Ms. Wilt attended the Farmer's Market on behalf of the 250th and Tourism Committee yesterday. They have been doing a lot of advertising for the 4th of July and the 250th Celebrations. She also participated in Northern Forest Center meeting. They also went to the North Country Regional Economic Development Council meeting. The Birding Festival is done. Ms. Hunt asked for support for the Treasurer's resolutions on the agenda and the resolution authorizing the attendance to the NYSAC Conference. She encouraged the Board members to attend the NYSAC Conference, it is worthwhile.

Mr. Wells: Attended the Local Government Review Board meeting in Long Lake. They discussed towers again. There is a resolution on the agenda regarding working with Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board concerning locating areas inside the Park and standardizing what we have to go through. He asked the APA Chair what is the highest tower that has ever been permitted inside the Park. They don't know. DANC was also at the meeting, they gave a presentation on all of the projects that have been cancelled due to the cost increase. We have the project from Lewey Lake to Lake Pleasant, that is not going overhead; it is now going to be buried. He doesn't believe that power will be included in this, so we have lost the chance to have a loop system. Mr. Wells further reported that he attended Intercounty with Ms. Hunt. It was fantastic, it was at FMCC. They have a room where they can infect their own computers with spyware and figure out how to fix them. It was amazing to see what we have within our area. Ms. Hunt added that it was the first room like this in the world. There are more now, but they were the first to develop it.

Ms. Parascandola: There are some resolutions on the agenda for Human Services. She has a report from Ms. Bly for DSS. She reported that the Hamilton County DSS is pleased to announce that the County has been awarded a grant of \$13,833 towards the summer youth employment program for 2026. This grant allows Hamilton County to supplement the cost to employ qualifying youths

from 14-18 years old. Qualifying youths must be income eligible under 200% of poverty level. Employment so far this year will be happening at schools or summer recreational programs but is not limited to those places. Thus far they have two students participating in the Wells area. They are continuing to recruit. They will use the funds to pay their salary. They generally start with minimum wage with the possibility of a raise if they are successful. In addition to that payment, students will participate in a financial wellness course. Ms. Parascandola further reported that she attended the Water Quality Coordinating Committee on June 10th at the Lake Pleasant Library. They had the LPSA along with other lake associations, Adirondack Council, LGLCRPB, and the Nature Conservancy. They discussed topics such as water quality monitoring, invasive species, NYS Septic Systems Replacement Round 5 along with other items. She felt it was a very eventful meeting.

Mr. Fernandez: Asked for support of the Health Committee resolutions. He attended the last PAC meeting. He knows there were questions at the last committee meeting with Ms. Greene about transportation. He feels they have gotten it resolved. Public Health started the intern program. There was some confusion about the advertisement that went out because it indicated that they had to be Hamilton County residents. They are going to correct it next year.

Mr. Tomlinson: Public Works has a few resolutions on the agenda today. We are going to pull No. 11 due to a change.

County Attorney: It has been a busy few weeks. He has worked very closely with Personnel on a number of different matters. He has also worked with the Probation Director, she is here today, she has been in Lake Pleasant 3 of 5 days this week with different matters. DSS, MHCS, and PH have had a number of things come up that they worked collaboratively on. He further worked with Public Health to get the intern program started, having 2-3 interns is a success with such a short period of time. There was a great deal of interest in the program, it should be very successful in the future. He worked closely with the County Treasurer on a number of matters, including the Fund Balance Policy, which is before you today for review. There is also a resolution today to partner with LCLGRPB on an Adirondack Parkwide Cell Study Initiative, they already have it scheduled for the eastern part of the Park in early August. With this agreement they will be able to accomplish both eastern and the western part of the Park. He further stated that he is glad to report that the Board of Elections, despite having a primary with several very contested races and being on call for it if anything were to come up, there were no issues. Further, we are up to date with all litigation and working towards positive resolutions, including a bankruptcy matter that the County is a creditor on. Last Friday he was able to settle with around \$56,000 coming back to the County. He is also working on a Countywide FOIL Policy that will help streamline the ability for people to make FOIL requests to the County, for us to be able to respond in a very cohesive manner and likewise deal with any appeals that come.

