2026

TENTH SESSION

OCTOBER 1, 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, Jodie Small-County Treasurer, Nancy Grosselfinger, Miriam Doud

A motion was made to accept the minutes of September 3, 2026 by Ms. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Rhodes. Carried.

Public Comment: Miriam Doud, Community Resource Navigator with LivingADK introduced herself. Ms. Doud stated that she was asked to look into senior nutrition in the Inlet area. Ms. Doud discussed how others provide the service such as Meals on Wheels or a congregate meal site. Inlet does not have access to those. Her position covers three counties. She has the advantage of seeing how other counties do this. Ms. Doud reviewed how other counties are providing the service. Ms. Doud stated that Inlet doesn't really have an option, their congregate meal site that would deliver is 47 minutes away. The meals have to be delivered within an hour. She is asking for a discussion to figure out a way of providing that service to the seniors in Inlet. Ms. Doud further stated that they do a senior weekly lunch program where they deliver lunches to seniors. They deliver 60 lunches from Thendara to Inlet. The Inlet portion is around 13 lunches. The qualifications for this program are less stringent than Meals on Wheels, so there would probably be fewer. The Board discussed what is currently being offered. Mr. Schmid suggested a meeting with OFA. The Board discussed further.

Nancy Grosselfinger of Raquette Lake introduced herself. She has been doing research to find out what services there are for seniors. She also looked at the 1981 contract with Warren County for the Office for the Aging. That contract has not been updated or revised since 1981. She believes this county has changed and our service needs to change. The median age in Hamilton County is 55 plus a few months. It means more than just getting a meal delivered to your house warm; it

means exercise, health, prevention, and other things. She is recommending rather than having a committee, take this out of the worries of the County Board of Supervisors and create new positions, not less than two and create your own Office for the Aging. If Hamilton County can afford to have two people working in Probation to manage 20 probationers, she believes that for half of our population we can afford to have two employees dedicated to figuring out all of the problems of the aging population.

County Attorney: Reported that this is the last Board meeting before the election. He commended the Board of Elections staff for participating in trainings, doing training for poll workers, and updating the website. Wished everyone running the best of luck. Further, the Departments in Indian Lake continue to do exemplary service for the community. The Personnel Office has been excellent. Real Property and the Treasurer have been tireless in their preparation for tax season, assisting all of your towns and all of the schools with their budgets and resources including our Treasurer who has gone through a physical move across the campus and likewise even today taking their county taxes in. The IT Dept., Sheriff, and Emergency Services are engaged in truly transformative projects to facilitate responses in Arietta, Morehouse, Spy Lake, and Gore. Public Works has been able to close their summer project schedule. They are ready, prepared to tackle all the winter season is going to bring, including the renovation downstairs. The Clerk of the Board's Office is prepared to assist with the coming budget season. He knows this and can provide these updates because the Law Department has had the opportunity to work, in the last month, very closely with every single department. Since the last meeting he has done an incredible amount of work with every department. He is grateful for the continued opportunity to serve the departments and your respective town should the need arise. He commended all of the Board for all of the good work they are doing and continue to do for their towns and the communities that they serve.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Regarding the Hope Tower site, the application for the proposed tower was complete August 12th. They received two comments during the comment period, which ended September 3rd. The APA plans to issue the permit as soon as possible but no later than November 10th. He and Mr. O'Neill went to Gore Mt. tower site to meet with ORDA, DEC, and Warren County to discuss the possibility of getting on the tower as soon as possible. The County Attorney helped to create a temporary MOU, all parties are reviewing it. If we do get on the Gore Mt. tower it should provide 90% radio coverage for the County with a 5W portable radio. The permanent MOU will involve the new shelter and new generator. Currently Warren County, State Police, and DEC have all separate shelters. We would like to provide a shelter for DEC, Warren County, and Hamilton County. That is supposed to take place in May. Regarding the Morehouse Tower site, the tower is up and the shelter is set. They are working through the final contract items. Capital Digitronics, Inc. is scheduling radio equipment for installation on that tower and the fencing is supposed to be started Monday. For the Spy Lake Tower site, hopefully the shelter, generator, and propane tanks in the next two weeks. They are still waiting for the drill rig to do the pier foundation work. The tower shelter and generator are ready to go. He is working on details with the IDA on the cabins at Oak Mt. They finally received the signed addendum clarifying that the IDA has two cabins. The County Attorney helped by revising a lease agreement. Once we get that agreed upon, we will be determining a procedure for implementing it to the new tenants. Currently there is a question about whether or not a lease exists, but the IDA did invest considerable time creating the original lease,

which isn't being used. They have also been working on a material list for East Mt. Tower site to replace the equipment damaged during last summer's lightning strike.

