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NOVEMBER 7, 2024

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

**MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**BY**

WHEREAS, it appears from the reports of the County Clerk and the County Treasurer for the period April 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024, that there remains for distribution of moneys received by taxation on Mortgages pursuant to the provision of Article Eleven, Section 261 of the Tax Law, the sum of \$100,480.33, for the distribution among the Towns and Village of the County of Hamilton, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton that the sum of \$100,480.33 be and the same hereby is apportioned as follows:

Arietta	\$ 8,604.50
Benson	\$ 3,521.50
Hope	\$ 6,270.50
Indian Lake	\$16,400.50
Inlet	\$24,623.33
Lake Pleasant	\$15,142.68
Long Lake	\$17,301.00
Morehouse	\$ 675.00
Wells	\$ 5,057.00
Village of Speculator	\$ 2,884.32

and be it further

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

Seconded by

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**AUTHORIZING HAMILTON COUNTY TO JOIN INSULIN LITIGATION, GENERICS LITIGATION, AND PFAS LITIGATION**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**BY**

WHEREAS, the law firm of Napoli Shkolnik PLLC has made Hamilton County aware of additional litigation beyond the pending Opioid litigation, and

WHEREAS, these litigation matters pertain to insulin, generics, and PFAS, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County participating in these litigation matters was discussed in Committee, be it

RESOLVED, Hamilton County is authorized to participate in litigation regarding insulin, generics and PFAS, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, with the County Attorney's approval, is authorized to sign any necessary documents to join said litigation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, upon approval by the County Attorney, to execute any necessary litigation settlement agreements as recommended by Hamilton County litigation counsel, with the understanding that the Board of Supervisors be advised of any settlement agreement plan approval by the Chairman and County Attorney no later than the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Seconded by

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER VOLUNTARY LIFE AND AD&D INSURANCE FOR  
EMPLOYEES**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**BY**

WHEREAS, the Internal Management Committee has received and reviewed an employee funded Voluntary Life and AD&D Insurance policy from Burnham Financial Services through Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York, and

WHEREAS, the plan requires a minimum participation of 25%, and more than 25% of employees have expressed interest in obtaining Voluntary Life & AD&D Insurance, be it

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County will enroll with Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York effective January 1, 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign the agreement with Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Hamilton County Personnel Officer to start meeting with employees to enroll them in a self-pay plan paid through payroll deduction, and the County Treasurer and Personnel Officer be so notified.

Seconded by

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**FUNDING NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (DCJS)  
STATE'S LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY (LETECH) GRANT**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**BY**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a NYS DCJS grant for State's Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) in the amount of \$25,000.00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to create and fund Account No. A3110.0419 – DCJS LETECH at \$25,000.00 to be totally offset by creating a funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0100 – DCJS LETECH at \$25,000.00 and the Sheriff be so notified.

Seconded by

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER BALANCES FROM COMPLETED 2024  
PERMANENT PROJECT ACCOUNTS**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**BY**

WHEREAS, County Road Project Account No. D5112.2540 Big Brook Road and County Road Project Account No. D5112.2544 CR6A W. Stony Creek Road are completed for 2024, and

WHEREAS, these projects will have a balance remaining and that balance can be utilized for other County Road Projects, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends the following transfers be made:

FROM: Account D5112.2540 CR4 Big Brook Road	\$45,468.31
Account D5112.2544 CR6A W. Stony Creek Road	\$17,721.98
TO: Account D5112.202 Capital Projects	\$63,190.29

be it

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

Seconded by

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS FOR COMPLETED 2024 PERMANENT PROJECT  
ACCOUNTS**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**BY**

WHEREAS, the following two (2) Capital Road Projects are completed and over-expended:

D5112.2542 CR8 Griffin Road 2024	\$(72,968.15)
D5112.2543 CR21 Maple Grove Road 2024	\$(16,626.01)

and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends that funds be transferred from D5112.0202 Capital Projects (CHIP's) to cover said overages, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be so authorized to complete the transfers stated hereon:

FROM: Account D5112.202 Capital Projects	\$89,594.16
TO: Account D5112.2542 CR8 Griffin Road 2024	\$ 72,968.15
Account D5112.2543 CR21 Maple Grove Road 2024	\$ 16,626.01

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

Seconded by

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**BY**

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$102,753.35 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$609,800.17 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



**RESOLUTION NO.**

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

**DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**BY**

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$281,503.11 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$ 31,509.42
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	39,230.34
Finance Committee .....	103,463.15
Health Committee.....	12,839.33
Human Services Committee.....	13,802.05
Central Government Committee .....	26,210.14
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	53,830.57
Internal Management Committee .....	618.11

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge.....	\$1,059.41
Elbow Creek Bridge.....	\$6,196.44

are hereby approved.