The Chairman introduced Caitlin Stewart, District Manager of the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Ms. Stewart provided a summary of the Conservation District's 2025 accomplishments. She thanked Ms. Hunt for being an active and engaged Director. There is also a resolution on today's agenda to appoint Ms. Parascandola, filling the vacancy created by Ms. Bain's retirement. Ms. Stewart reviewed the handout; discussing grants/contracts/awards and the top 10 conservation accomplishments.

Ms. Stewart further gave an update on the Hazard Mitigation grant. She has enjoyed working with Mr. O'Neill on this. The Conservation District is overseeing this grant update. The purpose of the Hamilton County Hazard Mitigation plan is to effectively reduce future disaster damages, public expenditures, private losses, and community vulnerability to natural, technological, and manmade hazards. Our current plan expires in October of 2026. Their team has completed and submitted the budget and the scope of work. They put out to bid the RFP to hire a contractor to make sure that we update the plan appropriately. The plan must meet FEMA guidelines and DHSES requirements. The contractor that we hire will make sure that we check all of those boxes. Ms. Stewart reviewed the four proposals received. She recommended that the County hire the lowest bidder. This is simply a plan update. There is a resolution on the agenda today to hire the contractor.

Ms. Stewart thanked the Board of Supervisors for their steadfast support that allows their team to get conservation on the ground. They look forward to the continued partnership on the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and the Septic Systems Replacement Fund.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Stewart for all that the District does for Hamilton County and all of the Towns. They truly appreciate all that they do.

Resolutions:

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, the Chairman encouraged everyone to attend.

RESOLUTION NO. 207-26

AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND THE 2026 NYSAC FALL SEMINAR

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) will conduct the Fall Seminar in Syracuse, N.Y. September 28 – September 30, 2026, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all Supervisors and County Officials be granted permission to participate in the above mentioned Conference and that the actual and reasonable expenses of the officers attending such meeting shall be a County charge and be audited by this Board in the same manner as other County charges.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 208-26

**APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY SOIL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint two (2) Supervisors as representatives to the Board of Directors of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, and

WHEREAS, Betsy A. Bain resigned from her office, therefore creating a vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors wishes to appoint Meg Parascandola to fill the vacancy for a term of July 3, 2026 - December 31, 2026, be it

RESOLVED, that Meg Parascandola be appointed as Supervisor Representative for a term of July 3, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 209-26

**APPROVAL FOR TOWER CAMERA PURCHASE FROM LINSTAR – DHSES GRANT
SI24-1016-E00**

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has received a grant from New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Grant Project SI24-1016-E00 in the amount of \$561,551.00 contract C197427, and

WHEREAS, funds within SICG 2024 are designated for the purchase of tower site security cameras, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Information Technology (IT) Department has received a quote from Linstar to purchase seven (7) sets of security cameras for deployment at each of the Hamilton County tower sites under New York State Contract PT68825 and in the total amount of \$33,866.00 and thus at a cost of approximately \$4,838.00 for each site, and

WHEREAS, these seven (7) cameras will be installed by the Hamilton County IT Department at the following tower sites; East Mountain, Oak Mountain, Wells, Inlet, Long Lake, Spy Lake and Morehouse, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Sheriff's Office to purchase these seven (7) security cameras from Linstar in the amount of \$33,866.00 with funds coming from Account No. A3645.0434 – SI24-1016-E00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County IT Department shall be notified of the approval to purchase these seven (7) cameras and upon receipt to install same at the seven (7) locations identified above.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 210-26

FY 2025 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) APPLICATION

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the County apply for the FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program for the Emergency Management Office in the amount of \$6,596, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to complete and submit said grant application by the deadline of July 7, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 211-26

FY 2025 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM/STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT (SHSP/SLETPP) APPLICATION

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the County apply for the FY2025 State Homeland Security Program/State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program Grant (SHSP/SLETPP) Program for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$26,790.00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to complete and submit said grant application by the deadline of July 7, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Wells stated that he was surprised that the difference between the high and low bidder is three times as much, are they missing something? He wanted to confirm that they are comfortable with the low bid. Ms. Stewart stated that Essex County utilized Chloeta for their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. O'Neill had reached out to Essex County, and they were very happy with the plan. Mr. O'Neill confirmed that the individual that works for Chloeta that did the Essex County plan will be working on our update. Ms. Stewart further explained that NYS DHSES had mentioned that the update should come in between \$60,000-\$70,000. This is an update, not a full plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 212-26