Mr. Snyder: Attended the Cornell Cooperative Extension meeting, Jemmie does a great job. There are six resolutions on the agenda for Central Government.

Ms. Hunt. Attended the NYSAC Conference in Syracuse. ROOST met with us at committee, they sent a new proposal, they reduced it from 15% to 10%.

Mr. Wells: Attended the Local Government Review Board meeting yesterday. The attendance was down. Mr. Wells further discussed the DEC leachate testing and what is going to happen in the next five years, it is going to be astronomical.

Ms. Parascandola: Attended the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation Field Day on September 17th, they had over 70 students in attendance. There is a resolution on the agenda regarding Kratom. She thanked the County Attorney for his work on it. She also attended the NYAOT Legislative Day.

Mr. Fernandez: He and the County Attorney met with the Director of Public Health and the Director of Personnel to resolve an employee question. He believes that resolved it.

Mr. Tomlinson: Thanked Mr. Eldridge and Ms. Johnson for taking the Board on the Road Tour. It was really well received and it was amazing to see all of the bridges, roads, and projects.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 306-26

SETTING ANNUAL SESSION DATES

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, the following dates have been designated as the annual session for 2026:

November 5 10:30 A.M.
November 9 10:30 A.M.
November 12 10:30 A.M.
November 16 10:30 A.M.
November 19 10:30 A.M.
PUBLIC HEARING 11:00 A.M.
December 3 AUDIT 10:30 A.M.
December 18 AUDIT 10:30 A.M.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that any necessary changes will be subsequently arranged.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 307-26

ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED GENERAL LEDGER REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE NEW YORK STATE JUUL SETTLEMENT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING FISCAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the New York State Attorney General has entered into a global multi-state settlement agreement with JUUL Labs, Inc., resulting in monetary allocations distributed to local government subdivisions for youth vaping remediation, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has been allocated a total settlement sum of $181,640.73, to be paid in staggered annual installments through the New York State Treasury, and

WHEREAS, a core legal mandate of the settlement agreement dictates that these funds are classified strictly as "abatement funds" and must be used exclusively to augment youth e-cigarette prevention, public education campaigns, youth cessation services, health research, and retail enforcement, and shall not supplant existing county expenditures, and

WHEREAS, to satisfy New York State Comptroller (OSC) auditing guidelines and ensure transparent tracking of these restricted funds, the County Treasurer recommends the creation of a revenue line and matching public health expenditure line within the Hamilton County General Ledger,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the County Treasurer to establish a dedicated, restricted General Ledger Revenue Account, to be titled "JUUL Settlement Abatement Funds" (Account No. A.2626), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized and directed to establish the following corresponding restricted appropriation and expenditure account A.4010.412, JUUL Settlement Abatement Funds, to track project outlays, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all past, present, and future annual installment disbursements received by Hamilton County from the New York State JUUL Settlement shall be deposited directly into the designated revenue account and appropriated into the aforementioned expenditure account as approved by the Board, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer and the Director of Public Health are hereby authorized to execute the mandatory Annual Certification of Approved Uses form required by the New York State Attorney General to secure the release of annual fiscal installments, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any unexpended balances remaining in said accounts at the close of any fiscal year shall not revert to the County's General Fund, but shall instead be automatically moved to balance sheet account A899.100 *(Other Restricted Fund Balance — JUUL Reserve)* and carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year's restricted JUUL Settlement budget lines via formal budget amendment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Health, and the County Treasurer are directed to maintain independent financial accounting records and audit trails of all program outlays to satisfy state verification mandates.

Seconded by Mr. Snyder 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 asked if everyone was receiving a lot of emails regarding this. The County Attorney stated yes, everyone is receiving identical correspondence. There is a national broadcast net, whenever any municipality is considering something along these lines, those who are invested in this are notified and they employ a campaign of prefilled correspondence with scripted talking points for signature and distribution.

RESOLUTION NO. 308-26

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2026 – A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON PROHIBITING THE SALE AND/OR DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM IN ALL FORMS WITHIN HAMILTON COUNTY

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2026 entitled, "**A** LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON PROHIBITING THE SALE AND/OR

DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM IN ALL FORMS WITHIN HAMILTON COUNTY" be and the same is hereby introduced to the Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the aforesaid proposed Local Law be laid upon the desks of each member of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing on the said proposed Local Law at the County Office Complex, Route 8, Lake Pleasant, New York, on the 5th day of November 2026, at 11:00 AM, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the County of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

HAMILTON COUNTY

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2026

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON PROHIBITING THE SALE AND/OR DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM IN ALL FORMS WITHIN HAMILTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, following Public Comment relative to same and approved on November 5, 2026, enacts as follows;

1. AUTHORITY

The Hamilton County Board of Supervisors adopts this Local Law pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Constitution, Article IX.

2. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE AND INTENT

The opioid-like plant Mitragyna Speciosa, and parts thereof, are commonly referred to as "Kratom." Kratom can be consumed and used in several forms, including as a tea, powder and/or pill/capsule. The United States Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has warned against the use of Kratom due to the risks of serious adverse effects and has issued an alert on consuming dietary supplements and ingredients that contain Kratom in either its natural and/or synthetic forms. The FDA has found that Kratom has a potential for abuse, and poses an imminent hazard to public health, safety and welfare.

This Local Law prohibits the sale and/or distribution of Kratom in Hamilton County, and authorizes officials and employees of the Hamilton County Public Health Department, Hamilton County Community Health and Mental Services Department and law enforcement agencies to conduct regulatory inspections of entities, individuals and operations suspected of Kratom sale, and to pursue enforcement remedies against such entities, individuals and operations to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to promote the public good for all within Hamilton County.

3. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Local Law, the following terms shall have the following meaning:

1. "Kratom" shall mean the plant Mitragyna Speciosa, and any and all parts thereof, as well as products containing mytragynine, and any and all products derived or believed to be derived from Mitragyna Speciosa leaves, and any and all synthetic derivative and/or derivations thereof.
2. "Product derived from Kratom and/or Mitragyna Speciosa leaves" shall mean any substance directly from Kratom, or its naturally occurring alkaloids, through extraction, isolation, concentration, chemical conversion, synthesis or modification, and any and all synthetic derivations thereof.
3. "Person" shall mean any individual real and/or legal, company, partnership, corporation, limited partnership, joint venture or other legal entity.
4. "Retailer" shall mean any Person that sells, offers for sale, or maintains Kratom and products derived from Kratom.
5. "Sale" shall mean the offer by a Person and/or Retailer to provide for the purchase of Kratom and/or products derived from Kratom in exchange for money.
6. "Distribution" shall mean the offer by a Person and/or Retailer to provide Kratom and/or products derived from Kratom with and/or without the exchange of money.

4. PROHIBITION OF SALE AND/OR DISTRIBUTION

It is prohibited for any Person and/or Retailer to sell and/or distribute Kratom and/or any products derived from Kratom and Mitragyna Speciosa leaves in Hamilton County.

This prohibition does not apply to the individual possession of, or the sale and/or distribution of FDA-approved Kratom and/or Kratom dispensed or distributed by a licensed pharmacist consistent with a prescription for same from a licensed physician.

5. INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

The inspection and enforcement provisions of this Local Law shall begin effective with its filing with New York State Secretary of State and pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 8. Thirty (30) days prior to this effective date, the County shall issue public notice of the date effective for this Local Law.

The Hamilton County Department of Public Health, the Hamilton County Mental and Community Health Services Department and any and all law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction in Hamilton County are hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Local Law, including the ability to conduct regulatory inspections and compliance checks of any suspected Person and/or Retailer within the County of Hamilton and any vehicle used by such Person and/or Retailer. Such compliance checks and regulatory inspections may occur during routine facility and/or person checks, pursuant to a report of suspected sale/distribution, complaint and/or request for investigation, as part of a criminal investigation and/or as part of any action(s) undertaken by any governmental Department of the County of Hamilton relative to the suspected sale/distribution of Kratom and/or product(s) derived from Kratom.

If any Kratom and/or product(s) derived from Kratom are found during a compliance check, inspection or investigation relative to the suspected sale/distribution of same, it shall be considered a violation of this Local Law and said Kratom and/or product(s) derived from Kratom shall be immediately confiscated by the investigatory and/or enforcing entity. One (1) year after seizure for violating the terms of this Local Law, such confiscated Kratom and/or products derived from Kratom shall be destroyed.

Under no circumstances pursuant to the terms of this Local Law shall any Kratom and/or products derived from Kratom be returned to the Person and/or Retailer from which said were seized pursuant to a violation of this Local Law.

6. PENALTIES

Any Person and/or Retailer that violates the terms of this Local Law shall be subject to immediate confiscation and/or seizure of all the Kratom and/or products derived from Kratom found in violation of this Local Law, and said Person and/or Retailer shall receive a written notice of violation from the enforcing agency/department setting forth that a violation of the Local Law has occurred, the total amount(s) of Kratom and/or products derived from Kratom confiscated and the amounts of civil penalty(ies) to be imposed.

Any Person and/or Retailer that engages in the unlawful sale and/or distribution of Kratom and products derived from Kratom in violation of this Local Law shall be subject to the imposition of a civil penalty of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) per each item of Kratom and products derived from Kratom found to be in violation and seized.