Seconded by

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

Your Committee on the tentative budget of the fiscal year 2025 as filed by the Budget Officer with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, respectfully reports that in its opinion the amounts in the columns headed "Recommended Appropriations" will be necessary to meet the expenditures of the County for the ensuing year.

1. Contributions required by the law be made by tax upon this County for State Employees' Retirement Contributions and Conservation Fire Claims.
2. Salaries of Officers and Employees heretofore authorized by this Board and the amounts necessary to pay for the equipment, supplies and materials and other expenses for each department.
3. Amount necessary to carry out the contract with the State of New York for Snow Removal on State Highways.
4. County Indebtedness maturing and interest payable as shown by the Budget Officer.
5. Appropriations for Public Relief and care and administration expenses.
6. Appropriations for the County Road Fund, Snow Removal on County Road and County Machinery Fund.
7. Appropriations for the Contingent Fund.
8. Appropriations for reserve for uncollected taxes and assessments, tax refunds and tax sales.
9. Appropriations for other specific purposes as stated in the tentative budget by the Budget Officer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Clay Arsenault, Chris Rhodes,  
Phillip C. Snyder, Beth Hunt

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**ACCEPTING REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**BY**

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Finance Committee is accepted as on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Seconded by

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR PRINTING OF AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
TENTATIVE BUDGET**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**BY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to have the 2025 tentative budget printed or reproduced and to be available November 13, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized to advertise a public hearing on the Tentative Budget to be held November 22, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. at the Court House, Lake Pleasant, New York, and the Clerk of the Board shall have notice of hearing published in the Hamilton County Express on November 13 and November 20, 2024.

Seconded by

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2024 A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR 2025 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY HAMILTON COUNTY OF A BUDGET FOR 2025 THAT WILL REQUIRE A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR**

**DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**BY**

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2024 titled “A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR 2025 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY HAMILTON COUNTY OF A BUDGET FOR 2025 THAT WILL REQUIRE A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR” attached hereto and made a part hereof, be, and the same hereby is introduced before the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and in order to give interested members of the public the opportunity to be heard thereon, the Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing at the Supervisors’ Rooms in the Hamilton County Municipal Building on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2024, at 11:15 a.m., on the matter of the adoption of said proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2024, entitled “A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR 2025 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY HAMILTON COUNTY OF A BUDGET FOR 2025 THAT WILL REQUIRE A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR”, and it be further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and she hereby is authorized and directed to give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided by law.

Seconded by

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2024  
State of New York  
County of Hamilton

A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR  
2025 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A HAMILTON COUNTY THAT WILL  
REQUIRE A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE  
2025 FISCAL YEAR

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton as follows:

- Section 1. Title: This Local Law shall be known as “Hamilton County Responsible Budgeting Law of 2024”.
- Section 2. Declaration of intent: The intention of this local law is to comply with the requirements of General Municipal Law Section 3-c (5) prior to adopting the 2025 Hamilton County Budget. The combined impact of persistent inflation, workforce and supply shortages have necessitated this increase. Notwithstanding current economic and fiscal conditions, the County will need to provide services in 2025, in addition to those mandated by the State, which are important to our citizens. After serious and sustained efforts to minimize the amount of the tax levy, it is clear that a responsible 2025 Hamilton County Budget will require a tax levy that will be greater than the tax levy limit calculated pursuant to applicable State Law.
- Section 3. Authorization: This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Board of Supervisors. This local law hereby authorizes adoption of a 2025 fiscal year budget for Hamilton County that requires a tax levy increase that is greater than the calculated tax levy limit.
- Section 4. Severability: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this local law is for any reason declared unconstitutional, or invalid or in whole or in part by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such unconstitutionality or invalidation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this law which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section 5. Effective Date: This local law shall take effect upon the date on which a certified copy of this local law is filed in the office of the Secretary of State pursuant to section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.