

2026

EIGHTH SESSION

AUGUST 6, 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, an opening prayer and a moment of silence for Stephen Woehrle, Chief of the Piseco Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Woehrle passed away suddenly on July 20, 2026. Mr. Woehrle devoted his life to public service and the protection of others.

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	Herb Schmid
Lake Pleasant	Meggie Parascandola
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	Anthony Fernandez
Wells	Beth Hunt

Also present: County Attorney, Carole Ruiz-Personnel Officer, Tracy Eldridge-Public Works Superintendent, Lisa Johnson – Deputy Public Works Superintendent, Lynette Greene – Director of Mental Health & Community Services, John Frey, Yvonne Lutz, Miriam Doud

A motion was made to accept the minutes of July 2, 2026 by Ms. Parascandola, seconded by Mr. Rhodes. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present

County Attorney: There are a number of resolutions on today's agenda that have been worked collaboratively with Ms. Greene, MH&CS Director as well as the Supervisor from the Town of Arietta on some emergency management provisions that are working toward the betterment of the County. Further, he attended the Public Welfare Conference with the Dept. of Social Services. It was a very positive conference, a lot to bring back and adjust some of the things that we are doing here in this county. Roberta Bly, DSS Commissioner will be the incoming President of the Public Welfare Association for 2027. He will have a request to enter Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: A couple of resolutions on today's agenda to award bids and authorize equipment for the new K-9 patrol vehicle. Thanked the County Attorney for working on the MOU for the

equipment on Gore Mt. He has been working with C&S and Ms. Murray on the Hope tower site; answering the APA's questions and reworking the construction drawings. He believes the APA has everything they need to put it out for public comment. Regarding the Morehouse tower; the piers and foundations were supposed to be poured yesterday, it was cancelled due to a few different reasons. C&S, our engineers for the towers are making sure everything is done correctly and protecting the County's interest. Rebar has been ordered for the Arietta tower site foundation and the quarter drilling for the foundation still needs to be scheduled.

Mr. Snyder: There are seven resolutions on the agenda for the election grant extensions.

Ms. Hunt: Attended the Soil & Water meeting. They are working on the budget so they will be getting a number to the County soon. She also attended the Intercounty meeting in Saratoga County on July 23rd. It was at the airport; it is a new facility. They added a restaurant this past year. NYSAC gave an update; the main topic was federal SNAP. New rules are taking effect in October of this year. NYSAC is working hard to push that back. Ms. Hunt further reported that the Budget Officer has sent out the budget worksheets. Ms. Wilt of Economic Development has been busy working with the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities; it is a self-assessment grant that has been applied for, the funds will be used to enhance or expand biking trails in Inlet, Long Lake, and Indian Lake and bring the trails onto the main street. Had a meeting with the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRPB) to re-amortize the existing loan. Saratoga Race Track is having Adirondack Day on August 12; Tourism will be attending. Ms. Wilt is also participating in the Brownfield Assessment group centered around the town property in Arietta, the Kickerville Station in Long Lake, and Peter's Oil parcel in Speculator. She is also working with the new workforce housing consultant that is working with LCLGRPB, they want to learn more about the project so that they can look at the diversity of types of housing that are being development in the region. She is also working with Bill Farber and Chris Rhodes on a better way to manage the cabins at Oak Mt. She is about half way through the creation of the new map and county guide and hopes to have it printed in September. She is also working with Robin Hill of Inlet to go over funding opportunities and the state and federal grants and how she can assist them.

Mr. Wells: Attended the Zoom meeting for the Office for the Aging (OFA) with Ms. Hunt. Mo Wright, Town of Hadley Supervisor is retiring. He has been an instrumental voice for the Adirondacks in Albany. Mr. Wells requested that this Board do a resolution of thanks. Regarding OFA, the Senior Fall Festival will be Sept. 24 in Johnsburg. Mr. Wells stated he has a copy of the Albany Update from the Intercounty meeting if anyone is interested. The sales tax numbers for Sept. 2025-May 2026 show us having a 4.4% increase.

Ms. Parascandola: Attended several meetings this month; Soil & Water, OFA, and Community Action. Community Action is focusing on their framework, reviewing their by-laws. There is a SNAP resolution on today's agenda. Further, she stated that she wanted to share a positive experience that occurred. The other day, Roberta Bly, Commissioner of DSS received a call that there was a complaint of someone causing a ruckus in the Village. She contacted Sheriff Abrams and asked if they could be of assistance with this individual. Ms. Bly and Mr. Sicard of the Mental Health & Community Services staff were able to work with the individual, get a train ticket and return him safely to the train station. It was a great collaboration between the Sheriff's Office and Social Services to get this person home safely.

Mr. Fernandez: He met with the County Attorney and the Director of Public Health; they have a contract issue with a vendor that they are not happy with. They are still discussing it; they have not resolved it yet. He believes they are going to meet later today to discuss it again. There are a couple of resolutions on the agenda pertaining to renewal of contracts.

Mr. Tomlinson: Mr. Eldridge, Public Works Superintendent and Lisa Johnson, Deputy Public Works Superintendent are here today to discuss a couple of items for Public Works. Multiple resolutions on today's agenda for Public Works including one to purchase furniture for the renovation project. Mr. Eldridge stated that between Committee Day and today a couple of proposals came to him. The furniture resolution for the rehab is all under state contract, that furniture has all been customized. The firm has met with the Treasurer and her staff and agreed on the furniture. It is expensive but it is good quality. They help design it, it is custom built then it will be delivered and installed. The general contractor that is doing the renovation has nothing to do with this. It is a 10-12 week wait on the furniture. Further, he set up a small committee that is being led by Ms. Johnson. She has met with the County Attorney, County Treasurer, Zach Small of IT, Dan Saltis, and Mark Stuart. They are going to start transitioning the Treasurer's Office to the Board Chambers. The contractor is scheduled to start the first full week of September, Labor Day week. This will be the last Board meeting in this room for a few months. Mr. Eldridge further stated that he was waiting on a proposal for a capital road project, that is why the other resolution is in. He is concerned about cost because of asphalt escalation. This is a CHIPs project, the west end of State Rt. 8 and County Rt. 24 for ½ mile. The other resolution that was added to the second agenda is for pave and maintenance. This is to pave the top on Fayle Rd. Bridge and Haskell Rd. Bridge. Those bridges have wooden decks and wooden running planks. The planks have gone bad. They are going to tear them up and pave them. They also have some paving to do at the Indian Lake Highway Garage. They added a door on the front so they had to tear some blacktop up. There is also a resolution for Court House foundation repair. He found some spalling on the foundation. Andy Bell, the engineer, is good with the plan to fix that before they do the top coat for the parking lot. Rather than using poured concrete they are going to get a good base and use granite so the salt won't affect it. Also, there are two bridge pedestals that hold up the walking bridge. They have a concrete base that have flowers in them that have disintegrated. They are going to get rid of them, check the pedestal, then re-do them with granite around them so they can put flowers back in them. Mr. Eldridge also stated that he has a mechanic that will be going out for surgery, he will be out 4-6 weeks. This employee has also been doing a lot of tractor trailer driving. Mr. Eldridge discussed the Public Works site tour that he has planned for the Board this fall. Mr. Eldridge stated there is a pine tree behind the Court House that is dead; it is on the County's property so he will have it taken down. Also, the large tree towards the golf course has been hit by lightning, he feels that should also come down, but it may be too big for his department to do.