Each and every subsequent violation of this Local Law shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) per each item found to be in violation and seized.

Payment of any and all civil penalties imposed for violation(s) of this Local Law shall be made to the Hamilton County Treasurer.

The continued and willful violation of this Local Law by any Person and/or Retailer may result in the potential for criminal prosecution pursuant to New York State Public Health Law Section 12-b.

7. VALIDITY AND SEVERABILITY

Should any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence part and/or provision of this Local Law be declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of any other part hereof.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law. Notification of the effective date of this Local Law and of the effective date of the enforcement of its provisions herein referenced in Paragraph 5.

9. GOVERNING LAW

This Local Law shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

RESOLUTION NO. 309-26

TRANSFER OF FUNDS — BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections will exceed the 2026 budgeted amount in Account No. A1450.0106, due to the use of Republican temporary help being more than expected, and

WHEREAS, no Democratic clerks are currently employed, creating the need for an increased amount in Republican clerk work hours, and

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

RESOLVED, that the following transfer of funds take place to cover the circumstance:

From:	Account 1450.0105 Democratic Temp Clerk	$3,000.00
To:	Account 1450.0106 Republican Temp Clerk	$3,000.00

and that the County Treasurer be so authorized to make said transfer.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 310-26

AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTIONS GRANT – 2026 MAIL BALLOT GRANT PROGRAM

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the 2026 Mail Ballot Grant Program BOE01 – C005537 – 1110000, in 2026 for an amount up to $1,649.38 term of contract 04/01/2026 to 03/31/2027, and

WHEREAS, this grant is reimbursable for actual costs per the Work Plan submitted by the Hamilton County Board of Elections to the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and included as Attachment B-1 and C in said contract, 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 for the 2026 Mail Ballot Grant BOE01 – C005537 – 1110000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Revenue Account No. 3089.1170 2026 Mail Ballot Grant.

Seconded by Ms. Parascandola 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. Fernandez stated that the Board seems to have their act together this year, we are getting much better information. Everyone agreed it is a huge improvement.

RESOLUTION NO. 311-26

AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTIONS GRANT – 2026 GENERAL ELECTION GRANT PROGRAM

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the 2026 General Election Grant Program BOE01 – C005595 – 1110000, in 2026 for an amount up to $5,887.37 term of contract 04/01/2026 to 03/31/2027, and

WHEREAS, this grant is reimbursable for actual costs per the Work Plan submitted by the Hamilton County Board of Elections to the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and included as Attachment B-1 and C in said contract, 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 for the 2026 General Election Grant Program BOE01 – C005595 – 1110000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Revenue Account No. 3089.1180 2026 General Election Grant.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 312-26

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING STATE GRANTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, New York State Board of Elections recommended and the New York State Legislature Appropriated funding April 1, 2024 for the Electronic Poll Book Grant Program in the amount of $14,672.44 (C005021), and

WHEREAS, that amount alone was inadequate to cover the full cost, and the Hamilton County Board of Elections Office wanted to see successful implementation in other Counties first, and

WHEREAS, over 90% of the Counties in New York State have implemented Electronic Poll Books, this software/software support is a professional service, plus the Counties using KNOWiNK with Hart Equipment report success, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Board of Elections now has an additional Grant which can be used to offset these costs in the amount of $5,887.37 (C005595) and

WHEREAS, based on these factors both Hamilton County Election Commissioners and the Central Government Committee have approved moving forward, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following Grants are hereby appropriated into the 2026 Budget

Electronic Poll Book Grant Program C005021	$14,672.44
2026 Election Grant C005595	$ 5,887.37

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Appropriation Account No. A1450.0418 Electronic Poll Books in the amount of $24,559.81 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A3089.0800 Electronic Poll Book Grant in the amount of $14,672.44 and Revenue Account No. A3089.1180 2026 General Election Grant in the amount of $5,887.37 and transferring $4,000.00 from Account No. A1450.0411 Misc. Supplies.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 313-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF KNOWiNK ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections Commissioners both determined that it is time for Hamilton County to transition to Electronic Poll Books, and

WHEREAS, there are currently two grants to offset the cost, and

WHEREAS, KNOWiNK's Electronic Poll Book system has been integrating well with the Hart Voting Systems and operating successfully across New York State, and

WHEREAS, over 90% of NYS Counties have now successfully made the transition to Electronic Poll Books, and

WHEREAS, KNOWiNK has a New York State Contract to provide these systems, Contract #PS68741, and

