

2026

NINETH SESSION

SEPTEMBER 3, 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.

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, Tracy Eldridge-Public Works Superintendent, Lynette Greene – Director of Mental Health & Community Services, Roberta Bly – DSS Commissioner, Junie Delizo – Director of Public Health, Miriam Doud

A motion was made to accept the minutes of August 6, 2026 by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Wells. Carried.

Public Comment: No one present

County Attorney: Stated Supervisor Wells will be bringing a resolution to the floor recognizing Mo Wright on his retirement as Town Supervisor for the Town of Hadley. The County Attorney stated that he has known Mr. Wright for almost 20 years. Mr. Wright is a wonderful supervisor and a great friend of the Adirondacks.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Regarding the Morehouse tower site, the concrete is supposed to be poured next week. The tower is supposed to be delivered and erected the following week. Regarding the power, we are waiting for National Grid, they are not cooperating. The ditch was open and waiting for National Grid and they did not show. Regarding the Spy Lake tower, we are still waiting for a company to drill the micro-piers into the ledge rock. Rozell was forewarned that it was going to take some time to get that scheduled, but evidently, he didn't take that recommendation and he is waiting and falling behind because of that. That tower is pretty much done and ready to be delivered. The buildings are in the process of being built.

Mr. Snyder: There are four resolutions for your approval for Central Government. He stopped and

saw the County Clerk and she says everything is going really well.

Ms. Hunt: Regarding Tourism, they are working on a Hamilton County map, they hope to have it completed by the end of October. Ms. Wilt has been looking at approvals for regional grant opportunities and they score them. She said there were quite a few in Hamilton County, she was glad to see that. They attended Adirondack Day at Saratoga Track. Mindy went, said it was very well attended. They are working on fall foliage reports. The contract with ROOST is up at the end of this year, they are expecting an increase.

Mr. Wells: The Local Government Review Board met in Long Lake on August 26th. Unfortunately, he could not attend but he has the minutes if anyone would like copies. A lot of the discussion was regarding part of the plant closure at Finch Paper. They also discussed APA's new office in Saranac Lake. He attended the AATV (Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages) meeting in North Hudson. They are working on the 2027 legislative agenda. The December membership meeting is going to be the 6th & 7th in Lake George at the Courtyard Marriott. They are still short members. They are looking at Region D, we have been vacant forever, which is Herkimer area. He further stated that he would like to give up one of his roles as First Vice-President, Region D Representative, or the Nominating Committee. If anyone from Hamilton County is interested in getting on the AATV he would certainly welcome it.

Ms. Parascandola: There is a resolution on the agenda that the Town of Lake Pleasant made a recommendation to the Ethics Board to appoint Vicky Buyce. We talked about the Kratom Local Law on Committee Day; the County is still working in that direction we just don't have it prepared yet. She attended the Hamilton County Soil & Water meeting; Hamilton County was approved for the Septic System Replacement Fund but they have not identified the high need water bodies yet. Further, the Conservation Field Day will be September 17th.

Mr. Fernandez: There are a couple of bid openings today and a couple of resolutions on the agenda.

Mr. Tomlinson: Many Public Works resolutions on the agenda. Hopefully we will be adopting the uniform flat rate fee for solid waste today. There was a long meeting discussing this issue, he appreciates the support for it today.

The Chairman stated that he would like to take a few moments to recognize an important anniversary that will occur before we meet again. Today may not be September 11, but next week will mark our Nation's twenty-five years since the attacks of September 11, 2001. He felt it was important that we as a board take a moment today and reflect. Twenty-five years have passed, but for so many of us the memories of that day remain remarkably clear; where we were, who we were with, and the disbelief we felt as we watched the events unfold. Nearly 3,000 innocent lives were lost that day, we remember each of them and we remember the families whose lives were changed forever. We also remember the extraordinary courage that emerged in the midst of tragedy. The firefighters, the police officers, paramedics, and other first responders who ran toward danger while others were trying to escape it. We remember the passengers on Flight 93 whose courage saved countless others. And we remember the many men and women who answered the call to serve our Country in the years that followed, some who never returned home. But September 11 also reminds us of something else, in the days that followed Americans came together. We looked out for our neighbors, we put aside all of our differences, we were reminded that the things that unite us are far greater than those that divide us. He feels that is an important lesson. Twenty-five

years later perhaps that lesson is still worth remembering just as strongly. Today may we honor those we lost, those who served, those who sacrificed, and all those who continue to carry the memories and scars of that day. May we never forget September 11, 2001 and may we never forget the strength, courage, and unity our Nation showed in its darkest hours.