Proclamation:

The Chairman recognized Mr. Frey for all of his years of service to Hamilton County. He further stated that when he first joined the Board in 2020, he always appreciated the willingness of Mr. Frey to share all of his knowledge and experience. He always had thoughtful ideas, practical perspective and was generous in giving his advice. That guidance meant a lot to him. Public Service takes many forms and anyone that steps forward to serve their community deserves our appreciation. On behalf of the Board, the Chairman thanked Mr. Frey for his service and wished him the very best in his retirement.

The Chairman read the following Proclamation.

Hamilton County Board of Supervisors
Proclamation
for John B. Frey
on the occasion of his Retirement
July 8, 2026

WHEREAS, we would like to express special recognition to John Frey and to honor him for his eighteen and a half years of distinguished service with the County of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, John was elected Supervisor on January 1, 2008 and has served in this capacity for his entire tenure; and

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

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board to honor John Frey,

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

John B. Frey

for his many years of service and dedication as a Hamilton County employee and extend our heartfelt thanks for a job well done and offer our good wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, have hereunto set our hand to this Proclamation this 6th day of August 2026.

Mr. Frey thanked the Chairman and the Board and acknowledged that he felt very strongly about being a fiscal representative for the County, employees, and for this Board. It meant more to him that people had the tools to do the job they had, that Mr. Eldridge had the money to pave the roads. He thanked everyone for the support over the last couple of years and prior to that. He will miss everyone.

Mr. Frey left the meeting at this time.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 232-26

**STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED
OFFICIALS**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, New York State Retirement Regulation 315.4 requires time logs, and the Board of Supervisors to set the Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials, and

WHEREAS, time logs have been kept and submitted, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Hamilton here establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Board:

Name	SSN	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	ROA Results	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Steven M. Tomlinson	████	████████	Supervisor	1/1/26-12/31/26	7.00	4.86		Bi-Weekly	
Karl G. Abrams	████	████████	Sheriff	1/1/26-12/31/29	8.00	21.72		Bi-Weekly	
David Gove	████	████████	Assistant District Attorney	5/5/25-12/31/27	7.00	24.07		Bi-Weekly	

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 233-26

SETTING RATE FOR TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County will, effective July 1, 2026, compensate auto mileage incurred by employees on behalf of the County at the rate of \$.76 per mile and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 234-26

**APPROVAL OF APPLICATION SOFTWARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED
BY SYSTEMS EAST, INC. FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE TAX COLLECTION**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the proposal to provide application software and support services to the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office, as well as the towns and school districts, for their tax collection has been submitted by Systems East, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Office is satisfied with the services and support received from Systems East in the past, and

WHEREAS, an increase of \$7,667.00 over last year's agreement due to an upcoming, much needed, upgrade for a total contract price of \$20,556.00 to cover the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS, a portion of this contract price will be charged back to the towns and schools (\$250.00 each), be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement as proposed and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 235-26

**AUTHORIZING THE HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER TO BE THE
COLLECTING OFFICER FOR THE LAKE PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT TAXES**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, according to Real Property Tax Law Section 578, the County has the right to enter into a contract with a school district for the collection of school taxes, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office has had a contract with the Lake Pleasant Central School to collect the school taxes for the district since 2011, and

WHEREAS, the Lake Pleasant Central School Board of Education agreed at its Annual Reorganizational meeting held on July 8, 2026 to contract with Hamilton County for the school tax collection year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 for \$10,400.00, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer has agreed to be the tax collecting officer for the 2026-2027 school year for the Lake Pleasant Central School during its normal school tax collection period of September 1st to October 31st with the collection office being the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office, be it

RESOLVED, that Jodie Small, Hamilton County Treasurer, is authorized to collect the Lake Pleasant Central School District taxes for the School Tax year 2026-27 at the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office for an agreed amount of \$10,400.00, for school tax year to be paid by the Lake Pleasant Central School District, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to contract with Lake Pleasant Central School to provide school tax collection services for the school year 2026-2027 for \$10,400.00 and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 236-26

CONTRACTING ABSTRACTING SERVICES FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office each year has stub searches performed on delinquent properties that are part of the foreclosure procedure, and

WHEREAS, last year this was successfully performed by Mountain Abstract Company, Inc., and

WHEREAS, Mountain Abstract Company, Inc. can provide the abstract services we need at the same rate as last year's services; that being \$150.00 per new search, \$60.00 per two-year update search and \$15.00 for search update, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Mountain Abstract Company, Inc., PO Box 140, Chestertown, NY 12817 with the same terms as last year and updated rates, and be it further

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Wells stated he has discussed this with the County Attorney. Mr. Wells feels it is important to get some of the questions he had in the minutes. Mr. Wells stated that he had reached out to the County Attorney because he feels this is going to become more of an issue in the Adirondack Park and that people don't really realize what is happening. His first question was, "Would the delinquent tax penalties be enforceable if the property had been purchased by an individual instead of the state after the 2024 deadline?" The County Attorney stated that this resolution is a parcel of property that the previous owners had fallen into delinquency relative to taxes, the County had imposed interest and penalties. The land owners then opted to donate the property to the state for inclusion in the state's roster of lands. Should this had been a private sale then those taxes, interest, and penalties would have carried with the property and the new owners would be subject to payment thereof. As a state entity, the state will still be required to pay the County taxes that are imposed upon the property, but under Real Property Tax Law they are not required to pay the interest and penalties that have accrued. The original amount of the tax is somewhat de minimis, the interest and penalties are what are significant. The state will gain the property and at some time in the future be responsible for making the County whole, but not for the interest and penalties. The state acquiring the property, while still having to pay taxes as if they were a private entity buying the property would not be paying the interest and penalties, which would be imposed had this been a private transaction. Mr. Wells stated his second question is "How long this parcel could be under supplemental assessment?" The County Attorney stated he discussed this with the Real Property Tax Director and reviewed the Real Property Tax law. At a certain point the state will be required to assess the supplemental assessment of the property for tax purposes going forward. There isn't a set time by which the state can do the assessment, but the state does need to either accept or reject it within a certain amount of time. He asked the Real Property Tax Director as to his opinion relative to the assessed values, and whether the state's assessed value would be commensurate with the County, and he was optimistic based upon his training and experience that the assessed rates of the state are similar to those that the County would do. Mr. Wells asked "What would the procedure be if the governing body decided not to cancel the delinquent tax lien?" The County Attorney stated that he believes that because it is an acquisition by the state, under the Real Property Tax Law there is no procedural vehicle by which the County can challenge outside perhaps an Article 78. Mr. Wells asked if he is correct in that the state sets their own assessment and if lower than a private ownership, do we have the ability to grieve? The County Attorney stated yes, the state sets their assessed value, and on consultation with the Real Property Tax Director, he believes the assessment will be commensurately similar. Should it be so out of line, the County would be able

to grieve, which would most likely be handled in a court of claims. Mr. Wells thanked the County Attorney. The Board further discussed the state acquiring property.