WHEREAS, upon reviewing all of this information on Committee Day with the Central Government Committee and the Board of Supervisors, they agreed the Board of Elections Office should proceed, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Elections Office is hereby authorized to purchase Electronic Poll Books from KNOWiNK under State Contract #PS68741 for an amount not to exceed $24,546.13, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the KNOWiNK proposal under State Contract #PS68741 includes additional amounts for year 2 (2028) and year 3 (2029), for annual licenses, maintenance fees, including software updates and support at $127.98 per unit, for 16 units and a total of $2,047.68 per year, which is also authorized.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 314-26

INCREASE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES BUDGET

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, $15,000.00 was budgeted for Early Intervention program services in the 2026 budget, and

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

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

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. Fernandez stated this is the transport bid. He suggested that the Board look at ways to deal with this, it is a lot of money. Mr. Eldridge added that 6-7 years ago we had the same thing and we talked about getting a school bus, it has to go through the state inspection. He looked into it and either way it will be costly. The Board discussed further.

The County Attorney added that there are two children in this program. Contracts were written with the service provider; the day of school one of the parents had requested that she provide the transportation instead. It is an option, she could get paid mileage for transporting; the employee in resolution no. 11 was instrumental in working with the parent to say that we have already invested resource and contracted for providing the service, for us to pull out of that contract it would have been more cost prohibitive than to continue to provide the service. The liability associated from the Indian Lake Central School District and the County for permitting that to happen would have been something he couldn't turn a blind eye to. This service is being employed, there is a percentage of replevin that the County is getting back from state funding, around 47%. It is still a significant investment that the County is having to bear as a result of this. It is a necessary service; it is one that the Public Health Director is very acutely aware of and likewise the need to provide the service.

RESOLUTION NO. 315-26

INCREASE PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM SERVICES BUDGET

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, $125,000.00 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 and 2 children being transported at a cost of $975.00/day, causing a budget shortage, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A2960.0401 Children/Special Ed. be increased by $145,275.00 to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A3277 State Aid Child 3-5 Program by $125,275.00 and Revenue Account No. A1689.1 Other Health Dept. Income-Preschool by $20,000.00, 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

After the following resolution was placed on the floor, Mr. Fernandez thanked the Personnel Officer and the County Attorney for working this out.

RESOLUTION NO. 316-26

AMENDING THE TITLE OF FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATOR TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATOR WITHIN THE HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County currently maintains the position of Family Health Services Coordinator within the Hamilton County Public Health Department, which position is presently filled with a full-time employee, and

WHEREAS, following review of the duties and responsibilities assigned to the position, the Hamilton County Personnel Officer has recommended that the position be retitled from Family Health Services Coordinator to Public Health Services Coordinator, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Civil Service determined that the existing Family Health Services Coordinator eligible list was appropriate for appointment to the Public Health Services Coordinator title, thereby permitting the incumbent to continue in competitive status without the necessity of a new examination, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the title of the existing Family Health Services Coordinator position within the Hamilton County Public Health Department to be amended to Public Health Services Coordinator, effective October 1, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the incumbent of said position, shall continue in the position under the title Public Health Services Coordinator, subject to all applicable Civil Service requirements, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Hamilton County Personnel Officer, County Treasurer, Public Health Director, and any other appropriate parties.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 317-26

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR BUILDING PERMIT FOR LAKE PLEASANT COURTHOUSE FIRST FLOOR BUILDING PROJECT

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Building Permit fee is due to the Department of State for the courthouse first floor building project, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize payment for a building permit in the amount of $900.00 for the said 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 $900.00 for the said building permit and the funds be taken out of Account No. A1620.0418 Courthouse First Floor 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. 318-26

AUTHORIZATION OF SEWER PROJECT – LAKE PLEASANT DPW FACILITY

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the septic system at the DPW facility in Lake Pleasant needs to be replaced as the tank is very deteriorated, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that entire system needs to be upgraded including but not limited to septic piping, septic tank, pump station, and related materials, and

WHEREAS, after meeting with the Public Work Committee it was determined to set up a project to fund the system replacement cost, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to create Account No. A1620.0420 DPW Lake Pleasant Septic System Project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that $25,000.00 be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A1620.0420 DPW Lake Pleasant Septic System Project for engineering, construction and purchasing of materials needed for the said project and 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. 319-26

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT AMENDMENT 5 FOR TIME & MATERIALS FOR STATE SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT 2025/2026

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, because of the severity of the winter during 2025/2026, Hamilton County requests that the Municipal Snow & Ice Agreement (Contract No. D014765) estimated expenditure be revised, and

WHEREAS, all the terms and conditions of the original contract extension remain in effect except as follows:

ADDITIONAL S&I OPERATIONS
Original 25/26 Estimated Expenditure $ 1,291,197.52

Final Snow & Ice Voucher	$ 1,375,257.88
Adjustment	$ 84,060.36

TOTAL CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS

Final Snow & Ice Voucher	$ 1,375,257.88
Amount Paid for 25/26 Season	$ 603,232.85
Contract Adjustment	$ 772,025.03

and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been executed by the State, acting by and through the duly authorized representative of the Commissioner of Transportation and the Municipality, which has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer on the date and year first written in the original contract extension, and

WHEREAS, the County Budget for 2026 needs to be amended to reflect this contract adjustment, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a Supplemental Agreement No. 5 to the State Snow & Ice Agreement (Contract No. D014765), in a form approved by the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget amendment:

Revenue:
D2302.00 – Snow Removal Services, Other Govts +$75,257.88

Expenditure:
D5144.0401 – State Snow, Equipment Rental +$75,257.88

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board, and Highway 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. 320-26

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SABRE ARMORED CARBIDE SNOWPLOW PRODUCTS AS SOLE SOURCE

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Department of Public Works provides snow removal and ice control on County roads and, under agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation, on those designated State highways within the County, and

WHEREAS, the snow and ice removal identified above is accomplished by the use of County plow trucks that are equipped with front and wing plow blades, and

WHEREAS, the County plow trucks utilize a SABRE Armored Carbide cutting edge is necessary for the wing of plow trucks that run County Road routes due to shoulder width and conditions on the County Road system, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has determined that the SABRE Armored Carbide cutting edge provides benefits not available from other cutting-edge products, including non-armored carbide plows, and that no other product would meet the County's needs for wing plow operations on County roads, and

WHEREAS, Chemung Supply Corporation and its division Evolution Edges of Elmira, New York hold U.S. Patent No. 10,138,607 on the SABRE Armored Carbide Snowplow product line and have certified by letter that they are the sole source provider for the SABRE line of products, and

WHEREAS, because there is no possibility of competition as the SABRE Armored Carbide cutting edge system is available only from Chemung Supply Corporation and the cost of this product is expected to exceed the County's competitive bidding threshold of $20,000 for purchase contracts, the Superintendent of Public Works has documented this determination in writing as required by the County's procurement policy, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors hereby determines that Chemung Supply Corporation is the sole source for SABRE Armored Carbide snowplow products and authorizes the Superintendent of Public Works to purchase this product from Chemung Supply Corporation as a sole source through December 31, 2027, and that the Superintendent's written determination and the vendor's sole source letter be filed with the Clerk of the Board, and the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board and Superintendent of Public Works 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. 321-26

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF REACT LIVE-EDGE PLOW BLADE SYSTEM AS SOLE SOURCE

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Department of Public Works provides snow removal and ice control on County roads and, under agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation, on those designated State highways within the County, and

WHEREAS, the snow and ice removal identified above is accomplished by the use of County plow trucks that are equipped with front and wing plow blades, and

WHEREAS, the County plow trucks utilize a REACT live-edge plow blade system which is used on both the front and the wing blades of those plow trucks that run State highway routes, and on the front blade of those plow trucks that run County Road routes, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has determined that the REACT live-edge plow blade system provides snow and ice removal benefits not available from other similarly situated plow products, including rigid non-segmented blades, and that no product other than the REACT live-edge plow blade system would be sufficient to meet the County's snow and ice removal needs, and

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 29, 2026, Northern Supply, Inc. of Bloomfield, New York, a New York State based manufacturer, certifies that it is the sole designer, manufacturer and seller of the REACT live-edge plow blade system and all of its accessories, and

WHEREAS, because there is no possibility of competition as the REACT live-edge plow blade system is available only from Northern Supply, Inc. and the cost of this product is expected to exceed the County's competitive bidding threshold of $20,000 for purchase contracts, the Superintendent of Public Works has documented this determination in writing as required by the County's procurement policy, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors hereby determines that Northern Supply, Inc. is the sole source for the REACT live-edge plow blade system and its accessories and authorizes the Superintendent of Public Works to purchase this product from Northern Supply, Inc. as a sole source through December 31, 2027, and that the Superintendent's written determination and the vendor's sole source letter be filed with the Clerk of the Board, and the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board and Superintendent of Public Works 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. 322-26

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE IAMRESPONDING SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAMMING FOR THE PROVISION OF REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY AND FIRST RESPONDER DISPATCH AND RESPONSE COORDINATION SERVICES – SI23-1055-E00

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Grant (SI23-1055-E00) in the amount of $561,551.00 for the provision of regional law enforcement, emergency and first responder dispatch and response coordination services, and