The Chairman called for a moment of silence.

Bid Openings:

Dr. Junie Delizo, Public Health Director opened the following bids:

Preschool Program Transportation – Indian Lake to Queensbury

1. Blueline Commuter, Inc. \$975.00 per day

Preschool Program Transportation – Indian Lake to Fort Edward

1. Blueline Commuter, Inc. \$975.00 per day

Mr. Fernandez made a motion accept the bids and refer to Dr. Delizo to review, seconded by Mr. Tomlinson. Carried.

The Chairman introduced Miriam Doud, Community Resource Navigator from LivingADK. Ms. Doud handed out information regarding LivingADK. Ms. Doud explained that her position is a grant position. It falls under a Social Safety Net grant. Her area is unique, she covers the Town of Webb School District. Services are harder to get because of how far away they are from the center of the county. The goal of her position is to make it easier for people in the community to get services. Mr. Fernandez asked if she covers all of Hamilton County. Ms. Doud stated she does not, just Raquette Lake. Ms. Hunt asked if she had a counterpart that covers the southern part of the county. Ms. Doud stated she does not. Ms. Bly stated that Social Services has a relationship with LivingADK and so does the Mental Health & Community Services Department; they are well aware of their services. Robin Hill is her contact for LivingADK, they certainly will work together.

Ms. Bly and Ms. Greene left at this time.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 276-26

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – PUBLIC DEFENDER, FAMILY COURT FRINGE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, during the 2026 budget process, new accounts were created to accommodate and fund Hamilton County Public Defender services in Family Court related matters, and

WHEREAS, Account No. A.1170.0111 – Pub Def, Family Court, Fringe was inadvertently created and funded but should have been A.1170.0802 – Pub Def, Family Court, Fringe, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, to remedy and correct this discrepancy, that the County Treasurer now be authorized to create and fund Account No. A.1170.0802 – Pub Def, Family Court, Fringe, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all the funds (\$54,326.00) existing in Account No. A.1170.0111-Pub Def, Family Court, Fringe be transferred to Account No. A.1170.0802 – Pub Def, Family Court, Fringe as per the following transfer:

FROM:	A.1170.0111 – Pub Def, Family Court, Fringe	\$54,326.00
TO:	A.1170.0802 – Pub Def, Family Court, Fringe	\$54,326.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon completion of the funds transfer that the County Treasurer close out Account No. A.1170.0111-Pub Def, Family Court, fringe, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the County Chairman, Hamilton County Treasurer, Hamilton County Public Defender and the County Attorney.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 277-26

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ETHICS – VICTORIA BUYCE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors received a letter of resignation from Board of Ethics member Barbara Tracy, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors that Victoria Buyce of Lake Pleasant be appointed as a member of the Board of Ethics to fill the term of Barbara Tracy, be it

RESOLVED, that Victoria Buyce be appointed to the Hamilton County Board of Ethics for a term commencing September 3, 2026 terminating December 31, 2027.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 278-26

RECOGNITION OF SHERIFFS' WEEK

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has been an integral part of the criminal justice system in New York State and in Hamilton County throughout our history, having been established in the State's first Constitution in 1777 and having been continued in every succeeding Constitution, and having been one of our original Constitutional offices upon the founding of our County, and

WHEREAS, despite changes in its function, status, and powers during its long history, the Office of Sheriff has maintained a continuous existence, preserved its distinguishing heritage, and continued to be an essential component of our criminal justice community, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has evolved into a modern, professional, full-service law enforcement and corrections agency, manned by well-trained police officers and correctional officers, using state-of-the-art technology and applying the latest and most advanced theories and practices in the fields of law enforcement and corrections, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff is unique in the community, and the duties of the Office go far beyond the traditional role of "Keeper of the Peace," and extend into many facets of public service beyond law enforcement and correction, to include providing security in our courts, dispatching emergency services, and handling the civil process for our courts, and

WHEREAS, as a constitutionally empowered Office directly responsible to the People, the ancient Office of Sheriff remains, even today, responsive and accountable to the public it serves, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to celebrate the historical contributions of the Office of Sheriff and the significant role that the Sheriffs play in our modern criminal justice system, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, we, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize the important services provided to the citizens of this County by Sheriff Karl G. Abrams and the members of the Sheriff's Office, and do hereby proclaim September 20th to 26th, 2026 to be Sheriffs' Week in Hamilton County.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 279-26

**AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF C&S COMPANIES CONTRACT – STATEWIDE
COMMUNICATIONS GRANT ST18-1005-D00**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

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

WHEREAS, after completing the RFP process and under Resolution No. 117-19, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorized the Chairman of Hamilton County to enter in to a contract with C&S Companies in the amount not to exceed \$657,610.00 for professional expertise for the communication projects, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 301-25 authorized a one-year extension and increase of C&S Companies' communication projects contract amount of \$123,800.00 for an additional year, and

WHEREAS, the contract amount has not been fully expended and the communications projects have not been completed, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to extend the contract with C&S Companies for the remaining contract balance for an additional year with the approval of the County Attorney.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 280-26

**FUNDING NEW YORK STATE COMBINED FY2025 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY
PROGRAM AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION
PROGRAM GRANT (SHSP/SLETPP) – SH25-1045-D00**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 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 FY2025 State Homeland Security Program and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program Grant (SHSP/SLETPP) in the amount of \$26,790.00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign said DHSES FY2025 SHSP/SLETPP Grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to create and fund Account No. A3645.0438 SH25-1045-D00 at \$26,790.00 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0140 SH25-1045-D00 at \$26,790.00 and Sheriff 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

RESOLUTION NO. 281-26

**AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A FULL-TIME HAMILTON COUNTY
PROBATION OFFICER POSITION**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Probation Director has met with the Chair of the Human Services Committee, the Personnel Director and come before this Board to discuss the need of the Probation Department for a full-time probation officer position to be added to the Department to assist with the needs, responsibilities and work load of the Department and the County, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Director is requesting to create a full-time Probation Officer position with set hours of thirty-five (35) hours per week at a Grade 13 and/or a full-time Probation Officer Trainee position with set hours of thirty-five (35) hours per week at a Grade 09 on the Hamilton County general scales, now be it so

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approve the request of the Probation Director for the creation of a full-time Probation Officer and/or Probation Officer Trainee position, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approves the Personnel Department to create the full-time position of Probation Officer in the Hamilton County Probation Department and that same be further authorized to advertise for the position of both Probation Officer (Grade 13) and Probation Officer Trainee (Grade 09) effective immediately, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to create Account A3140.0106 FT Probation Officer and fund said account by transferring \$16,800.00 from Account No. A3140.0406 DCJS PreTrial Services Grant to fund this position through the balance of 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the County Chairman, Hamilton County Probation Director, Hamilton County Personnel Office, Hamilton County Treasurer and County Attorney.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 282-26

**AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT – 2025 GENERAL ELECTION
GRANT PROGRAM**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the 2025 General Election Grant Program BOE01 – C005301 – 1110000, in 2025 for an amount up to \$5,231.55 term of contract 04/01/2025 to 03/31/2026, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded this grant; however, acceptance was not completed before expiration, and an extension has now been granted, and

WHEREAS, this grant has been amended and extended from 04/01/2025 to 3/31/2027 for the amount up to \$5,231.55, 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 original Master Grant, and the term extension for the 2025 General Election Grant Program BOE01 – C005301 – 1110000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Revenue Account No. 3089.1150 2025 General Election Grant and the Board of Elections 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. 283-26

**AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT – 2025 VOTE BY MAIL GRANT
PROGRAM**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the 2025 Vote by Mail Grant Program BOE01 – C005359 – 1110000, in 2025 for an amount up to \$1,677.87 term of contract 04/01/2025 to 03/31/2026, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded this grant; however, acceptance was not completed before expiration, and an extension has now been granted, and

WHEREAS, this grant has been amended and extended from 04/01/2025 to 3/31/2027 for the amount up to \$1,677.87, 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 original Master Grant, and the term extension for the 2025 Vote by Mail Grant Program BOE01 – C005359 – 1110000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Revenue Account No. 3089.1160 2025 Vote by Mail Grant and the Board of Elections be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 284-26

2026 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – CHHA UPKEEP OF CARS

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in gas prices and patients requiring the CHHA nurses and aides to travel more on County vehicles to service said patients and thus refuel said vehicles commensurately more, and that both of these increases have caused the CHHA to experience an overage in the amount of budgeted funds for fuel/vehicle upkeep and thus causing a shortage in the Budget, and