**AWARD OF BID FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY LOCAL MULTIJURISDICTIONAL
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Emergency Management Office heretofore solicited bids for the Hamilton County Local Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with Specification No. 2-2026, and

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received in response to said invitation to bidders as on file with the Clerk of the Board, with Chloeta submitting the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$49,996.00, LaBella submitting a bid in the amount of \$137,580.00, Tidal Basin submitting a bid in the amount of \$140,000, and Highland Planning submitting a bid in the amount of \$150,000, and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Preparedness Emergency Response Committee and the Hamilton County Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee opened and reviewed received sealed bids on June 23, 2026, and recommends awarding the contract to Chloeta, noting the firm's preparedness to efficiently support MitigateNY data entry, development of a realistic plan maintenance process, thorough public outreach methods, and integration of authoritative datasets, spatial analysis, and hazard modeling to define exposure and vulnerability across the planning area, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby awards the bid for the Hamilton County Local Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update to Chloeta in the amount of \$49,996.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the Hamilton County Emergency Services Manager, and Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Manager be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Chloeta subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 213-26

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN GRANT AMENDMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN OFFICE FOR AGING AND PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE FOR TITLE III-E FUNDING

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, Warren/Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging has grant monies available to provide respite Home Health Aide Services under Title III-E for seniors who are patients of the Certified Home Health Agency and require these services to provide respite for caregivers, and

WHEREAS, the agreement for the period commencing January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 has been increased by \$20,000 for a total of \$30,000, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the grant amendment agreement between the Office for the Aging and the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service upon approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 214-26

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE GRANT

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health through Health Research, Inc. (HRI) has offered renewal of Contract No. 1611-19 with Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and

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

WHEREAS, the total grant contract is for \$52,099, 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 Department of Health through Health Research Inc., pending approval by the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 215-26

INCREASE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES BUDGET

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MS. PARASCANDOLA:

WHEREAS, \$10,000.00 was budgeted for Early Intervention program services in the 2026 budget, and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in the Early Intervention caseload causing a budget shortage, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A4059.0401 be increased by \$5,000.00 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A1621 by \$5,000.00 and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 216-26

FUNDING THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT 250TH COMMEMORATION COMMISSION GRANT – HISTORIAN

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the County Historian has been awarded the State Education Department 250th Commemoration Commission Grant in the amount of \$15,000, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County 2026 Budget funded \$8,820 for a Part Time Assistant Historian to help with the planning of the Hamilton County 250th Summer of Celebration, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Account No. A7510.0406 250th Celebration and to fund said account in the amount of \$6,180 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue Account No. A3889.0000 State Aid-Other Culture and Rec.-250th Celebration in the amount of \$6,180 and the County Historian be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

The Chairman announced that resolution number 11 on the agenda has been removed at the request of Mr. Tomlinson, Chairman of the Public Works Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 217-26

AMENDING AMOUNT OF 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL ROAD PROJECTS

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the budget appropriation amount for Capital Road Projects for 2026 was set and adopted for \$1,350,000.00 for Account No. 5112.0202 Capital Projects, and

WHEREAS, this amount is estimated by the County Highway Superintendent in September of the previous year based on previous allocations of State CHIPS funding for highway projects and the actual amount is set after the State Budget is adopted, and

WHEREAS, the actual adopted State Budget for 2026 – 2027 for Hamilton County from the state CHIPS, Pave NY, Extreme Weather Recovery (EWR) and Pave Our Potholes (POP) funds for the State fiscal year 2026 - 2027 is set at \$1,612,768.02 including rollover funds, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends that the County Board of Supervisors amend the 2026 appropriation for capital projects from \$1,350,000.00 to \$1,612,768.02 for 2026 County Highway Projects, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2026 budget appropriation for Capital Road Projects Account No. 5112.0202 be amended from \$1,350,000.00 to \$1,612,768.02 and also increase Revenue Account No. D3501.0000 Consolidated Highway Aid from \$1,350,000.00 to \$1,612,768.02 and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Clerk of the Board and County DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 218-26

AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE OF POSITION FROM HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR – TRACTOR TRAILER TO MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has recommended that an existing Heavy Equipment Operator – Tractor Trailer (HEO-T) position be changed to a Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) position, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has reviewed the recommendation and has determined that a Motor Equipment Operator position will better meet the operational needs of the Department at this time, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the existing Heavy Equipment Operator – Tractor Trailer position within the Department of Public Works to be changed to a Motor Equipment Operator position, effective immediately and the DPW Superintendent and the Personnel Officer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 219-26

AUTHORIZING COUNTY FLEET COORDINATOR TO ORDER VEHICLE FOR LAW DEPARTMENT

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Central Government Committees have determined that the Law Department has need of an assigned county automobile to support the performance of official County business, and

WHEREAS, 2026 Nissan Altima Sedans are available from Romeo Nissan LLC under NYS Contract OGS 23166-OAG-2026-100SC at a cost of \$24,041.54 each, including delivery, and

WHEREAS, because the Law Department has not previously owned an automobile, it is necessary to create and fund Account No. A1420.0201, Law Department Automobile, for the purchase of the vehicle and Account No. A1420.0404, Law Department Automobile Expense, for fuel, maintenance, and operating expenses, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to order one (1) 2026 Nissan Altima Sedan as specified herein, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Account No. A1420.0201, Law Department Automobile, and transfer \$24,041.54 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance, in accordance with Section 366, Subdivision 1 of the County Law, to said account for the purchase of the automobile, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Account No. A1420.0404, Law Department Automobile Expense, and transfer \$3,500.00 from the

Unappropriated General Fund Balance, in accordance with Section 366, Subdivision 1 of the County Law, to said account for fuel, maintenance, and other operating expenses associated with the automobile, and the County Treasurer, Fleet Coordinator, Clerk of the Board, and County Attorney be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Wells asked Mr. Tomlinson if he knew when this one is being scheduled. Mr. Tomlinson stated he believes this is the one that they just received. Mr. Wells stated they have one that is still sitting in the yard. The Board discussed the delays they are all experiencing in deliveries of trucks.

RESOLUTION NO. 220-26

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR TANDEM AXLE PLOW TRUCK – DPW

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, in March of 2023 the Board of Supervisors authorized the fleet coordinator to give H.L. Gage an Intent to Purchase to purchase one (1) 2024 International HX 520 tandem axle truck with Viking Cives dump body and plow equipment under Onondaga County contract in the amount of \$291,982.00, and

WHEREAS, the said truck was delivered in early May 2026 and it is a 2025 model year truck and the County Fleet Coordinator has inspected the said truck and confirms it is accepted and meets specifications and recommends payment for said truck, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to Navistar, Inc., C/O Bank of America, DRAWER CS 198-381, Atlanta, GA 30384 in the amount of \$291,982.00 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects and the Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, the Chairman thanked everyone that worked on it.

RESOLUTION NO. 221-26

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADOPTING A FUND BALANCE POLICY**

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is committed to sound financial management, maintaining strong fiscal health, preserving its bond and credit ratings and ensuring fiscal stability for the taxpayers of Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, The Office of the New York State Comptroller (OSC) and the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends that governments and local legislative bodies adopt and establish formal policies on the level of unassigned fund balance that should be maintained in the general fund so as to guard against cyclical revenue shortfalls and unforeseen emergency expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has previously issued Statement No. 54, establishing standards for fund balance reporting and classification for government funds, and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the above-referenced commitments and recommendations, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors avers that it is essential to establish standards and guidelines for fund balance reserves to cushion against unanticipated expenditures, emergency events and revenue shortfalls, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer has developed a comprehensive Fund Balance Policy, attached and appended hereto as “Exhibit A” and which outlines fund classifications including Non-spendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned and Unassigned, and specifies target minimum reserve levels to ensure the fiscal stability of Hamilton County and accomplish the recommendations of above, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors adopts as follows:

1. Incorporation of Recitals: the above recitals are all incorporated herein and made part of this resolution.
2. Adoption of Policy: the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby formally approves and adopts the Fund Balance Policy as attached and appended as Exhibit A.
3. Compliance and Implementation: the Hamilton County Treasurer is authorized and directed to implement the Policy and present necessary reports to the Board during the course of the fiscal year and the annual budget process to ensure compliance.
4. Repeal of Conflicting Policies: any existing policies or portions of policies that conflict with the provisions of this Resolution and the attached Fund Balance Policy are hereby repealed.