WHEREAS, IamResponding provides law enforcement, emergency and first responder dispatch and response coordination services through an immediate, reliable, automated and 100% web-based software-as-a-service solution through which emergency responders inform the department and/or response team with whom they are affiliated, other members of that department/team, regional response coordinators, and dispatchers that they are responding to an emergency event. By utilizing IamResponding, emergency departments, agencies, and teams know within seconds whether a full crew is enroute, or whether a second dispatch needs to be issued for additional personnel. The use of IamResponding for dispatch and response coordination results in a significant time savings when compared to traditional "call in" dispatch processes and protocols, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and all emergency service providers operating within Hamilton County have been utilizing the IamResponding program since 2021, and same has been fully integrated into the Tyler Systems Call on Demand (CAD) program utilized by Hamilton County and same has worked without issue or interruption to date; and has been offered to any Hamilton County emergency agency that is dispatched by the Hamilton County PSAP Center since 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is desirous of continuing to use the IamResponding program for the provision of regional law enforcement, emergency and first responder dispatch and response coordination services, and IamResponding has likewise offered to renew the provision of its emergency dispatch and response programming services to the County under a three (3) year subscription contract for a total aggregate cost of $25,323.00 and with each year costing $8,441.00, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff has determined that the IamResponding program provides emergency service providers with immediate and reliable dispatch and response information not available from other similarly situated programming, is the most comprehensive end-to-end emergency response system for first responders that this system has worked reliably for Hamilton County since 2021, is already fully integrated with the County's emergency response software and that no product other than the IamResponding program would be sufficient to meet the County's emergency service dispatch and response needs, and

WHEREAS, by subscription agreement dated September 1, 2026, IamResponding of Syracuse, New York, a New York State based service provider, certifies that it is the sole designer, seller, operator and programmer of the IamResponding emergency dispatch and response system and all of its integrated programming, and

WHEREAS, because there is no possibility of competition as the IamResponding integrated software and programming is available only from IamResponding and the aggregate cost of the three (3) year subscription contract for this program is expected to exceed the County's competitive bidding threshold of $20,000 for purchase contracts, the Hamilton County Sheriff has documented this determination in writing as required by the County's procurement policy, and now be it

RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors hereby determines that IamResponding is the sole source for the IamResponding emergency dispatch and response system and all of its integrated programming and authorizes the Hamilton County Sheriff to enter into this three (3) year programming subscription for these services from IamResponding as a sole source through September 1, 2029, and that the Sheriff's written determination and the vendor's subscription agreement be filed with the Clerk of the Board, and the County Treasurer, and the Sheriff be so notified, be it now

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the subscription service agreement with IamResponding.com pending the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make an initial payment pursuant to the terms of this subscription agreement of $8,441.00 from Account No. A3645.0430 SI23-1055-E00 to IamResponding, PO Box 93, Dewitt, New York 13214.

Seconded by Mr. Snyder 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. Fernandez thanked Mr. Rhodes for keeping this moving, he is on top of it, they respond well to his questions. If he didn't keep an eye on what is going on it would just fall apart. The Chairman agreed.

RESOLUTION NO. 323-26

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR ROZELL INVOICE FOR MOREHOUSE AND SPY LAKE TOWER SITE – STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT ST18-1005-D04

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 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, Resolution No 90-26 awarded the construction of the communication towers in the Town of Arietta and Morehouse to Rozell Industries, Inc. of Queensbury, New York, in the amount of $1,804,253.00, and

WHEREAS, the County has received Application and Certificate for Payment Number 6 from Rozell Industries, Inc. in the amount of $391,186.25 for the work that has been completed on the Morehouse Tower Site from August 16, 2026 to September 12, 2026 which is requiring payment, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the Rozell Industries, Inc., 129 Park Road, Queensbury, New York 12804, $391,186.25 from Account No. A3645.0428 – ST18-1005-D00.

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, Mr. Fernandez stated that he has not had a chance to speak with them, he is not sure why they don't have that properly funded. The Clerk of the Board stated that they are addressing it in their 2027 budget request.

RESOLUTION NO. 324-26

2026 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – CHHA ON-CALL/OVERTIME

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, CHHA nurses are required to cover on-call over weekends, holidays, and evenings, and

WHEREAS, the CHHA On-Call/Overtime payroll line needs to be increased to cover additional hours worked, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to transfer $7,500.00 (Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A4010.110 CHHA On-Call/Overtime.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 325-26

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – WEIGHTS & MEASURES

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Director of Weights & Measures is in need of a computer and supplies which were not budgeted for in the 2026 budget, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer $2,500.00 from Account No. A1990.0401 Contingent to Account No. A6610.0402 W&M, Misc.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 326-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, INC. FOR 2026-2027

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the County agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. for the supply of electricity to fifteen (15) County electric accounts expires on or about November 6, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. has given a proposal to the County to enter into a fixed price agreement for a period of twelve (12) months beginning on or about November 6, 2026, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. for a fixed price not to exceed $0.11722 per kWh ($117.22 per MWh) for a period of twelve (12) months beginning on or about November 6, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute said contract and any related documents, subject to review and approval by 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. 327-26