WHEREAS, the budget line for CHHA Upkeep of Cars (A4010.0402) needs to be increased to cover additional gas and repairs to county cars, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist in the budget line for CHHA Contingent Fund (A1990.0401) to help offset this budget overage/shortage and cover additional gas and repairs to county cars, so be it

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

FROM: A1990.0401 Contingent Fund	\$ 12,500.00
TO: A4010.0402 CHHA Upkeep of Car	\$ 12,500.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the County Chairman, Hamilton County Treasurer, Hamilton County Fleet Director, and the Director of Public Health.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 285-26

INCREASE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM SERVICES BUDGET

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, \$75,000.00 was budgeted for Preschool Special Education program services in the 2026 budget, and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in the Preschool Special Education program caseload, with several children receiving center-based services with parents transporting, causing a budget shortage, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A2960.0401 be increased by \$50,000.00 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A3277.0000 State Aid-Child 3-5 Program by \$35,000.00 and Revenue Account No. A1689.0100 Other Health Dept. Income-Preschool Services by \$15,000.00, and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 286-26

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Vehicle #775 – 2023 Nissan Altima was involved in an accident and the repairs for the damage were completed by Warrensburg Collision Center, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the payment of said repairs of the 2023 Nissan Altima, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance by \$5,163.16 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$5,163.16, and be it further

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

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

for Invoice #9389 in the amount of \$6,163.16 and the funds be taken out of Account No. A1910.0402 Repairs to Vehicles-Insurance and the Fleet Coordinator and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 287-26

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO ADIRONDACK OVERHEAD DOOR CO., INC. –
INSURANCE REPAIR**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2026 a county employee accidentally struck a bay door at the Lake Pleasant Transfer Station with a county owned excavator damaging the building and the overheard door, and

WHEREAS, an insurance claim was submitted for said damage and the building has been repaired and the overhead door has been replaced, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase Account No. A8161.0405 Landfill, Repair & Maintenance by \$17,020.04 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A2680.0000 Insurance Recoveries by \$17,020.04, and be it further

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

Adirondack Overhead Door Co., Inc.
10 South Western Avenue
Queensbury, NY 12804

for Invoice #65253 in the amount of \$10,970.00 and the funds be taken out of Account No. A8161.0405 Landfill, Repair & Maintenance and the Public Works Superintendent and Clerk of the Board 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. 288-26

**AUTHORIZING CREATION OF ADDITIONAL FULL TIME POSITION – PUBLIC
WORKS**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Public Works Superintendent has identified a need for an additional Full Time Heavy Equipment Operator – Tractor Trailer (HEO-T) position within the department to support workload needs, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer and Public Works Chairman have reviewed the proposed position request forms and have approved such, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee to discuss the need for the position and the Committee has reviewed and approved the creation of the additional position, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approve the Personnel Officer to create the full-time position of Heavy Equipment Operator-Tractor Trailer in the Department of Public Works and further be authorized to advertise for the position effective immediately and the DPW Superintendent, Clerk of the Board, County Treasurer and Personnel Officer 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. 289-26

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF VEHICLES WITHIN COUNTY AGENCIES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the following vehicle transfers to utilize a vehicle for county department:

Year	Make/Model	VIN	Plate
FROM: Community Services – Car #918			
(1) 2020	Chev. Malibu	1G1ZC5ST6LF110774	BD2227
	To: Social Services	Value:	\$1,500.00
FROM: Community Services – Car #920			
(1) 2021	Chev. Malibu	1G1ZC5ST9MF085287	BF1811
	To: Social Services	Value:	\$2,000.00

and

WHEREAS, the above values represent the policy of Hamilton County to transfer vehicles from one County Agency to another at 35% of low book value, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that vehicle transfer be made as shown above and it be a charge to Account No. A6010.0202 Automobile, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator ensure that the proper ownership is recorded and the appropriate paperwork for this transaction is accomplished, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Fixed Assets, Respective Department Heads, Fleet Coordinator, Social Services Coordinator and the County Treasurer 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

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Rhodes asked what the lead time is for this. Mr. Eldridge stated that it is scheduled for a fourth quarter build; we will probably see it early 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 290-26

**AUTHORIZING DPW SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE ROAD TRACTOR FOR
2027**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has need to purchase a new road tractor, and

WHEREAS, Tracey Road Equipment has given the Superintendent a written quote for a 2027 Western Star Road Tractor with necessary highway equipment addendums under Onondaga County Contract Pricing #0010914, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee to discuss the need to purchase a road tractor for 2027, and