5. Effective Date: this Resolution and the adoption of the Fund Balance Policy shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption by the Board.

Seconded by All and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

Exhibit A

Hamilton County Fund Balance Policy

Background

The Office of the New York State Comptroller (OSC) and the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends that governments and local legislative bodies adopt and establish formal policies on the level of unassigned fund balance that should be maintained in the general fund so as to guard against cyclical revenue shortfalls and unforeseen emergency expenditures.

To assist in this endeavor, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, which is intended to enhance the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied. These are included at the end of this policy for clarification.

Purpose

To comply with the recommendations of the OSC, the GFOA and the GASB, the County has enacted the following policy in an effort to ensure financial security through the maintenance of a fiscally responsible fund balance that guides the creation, maintenance, and use of resources for financial stabilization purposes.

The County fund balance must be properly established and maintained to promote the goals of creating an open, transparent, and accountable use of public funds. The County's primary objective is to maintain a prudent level of financial resources to protect against reducing service levels or raising taxes and fees due to temporary revenue shortfalls or unpredicted one-time expenditures. The County also seeks to maintain the highest possible credit ratings which are dependent, in part, on the County's maintenance of a healthy fund balance.

Policy Statement

The most current fund balance classifications as promulgated by GASB shall be used in all financial statements filed on behalf of the County.

County finances will be managed so as to maintain balances of the various funds at levels sufficient to mitigate current and future risks, such as revenue shortfalls, unanticipated expenditures,

stabilization of tax rates and user fees, protection of the County's creditworthiness, and to provide for adequate cash flow needs.

The County acknowledges it has a fiduciary responsibility to keep adequate reserve funds in order to maintain operations and respond to emergencies where liquid financial resources are required on short-notice. NYS law and specifically NYS General Municipal Law Sections 10 and 11 and County Law Sections 350-381 provides authority for the carryover of reasonable amounts of fund balance from one year to the next. Reasonable amount determinations include factors such as providing adequate cash flow to cover two (2) months of operating expenditures thereby providing the liquidity necessary to accommodate the County's uneven cash flow which is inherent in its periodic tax collection as well as reliance on sales tax, and federal and state program reimbursements.

The County shall strive to maintain an unassigned fund balance of not less than 20% and not more than 50% current General Fund operating expenditures, excluding interfund transfers. Timing of significant cash receipts (i.e., property taxes, sales tax, federal and state program reimbursements) and unpredicted one-time expenditures including, but not limited to, extreme weather events, capital projects, and other unforeseen emergencies are the basis for the County's minimum unassigned fund balance level.

When revenues exceed budgeted appropriations in any given fiscal year, the surplus shall be appropriated first to the unassigned fund balance. Available fund balances in excess of the maximum requirement may be used in subsequent budgets to provide for property tax stability, finance reserve funds, and/or debt reduction, or for any other lawful purpose approved by the County Board of Supervisors. It is the intent of the County to limit the use of fund balances to address unanticipated future obligations. Fund balances shall not normally be applied to recurring annual operating expenditures.

In the event fund balance falls below the minimum requirement, the Budget Officer shall prepare a plan to restore the available fund balance to the minimum requirement in the next budget year or other appropriate period of time.

Review

A review of the fund balance percentage to be committed to the fund balance for the following year will be reviewed after the prior year end balances have been reported to the Board of Supervisors by the Treasurer.

These policies will be reviewed by the Budget Officer, Treasurer and Board of Supervisors at least annually and updated on an as-needed basis.

Order of Use

The County will spend the most restricted dollars before less restricted where such spending is appropriate and the legal restriction does not limit the use of such restricted amount for the particular purpose in question in the following order:

- Non-spendable (if funds become spendable)
- Restricted
- Committed
- Assigned

- Unassigned

Definitions

GASB Statement No. 54 replaces the previous fund balance classifications with the following:

Non-spendable fund balance

This consists of assets that are inherently non-spendable in the current period either because of their form or because they must be maintained intact, including prepaid items, inventories, long-term portions of loans receivable, financial assets held for resale, and principal of endowments.

Restricted fund balance

Consists of amounts that are subject to externally enforceable legal purpose restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments, or through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance

Consists of amounts that are subject to a purpose constraint imposed by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority before the end of the fiscal year, and that require the same level of formal action to remove the constraint. The New York State Office of the State Comptroller believes that in most cases, local governments in New York will not have committed fund balance to report.