RESOLUTION NO. 237-26

CANCELLATION OF UNENFORCEABLE DELINQUENT TAXES PARCEL #115.000-1-27.120 STATE OWNED LAND, TOWN OF WELLS

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MS. PARASCANDOLA:

WHEREAS, Parcel #115.000-1-27.120, located in the Town of Wells, has delinquent tax liabilities for the 2025 tax year in the amount of \$1,159.57, including interest and penalties, that remain on the Hamilton County list for non-payment of taxes, and

WHEREAS, the subject property was acquired by the State of New York in May of 2024 after the 2024 Taxable Status Date, and

WHEREAS, the assessment for this parcel has not yet been approved by the State Land Unit when the property reverted to ownership by the State of New York as part of the State Forest Preserve, upon such time supplemental assessments will be issued, and

WHEREAS, this parcel should not be included in the list of tax foreclosure parcels as the delinquent tax lien is now considered to be “Permanently Unenforceable” and therefore not suitable for In Rem Foreclosure proceedings, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RPTL (1138 and 1182) the governing body of the tax district shall have the power, by resolution, to cancel the delinquent tax lien if it determines that there is no practical method to enforce the collection of the delinquent tax lien and that a supplementary proceeding to enforce collection of the tax would not be effective, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors shall hereby cancel all outstanding delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest as described by the Hamilton County Treasurer for the above referenced tax parcel in the Town of Wells, County of Hamilton, and preclude said parcel from the delinquent property list, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and County Real Property Tax Services Director be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, the Chairman stated that this is a great program. When he spoke to Ms. Stewart, she stated that they weren't certain what lakes are going to be involved yet. Ms. Hunt confirmed that is still the case as of Tuesday.

RESOLUTION NO. 238-26

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT FUND ROUND
5 AWARD LETTER**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 established the State Septic System Replacement Fund Program as a grant program to counties to allow them to reimburse property owners for a portion of the cost of replacing cesspools and septic systems that impair or threaten priority waterbodies, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation offered Hamilton County a grant award of \$100,000 to participate in Round 5 of the State Septic System Replacement Fund Program, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District will oversee Round 5 at the request and on behalf of Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County must confirm acceptance of the Septic award by signing the Acknowledgement and Acceptance of State Septic System Replacement Fund Program (Septic) Award form no later than August 6, 2026, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors permit Chairman Clay J. Arsenault to sign the Acknowledgement and Acceptance of State Septic System Replacement Fund Program (Septic) Award form as the Authorized Representative, and be it

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Manager Caitlin Stewart be listed as the Program Contact and permitted to submit the completed form to Septic System Replacement Fund Program Manager Brian Hahn.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 239-26

AUTHORIZING CREATION OF PART TIME PERSONNEL CLERK POSITION

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has met with Internal Management and discussed the need for a part-time position to be added to the Personnel Department to provide better office coverage and help with the work load, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer is requesting to create a part-time Personnel Clerk position with set hours of 17.5 per week at a Grade 4 on the Hamilton County general scales, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approve the Personnel Officer to create the part-time position of Personnel Clerk in the Personnel Department and further be authorized to advertise for the position effective immediately, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to create Account A.1430.0106 PT Personnel Clerk and transfer \$7,000.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law into it to fund this position through the balance of 2026, and be it further

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 240-26

**TO AUTHORIZE THE HAMILTON COUNTY CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND SCOPE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT
WITH WARREN COUNTY, THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND THE OLYMPIC REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY SERVICE
COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT UPON THE GORE MOUNTAIN TOWER SITE**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, emergency service radio communication facilities are vital to public safety because they connect citizens to first responders and allow emergency service agencies (police, fire, EMS) to coordinate real-time responses during disasters. Robust emergency service radio

communication equipment and facilities ensure seamless interoperability, maintain prompt responsiveness amongst agencies, and enable critical public alerts, and

WHEREAS, given the unique geography and populations within the Adirondack Park, the need for robust emergency service radio communication facilities is exceptionally vital to public safety, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is committed to developing, installing, operating, and/or upgrading emergency/public safety radio communications facilities, including simulcast land mobile radio equipment, to support emergency communications among public safety agencies in and around Hamilton County and adjacent jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County, Warren County, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) collaboratively seek to expand and improve emergency service radio communications throughout its shared geographic region by way of shared antenna facilities, backup antenna capability, and other related interagency communications all which contribute to the facilitation of public safety, emergency response, conservation law enforcement, and operational communications systems throughout these respective Counties and the Adirondack Park, and

WHEREAS, these same parties have identified that the DEC owns and operates an existing communications building and one-hundred and forty-five (145) foot communications tower located atop Gore Mountain in the Town of Johnsburg, Warren County, New York (the “Site”), and that said facility and tower has sufficient physical and available antenna space to be a suitable location for Hamilton County to install and maintain emergency service radio communication and public safety simulcast equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Site is located on State-owned lands that are part of the Adirondack Forest Preserve and thus under the care, custody, and control of DEC, and upon land (“Gore Mountain”) that is operated, maintained and/or managed by the Olympic Regional Development Agency (ORDA) under applicable laws and agreements with the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, as above, there presently exists upon the Site a tower and communication building already built and maintained by the DEC, and which already has the physical infrastructure to support public safety radio communications antennas and related communications equipment and that same is presently being utilized by Warren County for the installation and maintenance of its emergency service communication equipment, and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize the public desirability of collocating public safety radio equipment at an existing communications site and for the replacement and/or installation of antennas on an existing tower, rather than the constructing of a new tower and/or new communications facilities, and where such collocation can be accomplished by the sharing of this tower and Site with the parties and without impairing the DEC’s care, custody, and control of the Forest Preserve or ORDA’s operations at Gore Mountain, and

WHEREAS, Warren County, the DEC and ORDA are ready, willing and able to partner with Hamilton County for the installation and maintenance of emergency services equipment upon this shared Site, and to similarly enter into a memorandum of understanding and scope of services

agreement with Hamilton County for the installation and maintenance of said emergency services communications equipment, 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 services agreement would be negotiated between the parties (including Warren County, the DEC and ORDA) and the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors and the Hamilton County Attorney, and

WHEREAS, said memorandum of understanding and scope of services would identify the nature of the emergency services communication equipment to be installed upon the Site, the mutual service and maintenance obligations of each of the respective parties and further the mutual understandings and responsibilities of all the parties relative to the equipment and of the Site itself, and would specify that the cost of any equipment and the installation of same would be in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 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 Warren County, the DEC and ORDA for the installation and maintenance of emergency services equipment upon this shared Site, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the County Chairman, County Attorney, Hamilton County Sheriff, Hamilton County Emergency Services Director and Manager.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 241-26

AWARD OF THE CUSTOM VHF TX/RX T-PASS COMBINER/MULTICOUPLER BID – ST18-1005-D00

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received by the Sheriff's Office for the purchase and installation of a custom VHF TX/RX T-Pass Combiner/Multicouplers at the Spy Lake Tower, Morehouse Tower and Long Lake Tower in response to the Invitation to Bidders Notice as advertised by Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the following bid was received:

1. Capital Digitronics, Inc
264 Bradford Street
Albany, New York 12206
Total Cost Proposal: \$116,817.00

and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has requested a waiver from the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for a MWBE Exemption for the Capital Digitronics, Inc. bid, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the approval with DHSES, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors awards the bid for three custom VHF TX/RX T-Pass Combiner/Multicouplers to Capital Digitronics, Inc. of Albany, New York, in the amount of \$116,817.00 with funds coming from Account No. A3645.0428 – ST18-1005-D00, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Sheriff is hereby authorized to purchase the three custom VHF TX/RX T-Pass Combiner/Multicouplers from Capital Digitronics of Albany, New York.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 242-26

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY (LETECH) APPLICATION

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the County apply for the 2026 Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) Grant Program for Hamilton County with the amount to be determined by DCJS at the time of award, 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 September 2, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 243-26

**AWARD OF THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MICROWAVE RADIO MPLS
SYSTEM BID – SI23-1055-E00**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received by the Sheriff's Office for the annual maintenance and repair of the microwave radio MPLS system in response to the Invitation to Bidders Notice as advertised by Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the following bid was received:

1. RS Telecom Inc
1603 RT 30 N
Bomoseen, Vermont 05732
Total Cost Proposal: \$212,000.00

and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has requested a waiver from the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for a MWBE Exemption for the RS Telecom, Inc. bid, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the approval with DHSES, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors awards the bid for maintenance and repair of Hamilton County's Microwave System for the period of 09/01/2026 to 12/31/2029 to RS Telecom, Inc of Bomoseen, Vermont, in the amount of \$212,000.00 with funds coming from Account No. A3645.0430 – SI23-1055-E00, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign and enter into a contract with RS Telecom, Inc. for the annual maintenance and repair of the microwave system with approval of the County Attorney.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 244-26

**FUNDING NEW YORK STATE COMBINED SFY2025 & SFY2026 STATEWIDE
INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT – SI25-1013-E00**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Grant for the Combined SFY 2025 & SFY 2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant in the amount of \$1,133,398.00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said DHSES Combined 2025 and 2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to create and fund Account No. A3645.0437 SI25-1013-E00 at \$1,133,398.00 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0800 SI25-1013-E00 at \$1,133,398.00 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 245-26

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in some of the Emergency Management accounts, and

WHEREAS, Emergency Management anticipates an excess of \$5,000.00 from Account No. A3640.0103 P/T Temporary to be returned to the fund balance at the end of the year, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to the following Accounts:

Account No. A3640.0102 – P/T EMS Coordinator	\$ 2,000.00
Account No. A3640.0106 – Overtime	\$ 3,000.00

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 246-26

**AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT EXTENSION – ELECTIONS
CYBERSECURITY REMEDIATION GRANT PROGRAM**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the Elections Cybersecurity Remediation Grant BOE01 – C004251 – 1110000, in 2019 for an amount up to \$62,859.67, term of contract 12/21/2019 to 12/31/2021, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded amendments/extensions of this grant in the amount of \$62,859.67, term of contract 12/21/2019 to 12/31/2026, and Revenue Account No. A3089.0900 was created; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, this grant has again been amended and extended from 12/21/2019 to 3/31/2027 for the amount up to \$62,859.67, and

WHEREAS, this grant is reimbursable for actual costs per the Work Plan submitted by the Hamilton County Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, both Commissioners have agreed to and signed off on said Work Plan, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the term extension of the Elections Cybersecurity Remediation Grant BOE01 – C004251 – 1110000.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 247-26

**AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT EXTENSION – 2024 GENERAL
ELECTION GRANT PROGRAM**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the 2024 General Election Grant BOE01 – C005083 – 1110000, in 2024 for an amount up to \$11,453.50 term of contract 04/01/2024 to 03/31/2025, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded this grant; with an extension, and now an additional extension has been authorized, and

WHEREAS, this grant has been amended and extended from 04/01/2024 to 3/31/2027 for an amount up to \$11,453.50, and

WHEREAS, this grant is reimbursable for actual costs per the Work Plan submitted by the Hamilton County Board of Elections, and receivable through Revenue Account No. A3089.1130, and

WHEREAS, both Commissioners have agreed to and signed off on said Work Plan, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the term extension for the 2024 General Election Grant BOE01 – C005083 – 1110000.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 248-26

**AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT EXTENSION– ELECTRONIC POLL
BOOK GRANT PROGRAM**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the Electronic Poll Book Grant BOE01 – C005021 – 1110000, in 2024 for an amount up to \$14,672.44, term of contract 04/01/2024 to 03/31/2025, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded this grant; with an extension, and now an additional extension has been authorized, and

WHEREAS, this grant has been amended and extended from 04/01/2024 to 3/31/2027 for an amount up to \$14,672.44, and

WHEREAS, this grant is reimbursable for actual costs per the Work Plan submitted by the Hamilton County Board of Elections, and receivable through Revenue Account No. A3089.0800, and

WHEREAS, both Commissioners have agreed to and signed off on said Work Plan, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the term extension for the Electronic Poll Book Grant BOE01 – C005021 – 1110000.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 249-26

AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT EXTENSION– BALLOT BY MAIL GRANT PROGRAM

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the Ballot By Mail Grant BOE01 – C004959 – 1110000, in 2024 for an amount up to \$12,349.50 term of contract 04/01/2024 to 03/31/2025, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded this grant with an extension, and an additional extension has been authorized, and

WHEREAS, this grant has been amended and extended from 04/01/2024 to 3/31/2027 for an amount up to \$12,349.50, and

WHEREAS, this grant is reimbursable for actual costs per the Work Plan submitted by the Hamilton County Board of Elections, and receivable through Revenue Account No. A3089.1120, and

WHEREAS, both Commissioners have agreed to and signed off on said Work Plan, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the term extension for the Ballot By Mail Grant BOE01 – C004959 – 1110000.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 250-26

**AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT EXTENSION – TECHNOLOGY
INNOVATION AND ELECTION RESOURCE (TIER) GRANT PROGRAM**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND ELECTION RESOURCE (TIER) GRANT BOE01 – T004363 – 1110000, in 2021 for an amount up to \$6,850.77 term of contract 04/07/2021 to 01/27/2023, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded amendments and an increase of this grant to \$26,824.62, term of contract 04/07/2021 to 03/31/2026, and Revenue Account No. A3089.1000 was created; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, this grant has again been amended and extended from 04/07/2021 to 3/31/2027 for the amount up to \$26,824.62, and

WHEREAS, this grant is reimbursable for actual costs per the Work Plan submitted by the Hamilton County Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, both Commissioners have agreed to and signed off on said Work Plan, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the term extension of the TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND ELECTION RESOURCE (TIER) GRANT BOE01 – T004363 – 1110000.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 251-26

**AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT EXTENSION – ABSENTEE
POSTAGE GRANT PROGRAM**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the ABSENTEE POSTAGE GRANT BOE01 – T004588 – 1110000, in 2022 for an amount up to \$11,201.75 term of contract 07/01/2022 to 12/31/2023, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded amendments, and an increase of this grant to \$22,403.50, term of contract 07/01/2022 to 03/31/2026, and Revenue Account No. A3089.1100 was created; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, this grant has again been amended and extended from 04/07/2021 to 3/31/2027 for the amount up to \$22,403.50, and

WHEREAS, this grant is reimbursable for actual costs per the Work Plan submitted by the Hamilton County Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, both Commissioners have agreed to and signed off on said Work Plan, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the term extension of the ABSENTEE POSTAGE GRANT BOE01 – T004588 – 1110000.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 252-26

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections will shortly exceed the 2026 budgeted amount in Account No. A1450.0104 Deputy Republican Commissioner due to the unexpected vacancy in the Republican Election Commissioner position, and

WHEREAS, said vacancy created an unused balance in Account No. A1450.0102 Republican Commissioner of \$3,612.03 which will be returned to the Fund Balance at the end of the year, and

WHEREAS, the Republican Deputy Commissioner filled in during the period of vacancy, and

WHEREAS, both Commissioners have agreed to and sign off on the following, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to transfer \$3,600.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A1450.0104 Deputy Republican Commissioner and the Board of Elections be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 253-26

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
PROVIDE RELATED SERVICES FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
PROGRAM – INDIAN LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to provide for Related Services (Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy Services) for children aged 3-5, who reside within Hamilton County and have a developmental delay as defined through a comprehensive evaluation, through the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) process, and

WHEREAS, Indian Lake Central School District can provide these related services through the New York State Department of Education, and

WHEREAS, the frequency and duration of services for each child is based on the findings of the comprehensive evaluation and rules applying to section 4410 of the NYS Education Law, as determined by the CPSE committee in preparing an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), and

WHEREAS, the compensation for related services are set at rates in conjunction with the Rate Setting Unit of the NYS Department of Education, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with said provider to provide the aforesaid services for the period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 pursuant to an aforesaid IEP for each eligible child, with compensation for services rendered at the current approved rates set forth for Hamilton County by the Rate Setting Unit of the NYS Education Department, upon approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 254-26

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH LAKE PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to provide for special education and related services for children aged 3-5, who reside within Hamilton County and have a developmental delay as defined through a comprehensive evaluation, through the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) process, and

WHEREAS, Lake Pleasant Central School District is an approved provider of special education and related services through the New York State Department of Education, and

WHEREAS, the frequency and duration of services for each child is based on the findings of the comprehensive evaluation and rules applying to section 4410 of the NYS Education Law, as determined by the CPSE committee in preparing an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), and

WHEREAS, the compensation for special education and related services are set at rates in conjunction with the Rate Setting Unit of the NYS Department of Education, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with said provider to provide the aforesaid services for the

period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 pursuant to an aforesaid IEP for each eligible child, with compensation for services rendered at the current approved rates set forth for Hamilton County by the Rate Setting Unit of the NYS Education Department, upon approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 255-26

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
PROVIDE RELATED SERVICES FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
PROGRAM – NORTHVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to provide for Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy Services for children aged 3-5, who reside within Hamilton County and have a developmental delay as defined through a comprehensive evaluation, through the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) process, and

WHEREAS, Northville Central School District can provide these related services through the New York State Department of Education, and

WHEREAS, the frequency and duration of services for each child is based on the findings of the comprehensive evaluation and rules applying to section 4410 of the NYS Education Law, as determined by the CPSE committee in preparing an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), and

WHEREAS, the compensation for related services are set at rates in conjunction with the Rate Setting Unit of the NYS Department of Education, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with said provider to provide the aforesaid services for the period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 pursuant to an aforesaid IEP for each eligible child, with compensation for services rendered at the current approved rates set forth for Hamilton County by the Rate Setting Unit of the NYS Education Department, 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, SCHMID, PARASCANDOLA,
ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, HUNT

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 256-26

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
PROVIDE RELATED SERVICES FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION
PROGRAM – WELLS CENTRAL SCHOOL**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to provide for Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy Services for children aged 3-5, who reside within Hamilton County and have a developmental delay as defined through a comprehensive evaluation, through the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) process, and

WHEREAS, Wells Central School District can provide these related services through the New York State Department of Education, and

WHEREAS, the frequency and duration of services for each child is based on the findings of the comprehensive evaluation and rules applying to section 4410 of the NYS Education Law, as determined by the CPSE committee in preparing an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), and

WHEREAS, the compensation for related services are set at rates in conjunction with the Rate Setting Unit of the NYS Department of Education, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with said provider to provide the aforesaid services for the period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 pursuant to an aforesaid IEP for each eligible child, with compensation for services rendered at the current approved rates set forth for Hamilton County by the Rate Setting Unit of the NYS Education Department, 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, SCHMID, PARASCANDOLA,
ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, HUNT

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 257-26

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH MICHELLE KELLY TO INSTRUCT YOGA
CLASSES 2026-2027**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service maintains an agreement between Warren/Hamilton Office for the Aging to provide services for Hamilton County residents under a Community Services Contract code A.6780 10 470, and

WHEREAS, this contract has been submitted for renewal for the period August 1, 2026 – July 31, 2027 in the full amount of \$3,313.00, and

WHEREAS, Michelle Kelly of 219 Lake Snow Road, Indian Lake, NY is a certified Yoga Instructor and wishes to contract with Hamilton County to instruct Yoga Classes, and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 and compensated at a rate of \$40.00 per class plus mileage at the current county rate, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with Michelle Kelly to instruct Yoga classes to the residents of Hamilton County, for the period August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 at a rate of \$40.00 per class plus mileage 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, SCHMID, PARASCANDOLA,
ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, HUNT

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 258-26

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACTS FOR EVALUATION AND
SERVICE PROVISION WITH CENTER-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR
CHILDREN AGED 3-5 YEARS**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign contracts, upon approval of the County Attorney, for Comprehensive Evaluation and Center-Based professional service provision for children residing within Hamilton County at rates set by the New York State Department of Education, for the period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 between the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service and, not limited to but including, the following center-based preschool service providers:

NYSARC, Inc.
a/k/a The Children's Corner – The Adirondack ARC
12 Mohawk Street Tupper Lake, NY 12986
518-359-3351

Upstate Cerebral Palsy, Inc
Dba Upstate Caring Partners
125 Business Park Drive
Utica, NY 13502
315-724-6907

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 259-26

AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF FEDERAL SALARY SHARING FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF AUTOMOBILES FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MS. PARASCANDOLA:

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Community Services Department is in need of replacing two (2) Dodge Minivans used for transportation services for those in need in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Nissan Rogues are available under NYS Contract pricing, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the purchase of two (2) new Nissan Rogues for use in 2026 for a total NYS Contract purchase price of \$52,011.06, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$52,011.06 from Federal Salary Sharing currently in the unappropriated general fund in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Mental Health and Community Services Account No. A4310.0201 Automobile.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 260-26