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to $150,898.65 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to $151,011.64 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. 328-26

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

DATED: OCTOBER 1, 2026

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of $350,966.14 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	$41,546.92
Public Works (Solid Waste)……	46,107.89
Finance Committee .....…….……	78,835.91
Health Committee.....…..……	20,996.13
Human Services Committee.....	75,650.82
Central Government Committee .....……	19,732.26
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	67,121.39
Internal Management Committee .....…….	974.82

be it further

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

Elbow Creek Bridge…….	$ 7,615.42

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

OTHER REPORTS:

Mr. Wells: Reported he received a phone call from a gentleman from a solar company asking what they will be doing since their moratorium runs out in November. The Chairman stated that the battery storage moratorium they did for Long Lake and Raquette Lake ran out, the constituents wanted them to extend it. He explained that you can't extend the same moratorium for the same project. Mr. Wells stated that if you only did 6 months you can extend it to one year. The Chairman stated that they did theirs for one year. The Chairman further explained that they put in place a very stringent permitting process.

County Attorney: A couple of months ago we did a resolution joining other counties in calling for the delay in the implementation of the reduced SNAP benefits. That has not been heard and effective today the amount of federal aid to states and local municipalities relative to their contribution percent has been reduced. The County Attorney further reported that earlier this month the Governor signed into law an amendment to Labor Law 210-b, which permits, effect Nov. 8, 2026, employees of municipalities to request and receive, twice a year, a copy of their personnel file. The County Personnel Officer is aware of this. They are reviewing the law for whether a conflict exists with the County's Handbook.

The Chairman thanked everyone for the good discussion on Short Term Registry progress and Occupancy Tax. There is still a lot to unpack, but with open discussions like last week it will allow us to continue making well thought out decisions for the County and our communities. Our County Highway Superintendent brought a number of items to our attention last week; salt prices are high, potential expensive projects like transfer station doors, and generators that we will need to be making decisions on sooner than later. Mark Crawford was in to discuss our health insurance. We thought, as a board, that it would be a good idea to try the contingent premium plan, which will bill us at 90% of the renewal premium and would also provide us with a full comprehensive list of claims reporting. It will give us the data we need to make good decisions moving forward. The negative side is that depending on how we score throughout the year, we could end up paying 5% over what we would have paid initially. This board felt with the potential savings and the idea of receiving important data it would be good to try this plan. It doesn't change the benefits.

The Chairman further reported that on Sept. 15th & 18th the County Supervisors along with the Highway Superintendent and Deputy did two county-wide tours of the county infrastructure. We have around 300 miles of county roads to maintain and over 60 bridges. We visited every town in Hamilton County looking at our roads, bridges, culverts, highway garages, transfer stations and more. One of the things that these tours reinforce for him is just how fortunate we are to have such a talented and capable highway department. The fact that our crews have the knowledge, expertise, and ability to build and complete many of our road and bridge projects in-house is a tremendous asset to Hamilton County. This represents a significant savings to our taxpayers. He thanked the employees for all that they do. Mr. Wells thanked Mr. Tomlinson for supplying lunch.

The Chairman congratulated the Town of Indian Lake for opening four multi-use trails and for a very successful Moose Fest. A special congratulations to his good friend and colleague Mr. Wells whose leadership and commitment to his community helped to make this project a reality. Mr. Wells has always understood how important outdoor recreation is to our communities and for the future of the Adirondacks. These new trails have opportunities for mountain biking, hiking, walking, and more right in downtown Indian Lake. Congratulations to Mr. Wells and everyone else involved.

The Chairman stated that over the next few weeks we will start meeting with our department heads to review their budget requests and start putting together our 2027 budget. Our goal is always to develop a budget that allows county operations and services to continue in a responsible and sustainable way and always be mindful of the impact on our taxpayers. He thanked the Board, Department Heads, and staff in advance for the time and effort that we will be putting into this.

Mr. Eldridge stated he attended NYSAC on Monday. The Transportation Committee passed a few resolutions, like trying to get the public bid statute changed from the archaic numbers that it is. He learned that per finance law the state gets to not go to bid until $150,000. While he was there Hamilton County received an award for the 3+1 investments. He congratulated the County Treasurer. Mr. Eldridge further stated that he would like permission to bid for one ejector trailer. If he bids it now, he probably won't get it until the spring. Mr. Eldridge reported that regarding the first-floor renovations, there was no asbestos. We do have some lead in some paint and some PCB in some caulking. The engineering firm is working with the contractor to make sure they are following OSHA, no remediation needed.

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