WHEREAS, in order to receive the said tractor in early 2027 it is necessary to order the tractor now, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the Public Works Committee recommends purchasing the said vehicle as follows –

1 – 2027 Western Star 49SF with wet line and necessary highway equipment - \$228,959.32 delivered

be it

RESOLVED, that the Public Works Superintendent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for the said 2027 Western Star 49SF with necessary highway equipment addendums from Tracey Road Equipment, 6803 Manlius Center Road, East Syracuse, NY for a total of \$228,959.32 delivered to be a charge to Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects and the Clerk of the Board, County Treasurer, and Public Works 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. 291-26

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF MINI WHEEL LOADERS FOR COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Public Works Superintendent met with Public Works Committee to discuss the need to purchase mini wheel loaders for the county owned transfer stations, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has received a written quote for two (2) new 2026 Caterpillar 906 Wheel Loader with attachments and extended warranty from Milton Cat under New York State Contract PC70886 delivered for \$119,419.70, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Equipment Reserve fund has funding available for the purchase of two (2) said Wheel Loaders with attachments, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County DPW Superintendent is authorized to order two (2) said wheel loaders from Milton Cat under NYS Contract PC70886 pricing at a total cost of \$238,839.40 (\$119,419.70 ea.) and the funds to be taken out of Account No. A8189.0401 Solid Waste Capital Reserve Expenditure, be it further

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$238,839.40 from the Solid Waste Equipment Reserve Fund to Account No. A8189.0401 Solid Waste Capital

Reserve Expenditure for the purchase of the said loaders 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

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Wells thanked Mr. Eldridge and Ms. Johnson for all of their work on this. He appreciates it.

RESOLUTION NO. 292-26

**ADOPTING A UNIFORM FLAT RATE FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES
CHARGED TO TOWNS FOR 2027 AND APPROVING A TRANSFER STATION
STAFFING CREDIT**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, for the preceding twenty-five (25) years, the towns within Hamilton County have and are presently billed by Hamilton County for solid waste disposal at differing per-ton rate structures, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has expressed its desire to update this differing rate structure and revise the solid waste disposal fees charged to the towns within Hamilton County so that such fees are uniform and equalized amongst all towns, rather than based on the varied rate structures currently in place, and

WHEREAS, the disposal rate charged to Hamilton County by Fulton County for solid waste tipping fees is passed through to the towns as the base component of the per-ton rate, with no markup added by Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Department of Public Works Superintendent has recommended, and the Public Works Committee has reviewed and approved, a uniform flat rate of \$69.50 per ton (\$55.00 base plus \$14.50 overhead) to be charged to all towns for solid waste disposal effective January 1, 2027, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee further desires to assist those towns that provide staffing for a New York State registered transfer station integral to the County's solid waste system, by establishing a Transfer Station Staffing Credit in the amount of \$15,000.00 per qualifying town, with the specific eligibility criteria and administration thereof to be further developed by the DPW Superintendent, County Attorney, and the Public Works Committee and presented to this Board for subsequent approval, be it

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2027, all towns within Hamilton County and the Village of Speculator shall be charged a uniform flat rate of \$69.50 per ton for solid waste disposal, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the DPW Superintendent, County Attorney, and the Public Works Committee are hereby authorized and directed to develop the terms, eligibility criteria, and administration of a transfer station staffing credit for towns providing staffing to a qualifying transfer station, and to present the same to this Board for approval, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board, the County Treasurer, County Attorney, and the DPW Superintendent 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. 293-26

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO IRON SWORD ENTERPRISES, LLC – PAY APPLICATION NO. 1 – HAMILTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE FIRST FLOOR RENOVATIONS PROJECT

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton entered into a contract with Iron Sword Enterprises, LLC, 2359 State Route 300, Wallkill, NY 12589, for the Hamilton County Courthouse First Floor Renovations Project, and

WHEREAS, Iron Sword Enterprises, LLC has submitted Pay Application No. 1 for the period to July 31, 2026, requesting payment in the amount of \$23,905.90, and

WHEREAS, CPL, the County's consulting engineer for this project, has reviewed said Pay Application No. 1 and approved same on August 20, 2026, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes payment to Iron Sword Enterprises, LLC, 2359 State Route 300, Wallkill, NY 12589, in the amount of \$23,905.90, representing Pay Application No. 1 for the period to July 31, 2026, for the Hamilton County Courthouse First Floor Renovations Project from Account No. A1620.0418 Courthouse First Floor Renovation Project, and be it further