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR BUILDING PERMIT FOR LAKE PLEASANT COLD
STORAGE BUILDING PROJECT**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, a Building Permit is needed to hook up the electricity in the new Cold Storage Building at the Lake Pleasant highway facility and the permit fee is due to the Department of State, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize payment for a building permit in the amount of \$200.00 for the Lake Pleasant Cold Storage building project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make a check payable to the New York State Department of State, Division of Building Standards & Codes, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Suite 1160, Albany, NY 12231-0001 in the amount of \$200.00 for the said building permit and the funds be taken out of Account No. A1620.0415 Cold Storage Building Project and the Public Works Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 261-26

**AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR A COMPLETED 2026 PERMANENT
PROJECT ACCOUNT**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, County Road Project No. 2 Town of Arietta, Account No. D5112.2541, CR24, Old Piseco Road is completed for 2026, and

WHEREAS, this project was budgeted at \$250,000.00 and the final cost was \$250,497.79, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends the following transfer be made:

FROM: Account D5112.202 Capital Projects	\$497.79
TO: Account No. D5112.2541 CR24	\$497.79

be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer be so authorized to complete the said transfer hereon and the Clerk of the Board and the County DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 262-26

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 217-26 APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL ROAD
PROJECTS**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 217-26 amended the 2026 adopted county budget for Capital Projects (CHIP's) State Aid, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Superintendent made an arithmetic error on the total amount of the said state aid of \$10.25 too much in the adopted resolution, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 217-26 for Capital Road Projects be amended as follows:

Account No. 5112.202 from \$1,612,768.02 to \$1,612,757.77

Account No. D3501.0 from \$1,612,768.02 to \$1,612,757.77

and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Clerk of the Board and County DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 263-26

AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF EXCESS VEHICLES

DATED: AUGUST 6, 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
2015	Eager Beaver 20XPT	112H8V34XFL079534	AX7113	PW	433
2012	Cam Light Trailer	5JPBU272XCP031113	AB4914	PW	411
2019	Sure Trac Light Tlr.	5JW1U2023K2260769	BC2507	PW	417
N/A	Bucher Dump Insert	513203090008	N/A	PW	N/A

be it

RESOLVED, the above equipment be sold by auction online by Auctions International or destroyed and the funds from the auction shall be a revenue credit to Account No. DM2665 Sale of Equipment for DPW, 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 Ms. Hunt and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 264-26

**AUTHORIZING FLEET COORDINATOR TO PURCHASE TWO VEHICLES FOR
MENTAL HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT - 2026**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Mental Health & Community Services Department needs to replace two vans used for community transportation, and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health & Community Services Director has received approval from the Human Services Committee, and

WHEREAS, 2026 Nissan Rogues are available under State Contract PC70324, Award 23166 Mini-Bid #071320260OFA2 in the amount of \$26,005.53, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the purchase of two (2) vehicles as follows per NYS Contract PC70324, Award 23166 Mini-bid #071320260OFA2 Vehicles:

(2) 2026 Nissan Rogue AWD SUV – \$52,011.06 (\$26,005.53 ea.)

be it

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to order two (2) 2026 Nissan Rogues for Mental Health & Community Services mentioned herein for \$52,011.06 delivered from Romeo Nissan of Kingston, NY, 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 & Community Services Director, Fleet Coordinator, County Treasurer and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 265-26

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF OLD ROUTE 8B FROM THE TOWN
OF WELLS TO HAMILTON COUNTY**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, within the Town of Wells exists a seasonal roadway as such is defined by New York State Highway Law Section 189 and which is approximately 3.58 miles in length and is known and recorded by the Town as Old Route 8B (hereinafter the “Roadway”), and

WHEREAS, the Roadway is only seasonably accessible and intersects southerly with Route 8/30 and northeasterly with Fly Creek Road and Old Route 30 and with that seasonal access facilitated by the crossing of three (3) bridges that are owned and maintained by Hamilton County and subject to inspection by the New York State Department of Transportation pursuant to the State’s bridge inspection plan, and for which all three (3) bridges have either been replaced and/or rehabilitated by and through the investment of Hamilton County within the preceding six (6) years, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wells has not utilized and/or maintained the Roadway for a period of six (6) years preceding, and as such is desirous of transferring ownership, maintenance and control of the Roadway to the jurisdiction of Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution of the Wells Town Board dated 7/13/2026 and on file with the Clerk of the Board said Town approved the transfer of the ownership, maintenance and control of the Roadway to the jurisdiction of Hamilton County, pending evaluative analysis and recommendation of the Superintendent of the Hamilton County Department of Public Works and approval of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton is desirous of accepting the transfer of the Roadway from the Town of Wells and assuming ownership, maintenance and control over same, and as is required by Article 6 and Sections 115, 115-B and 116 of the New York State Highway Law the Superintendent of the Hamilton County Department of Public Works has completed a survey and evaluative analysis of the Roadway for recommendation to the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors for the approval of this transfer, and

WHEREAS, that given the existing County infrastructure already appurtenant to the Roadway, the operational benefits associated with the ownership and maintenance of the Roadway including but not limited to emergency route for State 30 that runs adjacent to Old Route 8b and keep recreational opportunities open for the area, and

WHEREAS, that the transfer of this Roadway shall not alter any underlying fee ownership or private property rights, and would represent a significant fiscal undertaking by the County’s

acceptance of jurisdiction and maintenance responsibility. Indeed, aside from an initial estimated cost of \$25,000.00 to repair and regrade the Roadway, all future maintenance costs associated with the Roadway will be covered by the New York State Highway Department's CHIPS funding and similarly applicable highway aid programs, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes and accepts the transfer of Old Route 8B (the "Roadway") from the Town of Wells to the County of Hamilton's jurisdiction, ownership, maintenance and control, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the effective date of this transfer shall coincide with the approval of this transfer by Resolution is duly adopted by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors at its August 6, 2026 meeting, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon acceptance by the Board of Supervisors the Roadway shall be added to the highway inventory of Hamilton County and as such renamed "County Route 22" and the County Road System Map so updated to reflect this amendment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the use of \$25,000.00 from Account No. D5110.0403 Gravel to be utilized towards the costs of any immediate repair, maintenance and reconstruction of the Roadway, and be it further

RESOLVED, that County Route 22, Old Route 8b will continue to be a seasonal use road and the road will not be plowed during the winter months so as to maintain a snowmobile trail, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of the Hamilton County Department of Public Works or any other appropriate official to execute any intermunicipal agreement, easement and/or permit assignment, CHIPS funding transfer and/or any other paperwork necessary to effectuate the transfer of the Roadway from the Town to the County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, the Superintendent of the Hamilton County Department of Public Works, the Hamilton County Clerk and Hamilton County Law Department, the Town Supervisor, Town Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, the Board discussed a Countywide assessment. The Chairman discussed the fact that it was very expensive, he believed that it was left up to the towns to do their own. Mr. Wells stated the Town of Indian Lake just finished gathering the information, now they need to go out to bid for a third-party review and hopefully it

will be implemented by next year. Mr. Wells thanked Mr. Baker and Ms. Billings; they did an outstanding job for them.