Assigned fund balance

Consists of amounts that are subject to a purpose constraint that represents an intended use established by the government's highest level of decision-making authority, or by their designated body or official. The purpose of the assignment must be narrower than the purpose of the General Fund, and in funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the residual amount of fund balance.

Unassigned fund balance

Represents the residual classification for the government's General Fund, and could report a surplus or deficit. In funds other than the General Fund, the unassigned classification should be used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or unassigned.

RESOLUTION NO. 222-26

TO AUTHORIZE THE HAMILTON COUNTY CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND SCOPE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN-LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A MOBILE WIRELESS ENGINEERING STUDY

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, access to reliable cellular service has evolved from a convenience to a necessity, driven by the growth of telework, telehealth, remote education, mobile commerce, and

emergency communications. In the Adirondack region, challenging terrain, complex land ownership, and regulations governing tower height have limited the expansion of region-wide cellular infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park currently lacks a coordinated, regionwide strategy to identify service gaps and evaluate deployable technology solutions to address those areas lacking in and/or without reliable cellular coverage. As demonstrated by other large-scale telecommunications initiatives, a regional approach is essential to study which areas of the Adirondacks are in need of service coverage so as to appropriately and effectively guide strategic investments and prevent costly, fragmented coverage gaps, and

WHEREAS, the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board (“LCLGRPB”) has developed a regional cellular service project that will support a comprehensive study and assessment of the cellular service needs across the width and breadth of the 12-county Adirondack Park and the engineering of coordinated macro- and micro-cell infrastructure to improve connectivity for residents, visitors, and businesses, and

WHEREAS, in the development of this project the LCLGRPB has partnered with those counties within the Adirondack Park, and specifically Hamilton County, to formulate and implement an Adirondack-wide assessment, planning, and engineering initiative to improve mobile wireless connectivity, and

WHEREAS, the LCLGRPB has assisted Hamilton County in securing a \$1.5 million federal grant for use in the completion of the cellular coverage engineering study and furtherance of this project, and

WHEREAS, the LCLGRPB had previously extended a request for proposals from professional firms specializing in mobile wireless network engineering to conduct said feasibility study for cellular service throughout the Adirondack Park, received bids and has entered into a Service Agreement with Global Technology Associates, LLC (“GTA”) to conduct this study, and

WHEREAS, the LCLGRPB and GTA are scheduled to begin this feasibility study for those sections of the Adirondack Park contained within Essex and Warren County in early August, 2026, and both parties are desirous of including the portions of the Adirondack Park contained within Hamilton County during such time period in the interest of economy and timeliness, and

WHEREAS, GTA is ready, willing and able to include the Hamilton County portions of the Adirondack Park to its scope of service for this study, and the LCLGRPB is ready, willing and able to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Hamilton County to extend such service with GTA and include Hamilton County in this study, pending approval of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, upon authorization of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, the terms of said memorandum of understanding and scope of service would be negotiated between the LCLGRPB and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the County Attorney, and

WHEREAS, said memorandum of understanding and scope of services would specify that the cost of any services provided by GTA in the performance of this study would be in an amount not

to exceed \$500,000.00 and that same would be fully covered by the federal funds (\$1.5 million) procured by and presently being held by the LCLGRPB and at no additional or ancillary cost to Hamilton County, be it so

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the authorization of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to enter into a memorandum of understanding and scope of services agreement with the LCLGRPB and GTA to complete the cellular coverage engineering study through the Hamilton County portion of the Adirondack Park, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the County Chairman, County Attorney, Hamilton County Treasurer, Hamilton County Information Technology Department, and the LCLGRPB Chairperson.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 223-26

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH C&L ENTERPRISES FOR COMPUTER, SERVER, NETWORK AND ADVISORY SERVICES

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. FREY:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Information Technology Department has requested to contract with C&L Enterprises for computer, server, network, and advisory services, 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 C&L Enterprises for computer, server, network, and advisory services for a term of June 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, not to exceed \$7,000 and the Information Technology Department be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 224-26

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK
STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM**

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has a 5-year agreement with the Unified Court System for security services to the courts of Hamilton, and