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 294-26

**AUTHORIZING DPW SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE A GRADER BLADE FOR
TRACKED SKID STEER #425**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee to discuss the department purchasing a grader blade for a 2023 289D3 Cat Skid Steer, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has been renting the said blade for several months and would now like to purchase the blade, and

WHEREAS, the purchase would be under NYS Contract pricing under Contract #PC70886 in the amount of \$17,472.00 after credit for the rental months, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the Public Works Committee recommends moving forward with the purchase of the said blade from Milton Caterpillar in the amount of \$17,472.00, be it

RESOLVED, that the Public Works Superintendent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for the said Grader Blade from Milton Cat at a cost of \$17,472.00 under state contract pricing and it will be a charge to Account No. D5130.0201 Road Equipment, and the Clerk of the Board, County Treasurer, and Public Works 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. 295-26

**AUTHORIZING DPW SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE A DUMP BODY FOR
TRUCK #126**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee to discuss the department needing to purchase a dump body for a 2019 Peterbilt 337, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent received three (3) written quotes for the said dump body as follows –

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| • T&T Sales, Inc. - Beau Roc Body | \$19,927.00 |
| • Charles D. Stahl – Smith Body | \$29,585.00 |
| • Viking Cives, (USA) – Beau Roc Body | \$26,400.50 |

and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the Public Works Committee recommends moving forward with the purchase of the said body from T&T Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$19,927.00, be it

RESOLVED, that the Public Works Superintendent is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order for the said Dump Body from T&T Sales, Inc. at a cost of \$19,927.00 and it will be a charge to Account No. D5130.0201 Road Equipment, and the Clerk of the Board, County Treasurer, and Public Works Superintendent 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. 296-26

**AUTHORIZING PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM WORK FOR TENT
SITE IMPROVEMENT FOR NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION IN THE PERKINS CLEARING –
SPECULATOR TREE FARM AREA**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has met with the Department of Environmental Conservation to review work to improve tent sites in the Perkins Clearing-Speculator Tree Farm recreational area, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent gave the NYSDEC a written cost proposal to complete the tent site improvements in the amount of \$30,095.10, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDEC has approved this written proposal and is desirous to move forward with the work, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the DPW Superintendent is authorized to perform the work plan as approved by the NYSDEC to improve the said tent sites in the amount of \$30,095.10, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create the following accounts –

- Appropriation Account No. D5110.0407 Perkins Clearing NYSDEC \$30,095.10
- Revenue Account No. No. D3089.0100 State Aid, NYSDEC Perkins Clearing \$30,095.10

and

the Chairman of the Board be so authorized to sign any subsequent contract(s) per the approval of the County Attorney and the Clerk of the Board, DPW Superintendent, County Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 297-26

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AMENDMENT TO THE SECOND STATEWIDE EXPANSION OF HURRELL-HARRING GRANT

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has received an amendment to the Second Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Grant, Contract No. CSTWIDE220 with an amended term of April 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS, said amendment also increases the amount of the Second Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Grant from \$1,665,574.34 to \$3,115,693.52, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the amendment to the Second Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Grant.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 298-26

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH SPEECH THERAPIST – HONORA BICHE

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service contracts with individual providers of speech and language pathologies for several programs, and

WHEREAS, Honora Biche of 170 Chartier Road, Northville, NY 12134, is a duly licensed Speech and Language Pathologist by the NYS Department of Education, Office of Professions and wishes to contract with the Nursing Service, and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 and compensated at a rate of \$75.00 per visit, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with Honora Biche, SLP to provide speech therapy to the residents of Hamilton County, for the period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 at a rate of \$75.00 per visit, 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. 299-26

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR VEHICLES – MENTAL HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 264-26 authorized the Fleet Coordinator to purchase Two (2) 2026 Nissan Rogue's under New York State Contract PC70324 at a cost of \$52,011.06 (\$26,005.53 ea.) for departmental use, and

WHEREAS, said vehicles have now been delivered by Romeo Nissan of Kingston, New York, and the vehicles have been accepted by the Fleet Coordinator, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to Romeo Nissan, 140 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401-7444 in the amount of \$52,011.06 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. A4310.0201 Automobile and the Mental Health & Community Services Director, DPW Superintendent and the Clerk of the Board 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. 300-26

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$117,325.97 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$199,828.71 presented by the County Superintendent of Highways and audited this day by the County Public Works Committee, be, and the same hereby are approved and audited.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 301-26

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

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$437,748.29 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$35,953.98
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	57,936.84
Finance Committee	29,556.27
Health Committee.....	22,345.65
Human Services Committee.....	22,322.10
Central Government Committee	23,078.04
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	245,392.84
Internal Management Committee	1,162.57

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge.....	\$ 763.99
Elbow Creek Bridge.....	\$ 1,209.73

are hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

Mr. Snyder introduced the following resolution. The Central Government Committee interviewed for this position this morning and recommends this hire.