RESOLUTION NO. 266-26

SETTING EQUALIZATION RATES

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, per Subpart 8186-2 of Title 20 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, Hamilton County has received a certified statement setting forth the final State equalization rate, be it

RESOLVED, that the assessment rolls with said rates be adopted for the year 2026 as follows:

Arietta.....	89.00
Benson.....	59.00
Hope.....	59.00
Indian Lake.....	62.00
Inlet.....	80.00
Lake Pleasant.....	64.00
Long Lake.....	65.00
Morehouse.....	72.00
Wells.....	59.00

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, the Chairman stated he discussed this with Mr. Eldridge, Fleet Coordinator yesterday. Mr. Eldridge stated that they saved more than \$10,000 by using some of the old equipment.

RESOLUTION NO. 267-26

**AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT FOR SHERIFF K9
VEHICLE – 2026**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has a new 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV, and this vehicle requires the installation of ancillary equipment such as, but not limited to, two-way radios, emergency lights, sirens, K9 kennel, K9 alarm system, etc., and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe, which is dedicated as the K9 patrol vehicle will have some of the old equipment removed and repurposed into the new 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV, and

WHEREAS, the County has received a written quote for the removal of old equipment, installation and purchase of the necessary parts for the ancillary equipment from JPJ Electronics, 1 W. Whitesboro St., Yorkville, New York, in the amount of \$20,614.68, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends moving forward with this equipment purchase and installation so the vehicle can be placed in service as quickly as possible in 2026, be it

RESOLVED, that Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order to JPJ Electronics in the amount of \$20,614.68 for the equipment and install of the ancillary equipment, be it further

RESOLVED, that this will be a charge out of Account No. A3110.0202 – Automobile, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$20,614.68 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance pursuant to Section 366(1) of the County Law to Account No. A3110.0202 – Automobile and the County Sheriff, Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 268-26

CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF FULTON MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, INC. FOR JOSEPH P. DWYER PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MS. PARASCANDOLA:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Department of Mental Health and Community Services receives funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health for veteran's peer services in Hamilton County, commonly referred to as "Dwyer Funds", and

WHEREAS, these “Dwyer Funds” are specifically provided to cover the cost for the provision of veteran peer services programming in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Association of Fulton and Montgomery Counties, Inc. located in Johnstown, NY has experience in operating this program in Fulton County and is ready, willing and able to provide similar services in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Association of Fulton and Montgomery Counties, Inc. will provide “push in” services and programming to veterans located in Hamilton County, and upon completion of services and programming said Association will provide quarterly reports of services provided to the Local Government Unit and the cost of said services to be covered by said “Dwyer Funds” and at no additional or ancillary cost to Hamilton County, now, be it so

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors be authorized, upon approval of the County Attorney, to enter into and sign said contract with the Mental Health Association of Fulton Montgomery Counties, Inc. for the provision of peer service and programming to veterans in Hamilton County and that said contract with Mental Health Association in Fulton and Montgomery Counties, Inc, would be in an amount not to exceed \$109,732.00 and the cost of which would be compensated from said “Dwyer Funds” already allocated to the County for the provision of said service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from October 1, 2026 until December 31, 2027, and for the purpose of operating this Clinic, said compensation would be paid in monthly installments from the Hamilton County “Dwyer Funds” dedicated for the provision of same, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the County Chairman, the County Attorney, Director of Mental Health and Community Services and the County Treasurer.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 269-26

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A TWO-YEAR DELAY OF THE FEDERAL SNAP ADMINISTRATIVE AND BENEFIT COST SHIFTS ENACTED UNDER H.R. 1 AND CALLING ON NEW YORK STATE TO HOLD COUNTIES HARMLESS IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FAILS TO ACT

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MS. PARASCANDOLA:

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a vital source of food security for New Yorkers, serving approximately 2.7 million individuals in 1.5 million households, or roughly one in seven residents statewide, and delivering an estimated \$7.8 billion in federally funded benefits into local communities and economies, and

WHEREAS, New York is one of only ten (10) states in which counties are required by State law to administer SNAP and to share in its administrative costs, meaning that any changes to the federal cost structure are directly upon the individual counties to bear the cost of, and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1 of the 119th Congress reduces the federal share of SNAP administrative costs from fifty (50%) percent to twenty-five (25%) percent effective October 1, 2026, and under current New York State law the resulting increase in the nonfederal share is thus to be borne entirely by the individual counties, and

WHEREAS, this administrative cost shift is estimated at \$168 million annually Statewide, including approximately \$57 million which will now be directly borne by fifty-seven (57) counties (including Hamilton County) outside New York City, and is projected to grow with the imposition of new verification, tracking, and reporting requirements and expanded work requirements under this federal statute that will further increase county workloads and staffing needs, and

WHEREAS, taken together, the administrative and benefit cost shifts are projected to exceed \$1.3 billion in new annual SNAP costs for New York State and its counties (including Hamilton County,) representing one of the largest unfunded intergovernmental cost transfers in recent memory, and

WHEREAS, counties are among the units of New York State government least equipped to absorb these costs, as same are operating under New York State's property tax cap with limited revenue-raising authority, fixed mandated obligations and no ability to run deficits, and that a cost shift of this magnitude can be met only by raising a County's individual contribution to the SNAP program through higher taxes, reducing services, or both, and

WHEREAS, if these cost shifts take effect without delay or relief, Hamilton County will face the prospect of higher contribution to fund the SNAP program, the potential for reductions to this and other essential County services, and increased strain on the Department of Social Services at the very moment demand for food assistance is rising, while food-insecure households risk delays and disruptions in the benefits on which they rely, and

WHEREAS, a delay in the implementation of this statute and its commensurate mandates would give Congress and New York State the time necessary to develop a responsible funding solution and would protect county taxpayers and SNAP recipients from an abrupt and unbudgeted fiscal shock, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby calls upon the United States Congress to enact a two-year delay of the SNAP administrative cost shift, postponing its effective date from Federal Fiscal Year 2027 to Federal Fiscal Year 2029, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County further calls upon Congress to enact a corresponding two (2)-year delay of the SNAP benefit cost shift so that neither the State nor its counties are subjected to these new costs before a sustainable funding solution is in place, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the federal government elects not to delay these cost shifts, Hamilton County calls upon the Governor of the State of New York and the New York State Legislature to hold counties harmless by appropriating State funds to cover the administrative and benefit cost shifts, recognizing that the individual counties are the units of government least equipped to absorb them and that the obligation to share these costs exists only as a matter of State law, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the members of the New York State Congressional Delegation representing Hamilton County, to the United States Senators for New York, to the members of the New York State Senate and Assembly representing Hamilton County, to the Governor of the State of New York, and to the President of New York State Association of Counties and the President of the New York Public Welfare Association.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, the Chairman explained that there is a typo in the second whereas, it needs to be corrected to \$125,000.00. Mover and seconder agreed with the correction.