WHEREAS, the contract begins on April 1, 2024 and ends on March 31, 2029, and

WHEREAS, the contract stated in pertinent part, “All subsequent periods of the contract, the maximum compensation and where necessary new staffing schedule for that period are to be established by mutual written agreement of the parties.”, and

WHEREAS, the State Unified Court System has provided a proposal wherein the period of the contract begins on April 1, 2026 and ends on March 31, 2027, the maximum compensation for the period is Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$32,500.00) and the Hamilton County Sheriff provides an attendant staffing schedule, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff has provided an Attendant Staffing Schedule to the State Court System,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute an agreement with the New York State Unified Court System to provide Court Attendant Staffing by the Hamilton County Sheriff for the maximum compensation of Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$32,500.00) for the period of time beginning on April 1, 2026 and ending on March 31, 2027.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 225-26

PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT – FRINGE FOR INTERNS

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 199-26 authorized implementation of the Public Health Futures & Infrastructure Scholars Program and created six intern positions within the Hamilton County Public Health Department, and

WHEREAS, Account No. A4189.1105 was created and funded to pay the interns, and

WHEREAS, fringe expenses were included in the Public Health Infrastructure budget, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Account No. A4189.8102 – Other PH, Fringe, PH Infrastructure, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$4,626.00 from Account No. A4189.4106 HRI PH Infrastructure Grant to Account No. A4189.8102.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 226-26

TO AMEND THE 2026 COUNTY BUDGET AND CONTRACT WITH THE HAMILTON, FULTON, MONTGOMERY PREVENTION COUNCIL TO REFLECT AN INCREASE IN NYS OASAS FUNDING

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton has approved the 2026 contract with the Hamilton, Fulton, Montgomery Prevention Council to provide Prevention Services to the residents of Hamilton County and in the original amount of \$204,729.00, and

WHEREAS, the amount of NYS OASAS funding has now been increased pursuant to the most recent State Aid Letter by \$4,691.00, and

WHEREAS, the current 2026 contract does not reflect this increase (\$4,691.00) in the County's 2026 budget, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves amending the County's 2026 contract with Hamilton, Fulton, Montgomery Prevention Council from \$204,729.00 to \$209,420.00, reflecting the increase of \$4,691.00 in funding from NYS OASAS, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A4310.0425 HFM Prevention Council by \$4,691.00 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A3484.0100 OASAS Prevention by \$4,691.00.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 227-26

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Community Services Board can recommend to the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors individuals to be appointed to the Community Services Board and its subcommittees, and

WHEREAS, the terms of several members of the Community Services Board have expired and thus require either the appointment and/or re-appointment by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Community Services Board is desirous of recommending certain individuals to the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors for re-appointment to the Community Services Board, and

WHEREAS, the following individuals (Mary Kiewicz, John Simons, Peter Feldstein, Bryan Rudes, Mary Cannan, Jill Pettinger, Deborah Ameden, Daryl Rulison and Roberta Bly) have all expressed interest in becoming and/or members of the Community Services Board and seek appointment to same, and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Community Services Board recommends all of the above-referenced individuals to the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors for appointment to the Community Services Board, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Community Services Board, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors appoints Mary Kiewicz of Piseco, John Simons of Piseco, Peter Feldstein of Northville, Bryan Rudes of Piseco, Mary Cannan of Indian Lake, Jill Pettinger of Wells, Deborah Ameden of Indian Lake, Daryl Rulison of Piseco and Roberta Bly of Lake Pleasant to the Community Services Board, effective upon the date of this resolution, and with a term to expire December 31, 2029, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer, Chair of the Community Services Board, Director of Mental Health and Community Services, and County Attorney all be furnished with a copy of this Resolution.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 228-26

APPOINTMENTS TO ASA/MH SUBCOMMITTEE AND IDD SUBCOMMITTEE

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MS. PARASCANDOLA:

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Community Services Board can recommend to the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors individuals to be appointed to the Community Services Board and its subcommittees, and

WHEREAS, the terms of several members of the ASA/MH Subcommittee and IDD Subcommittee have expired and thus require either the appointment and/or re-appointment by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Community Services Board is desirous of recommending certain individuals to the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors for re-appointment to the Community Services Board, and