After the resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Rhodes stated that he feels he is a very good candidate for the position.

RESOLUTION NO. 302-26

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Director of Weights and Measures has resigned effective July 8, 2026,
and

WHEREAS, the Central Government Committee has interviewed and selected William T. Rehm, Jr., to appoint as Director of Weights and Measures for the County of Hamilton, therefore,
be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby appoints William T. Rehm, Jr. as Director of Weights and Measures effective September 13, 2026 for the County of Hamilton, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the salary be set at \$20,900 annually, and be it further

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

The Chairman explained that the following resolution is a resolution that Supervisor Wells put forward honoring Arthur “Mo” Wright on his retirement as Town Supervisor for the Town of Hadley. After the following resolution was placed on the floor Mr. Wells asked to read the resolution into record.

Mr. Wells stated that many of you had the opportunity to work with Mr. Wright. Mr. Wright is an individual that went above and beyond. He has had the opportunity and honor to work with him on many issues. The Chairman stated that Mr. Wright was a very good supervisor and will be missed by his constituents and his other board members. The Chairman thanked Mr. Wells for bringing this forward.

RESOLUTION NO. 303-26

HONORING ARTHUR “MO” WRIGHT ON HIS RETIREMENT AS TOWN SUPERVISOR FOR THE TOWN OF HADLEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors wish to convey their Thanks and Appreciation to Town of Hadley Supervisor Arthur “Mo” Wright for his years of service to the Town of Hadley and to the County of Saratoga, and

WHEREAS, Arthur “Mo” Wright was elected to the Hadley Town Board in 1997 and served as a Town Board member until his election to Town Supervisor starting in 2008, and

WHEREAS, his dedication to the Town of Hadley to provide essential services and be fiscally responsible to his constituents has been a source of pride during his tenure as Supervisor, and

WHEREAS, Mo chaired the Maplewood Manor Local Development Corporation, which was created as part of the effort to deal with the financially troubled nursing home, and

WHEREAS, in 2016 Mo was elected by the Saratoga Board of Supervisors to be Chairman. He became the first Supervisor from the Town of Hadley to lead the Saratoga County Board since 1963, and

WHEREAS, Mo has represented Saratoga County on the New York State Association of Counties serving on the Public Safety Committee. He was an advocate at the National Association of Counties to bring awareness of Adirondack issues and resolve cell service in the Adirondack Park, and

WHEREAS, his holding of various positions and Director at Large on the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages has been an example of his dedication and leadership to all inside the Adirondack Park, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors do hereby acknowledge and thank Arthur “Mo” Wright for his dedication and service to the entirety of New York State.

Seconded by ALL and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

Dr. Delizo stated that he discussed the transportation bids with his office and they recommend that the Board accept these bids.

RESOLUTION NO. 304-26

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH BLUELINE COMMUTER, INC. FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to provide 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, transportation is required for a child from the Town of Indian Lake to Adirondack Enrichment, 413 Bay Road, Queensbury, NY on a daily basis, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service advertised for transportation bids and received the following bid:

Blueline Commuter, Inc. \$975.00 per day

and

WHEREAS, Blueline Commuter, Inc. will provide round trip transportation from the Town of Indian Lake to Adirondack Enrichment, each day as recommended by the CPSE for the time frame needed, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to have Blueline Commuter, Inc. provide transportation for the child at a rate of \$975.00 per day for the 2026-2027 School Year which runs from September 10, 2026-June 25, 2027, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign a contract with Blueline Commuter, Inc. to transport the preschool child for center-based services in Queensbury as recommended by the CPSE, 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. 305-26

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH BLUELINE COMMUTER,
INC. FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL
EDUCATION PROGRAM 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

BY MS. PARASCANDOLA:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to provide 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, transportation is required for a child from the Town of Indian Lake to Newmeadow, 12 Washington Street, Fort Edward, NY on a daily basis, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service advertised for transportation bids and received the following bid:

Blueline Commuter, Inc. \$975.00

and

WHEREAS, Blueline Commuter, Inc. will provide round trip transportation from the Town of Indian Lake to Newmeadow, each day as recommended by the CPSE for the time frame needed, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to have Blueline Commuter, Inc. provide transportation for the child at a rate of \$975.00 per day for the 2026-2027 School Year which runs from September 9, 2026-June 30, 2027, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign a contract with Blueline Commuter, Inc. to transport the preschool child for center-based services in Fort Edward as recommended by the CPSE, upon approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer 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

Other Reports:

Mr. Wells: Stated that the NYSAC Fall Seminar is Sept. 28-30 in Syracuse.

Mr. Fernandez: Thanked Mr. Eldridge and the DPW Dept. for all of their help. Anytime he has a problem they give him the right direction.

County Attorney: Advised the Board that the personnel matter that was discussed on Committee Day has been resolved without issue or further complication. In the past month the Law Dept. has had a great deal of collaboration with a number of different, both internal and external, agencies including the Hamilton County IDA, Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board, the Adirondack Park Association, the Olympic Regional Development Association with the assistance of Mr. Rhodes on a Gore Mt. project and our own individual towns. It has been very busy working both in and out the County. Also, would like to thank Mr. Eldridge, Ms. Johnson, and the Chairman, Mr. Tomlinson, and everyone else that is here for all of their work in putting together the solid waste proposal plan. He is an outsider and this is a new project to be a part of. This is a remarkable thing that your constituents have in this county. It is truly something that is special, that all of you were able to come together and collaborate on this project for the betterment of your towns and county is remarkable. As Supervisor Hunt indicated, he did have the opportunity to take a day out of the office and spend at Adirondack Day at the track. You have a remarkable county and they had an incredible number of people who kept coming up to the county booth and were engaging with Mindy and himself and had all sorts of memories about coming through Hamilton County for one reason or another. He was able to learn a lot about the County. The County Attorney further stated that over the last month the County has been inundated with FOIL requests. He is working on the creation of a FOIL plan. At 1 PM this afternoon he will be on a meeting with Board of Elections for a statewide meeting regarding the upcoming November election. He is working on the Local Law regarding the sale and possession of Kratom in Hamilton County.

The Chairman stated that as we head into fall, we have some important work ahead of us, particularly as we begin the county budget process. We will be meeting with our Department Heads to go over their requests, reviewing their needs, looking closely at all of the numbers and making some difficult decisions along the way. He is looking forward to working together, as we always do, to put together a responsible budget. One that allows us to continue providing services for our residents while always being mindful of the taxpayers we represent. We have talked previously about some of the shifts in the federal mandates, like SNAP benefits; instead of 75% reimbursement we will be getting 50% reimbursement. Ms. Bly, Commissioner of Social Services told him that is around a \$20,000 hit to our budget. Sales Tax has become an increasingly important source of county revenue. He read an article that stated that sales tax now exceeds property tax revenues in 35 New York counties. Last month this Board passed a resolution calling for the federal government to delay the implementation of the new mandate for just those reasons. Our counties are being asked to administer increasingly complex state and federal programs. The costs of these programs are frequently passed down to counties without sufficient additional funding, these ultimately cost our taxpayers. One key question we should ask ourselves is how do we continue to provide these services at the level our residents expect while protecting local taxpayers from the costs and mandates that are largely outside of our control as a county government

The Chairman further stated that September is Hunger Action Month. It is a time to recognize that hunger and food insecurity can affect individuals and families in every community. Here in Hamilton County, we work very hard to make sure that no one in our communities goes hungry. Through our efforts of the Social Services Department, local food pantries, community organizations, volunteers, churches, schools, libraries, and county programs there are many people quietly working every day to make sure our neighbors have access to food and the support they need. In a small county like ours looking out for one another is simply just what we do. During Hunger Action Month he wants to thank everyone that helps with this.

The Chairman stated that he also wants to recognize an exciting project happening in Tupper Lake. Last week he had the opportunity to attend the ribbon cutting for the redevelopment of the historical Oval Wood Dish Factory. The Oval Wood Dish was once one of Tupper Lake's largest employers. The factory dates back more than a century and has produced everything from wooden dishes, clothes pins, ice cream spoons, and bowling pins. It has sat vacant for many years. This project is approximately a 46-million-dollar project; it will create 80 new apartments and commercial space. The Chairman discussed further.

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