RESOLUTION NO. 270-26

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

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, there has been appropriated in the 2026 highway budget the sum of \$1,612,757.77 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 \$125,000.00 for the construction of the following projects:

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT NO. 5 Town of Arietta
Co. Rd. No. 24 – Old Piseco Rd., HMA Shim & Top @ 21 ft.
Approx. 0.5 mile.....\$125,000.00

Account No. D5112.2550

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 \$125,000.00, 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. Schmid and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 271-26

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE ON VARIOUS
COUNTY ROADS 2026**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 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/bridges 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 locations to have pavement maintenance completed,

HMA Overlay on Fayle Road Bridge, Town of Morehouse and Haskell Road Bridge, Town of Arietta.....Est..... \$25,000.00

HMA Overlay at Indian Lake Highway Facility near overhead doors,
Town of Indian Lake.....Est.....\$12,500.00

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 projects are owned by Hamilton County, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does approve the said paving projects and funds be taken from Account No. D5110.0404 Asphalt and Emulsion in the estimated amount sum of \$37,500.00 as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 272-26

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR CONCRETE REPAIR ON COURTHOUSE
2026**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has found some concrete spalling around the foundation of the courthouse on the west and north sills along the height level of the parking lot and on the base of the bridge pedestals, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent had R&B Construction give a proposal to make the said repairs, and

WHEREAS, these repairs need to be completed before the final paving of the courthouse parking areas can be completed, and

WHEREAS, R&B Construction's proposal is an estimated cost of \$26,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends the approval of the said repairs by R&B Construction under A.S. Bell Engineering's direction, and

WHEREAS, R&B Construction holds Hamilton County's contract for these type repairs, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does approve the said repair project of the courthouse at an estimated cost of \$26,000.00 and funds be taken from the Building Reserve Fund

to Account No. A1620.0413 Building Projects as recommended by the County Highway Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, TOMLINSON, WELLS, SCHMID, PARASCANDOLA, ARSENAULT,
FERNANDEZ, HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: SNYDER

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, the Chairman thanked Mr. Eldridge for explaining this. They understand this is expensive, but this is a 100-year renovation.

RESOLUTION NO. 273-26

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDERS FOR FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS AND
INSTALLATION SERVICES – HAMILTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE FIRST FLOOR
RENOVATIONS PROJECT**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Courthouse First Floor Renovations Project is an authorized capital project of the County, charged to Account No. A1620.0418, Courthouse First Floor Renovation Project, and

WHEREAS, said renovation project requires the procurement of custom-built furniture, furnishings, height-adjustable table bases, task seating, and related coordination, delivery and installation services, and

WHEREAS, Tech Valley Office Interiors (TVOI), 50 Mohawk Street, Cohoes, NY 12047, acting as the coordinating vendor, has submitted quotations dated June 22, 2026, for said furniture, furnishings and installation services, with pricing set under New York State Contract, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County DPW Superintendent recommends authorizing the purchase orders set forth below, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the DPW Superintendent, or designee, to issue the following purchase orders, under New York State Contract, for furniture, furnishings, and delivery/installation services for the Hamilton County Courthouse First Floor Renovations Project:

1. FE Hale Manufacturing Company, c/o Tech Valley Office Interiors,
11206 Cosby Manor Road,
Utica, NY 13502

- NYS OGS PC# 70197 Custom Furniture (Break Room, Kitchenette, Workstations, Printing/Service Counters) — \$82,477.99
2. Human Active Technology, c/o Tech Valley Office Interiors,
100 Kuebler Road,
Easton, PA 18040
NYS OGS PC# 70212 Height Adjustable Table Bases — \$1,407.68
 3. Kimball Int'l Brands Inc.,
c/o Tech Valley Office Interiors,
1600 Royal Street, Jasper, IN 47546
NYS OGS PC# 70226 Task Chairs — \$2,632.20
 4. Tech Valley Office Interiors,
50 Mohawk Street,
Cohoes, NY 12047
Coordination, Delivery and Installation (allowable per NYS Contract PC# 70197) — \$28,204.00

for a combined total amount of \$114,721.87, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$114,721.87 be transferred from the Buildings Reserve Fund to Account No. A1620.0418, Courthouse First Floor Renovation Project, to fund said purchase orders, and the County Treasurer be so authorized, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the DPW Superintendent be hereby authorized to issue and sign said purchase orders, subject to the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that 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, SCHMID, PARASCANDOLA,
ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, HUNT

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 274-26

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$427,432.76 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$744,608.95 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. Parascandola and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 275-26

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL
PROJECT ELBOW CREEK BRIDGE**

DATED: AUGUST 6, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$673,848.57 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$45,666.11
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	54,306.55
Finance Committee	22,489.74
Health Committee.....	25,229.35
Human Services Committee.....	26,273.35
Central Government Committee	42,286.08
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	452,473.01
Internal Management Committee	5,124.38

be it further

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

Elbow Creek Bridge.....	\$ 1,322.05
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are hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

Other Reports:

Mr. Wells: The Common Ground Alliance organization was developed to improve communication between different groups in the Adirondacks. They have sent out their last proclamation that they are going to conclude. One of their statements is: *The greatest legacy we could leave is a region that no longer needs this alliance, for that we are proud for everyone that helped make it possible.*

We are profoundly grateful for those who will carry on this work in new and better ways. We will be cheering you on. Mr. Wells stated that in the beginning this group was very useful and helpful.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated how much they appreciate the County Attorney's help and feels he has taken on a bigger role than just our attorney and it is very nice.

County Attorney: Stated before the Board adjourns, he is requesting an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Mr. Eldridge discussed the high price of salt. He wanted to make the Board aware that he has ordered some salt because he doesn't know what is going to happen with the price. Mr. Wells asked Mr. Eldridge if he knows if the state is purchasing more or less salt because of the brine. Mr. Eldridge stated he doesn't know.

The Chairman: Stated the County is getting the subsidy again from the state for our solid waste. We have received \$450,000 and we are due another \$300,000. He further reported that he received a text from Darrin Harr, Republican Election Commissioner letting him know that he completely revamped the Board of Election webpages. The Chairman encouraged everyone to take a look at them. It is cleaner and easier to read, a huge improvement. The Chairman stated that he and Mr. Wells received a letter from the Indian Lake Association offering their strong support for the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District.

The Chairman stated that he had a Long Lake resident call him regarding Airbnb statements. On their statement it is showing an occupancy tax. He has determined that it is a formatting issue with Airbnb, they are labeling the sales tax as occupancy tax. He looked into other areas of the County and Airbnb is charging occupancy tax in Hope which is going to Fulton County. He believes once Hamilton County gets the registry done it will correct this. It is imperative that we get our registry done so this money comes to Hamilton County and people aren't charged an occupancy tax. The Board discussed further.

The Chairman updated the Board on the IT Department email migration project. He sent an email to the Department Heads explaining that this was a necessary step and asked them to please be patient. He met with Zach Small this morning regarding it and he is going to reach out to all of the Department Heads to deal with outlying issues.

Mr. Fernandez made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Ms. Hunt. Carried.

Motion to open session by Ms. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Schmid. Carried.

Motion to authorize the County Attorney to finalize a stipulation of settlement to resolve an ongoing litigation in which the County is involved, which was discussed in detail in Executive Session by Ms. Parascandola. Seconded by Mr. Rhodes. Carried.

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