WHEREAS, the following individuals (Bryan Rudes, Deborah Ameden, Peter Feldstein, John Simons and Victoria Moore) have expressed interest in becoming a member of the ASA/MH Subcommittee and the following individuals (Mary Cannan, Mary Kewicz, Daryl Rulison, Jill Pettinger and Margie Rajca) have expressed interest in becoming a member of the IDD Subcommittee and seek appointment to same, and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Community Services Board recommends all of the above-referenced individuals to the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors for appointment to the respective sub-committees of the Community Services Board identified above, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Community Services Board, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors appoints Bryan Rudes of Piseco, Deborah Ameden of Indian Lake, Peter Feldstein of Northville, John Simons of Piseco and Victoria Moore of Indian to the ASA/MH Subcommittee, and Mary Cannan of Indian Lake, Mary Kewicz of Lake Pleasant, Daryl Rulison of Piseco, Jill Pettinger of Wells and Margie Rajca to the IDD Subcommittee, effective upon the date of this resolution, and with a term to expire December 31, 2029, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer, Chair of the Community Services Board, Director of Mental Health and Community Services, and County Attorney all be furnished with a copy of this Resolution.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 229-26

AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF PART TIME HISTORIAN ASSISTANT POSITION

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 273-25 dated August 7, 2025 authorized the creation of and appointment of a Part Time Historian Assistant with a term of August 7, 2025 through July 31, 2026 to assist with the planning of the 250th Celebration, and

WHEREAS, the County Historian has been awarded the State Education Department 250th Commemoration Commission Grant which includes \$8,820 for a Part Time Historian Assistant to help with the planning of the Hamilton County 250th Summer of Celebration, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Lori Mead as Part Time Historian Assistant be hereby extended to December 31, 2026, contingent upon the availability of funding from the State Education Department 250th Commemoration Commission Grant, and be it further

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 230-26

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$129,102.37 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$72,005.63 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 Mr. Tomlinson and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 231-26

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND

DATED: JULY 2, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$355,412.98 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$53,584.26
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	34,931.82
Finance Committee	75,216.70
Health Committee.....	31,405.06
Human Services Committee.....	81,288.55
Central Government Committee	38,729.65
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	38,457.54
Internal Management Committee	1,799.40

are hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

Other Reports:

Mr. Wells: Stated that he knows there was a lot of confusion regarding the Public Health Intern Program. He was included late in the emails. He stated that we do have policies in place, we just need to look at them.

Mr. Fernandez: Agreed with Mr. Wells, the Department Heads need to go back and review the policies that we have in place.

Mr. Frey: Stated one of the best fireworks in Hamilton County will be in Inlet on Saturday. He further announced that this will be his last meeting. He will be retiring at the Town Board meeting next Wednesday night. It has been his honor to travel over here many many times to serve Hamilton County and the Town of Inlet. He believes the Town Board will be appointing Herb Schmid, his previous deputy. He further complimented Yvonne Lutz for winning the primary.

County Attorney: Thanked Mr. Wells for the support for Public Health and Personnel departments, it is greatly appreciated and it goes a long way. He further thanked Mr. Fernandez for his support. He thanked Mr. Frey for his service to the Town of Inlet and wished him the best of luck. He thanked everyone for their continued work for the County.

Chairman: Discussed the Town of Tupper Lake and the Village doing a consolidation study to dissolve the Village. The study will take about a year. After the study is complete the Village Board will decide whether to put the dissolution out to the voters. The study costs about \$100,000. The Village received a grant for \$50,000 and he believes the Town has voted to split the remaining amount with the Village. Both Boards have received a lot of heat lately to look into this. Most believe this will be tax savings for the community. The Chairman further stated that he has received overwhelming feedback from all the Department Heads expressing their appreciation for the new County Attorney's leadership and support.

The Chairman wished all of the Board members, employees, and families a safe and wonderful 4th of July as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding we will remember the generations who built, defended, and strengthened this great nation and the responsibility we all share to make our mark and leave it even better for those of us that came after. Hope each of you have the time and opportunity to spend with your family and friends, support your local celebrations and make some great memories. Thank you all for everything you do for the people of Hamilton County, and I hope you all have a fun, safe, and memorable 4th of July.

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Frey on his retirement, job well done and we wish you the best in your years to come.

Mr. Wells thanked Mr. Frey, he has been a good friend and mentor along the way.

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