

**2025**

**SECOND SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

The Board convened at 10:30 A.M. in the Supervisors' Chambers at the Court House, Lake Pleasant, New York, with the Chairman, Clay J. Arsenault presiding. Mr. Arsenault led the members of the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and an opening prayer.

The Clerk, Mrs. Laura Abrams, called the roll with the following Supervisors answering:

Arietta	Chris D. Rhodes
Benson	Phillip C. Snyder
Hope	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake	Brian E. Wells
Inlet	ABSENT
Lake Pleasant	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	Anthony Fernandez
Wells	Beth Hunt

Also present: County Attorney and Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer

A Bid Opening was previously held on January 25, 2025 at 2:15PM in the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors' Conference Room in the Town of Lake Pleasant, NY for Sheriff Bid Spec. No. 1 of 2025 – One New & Unused UTV and Sheriff Bid Spec. No. 2 of 2025 – Two New & Unused Snowmobiles.

Present at the bid openings were the Chairman, Laura Abrams-Clerk of the Board, Sheriff Abrams, Carrie O'Neill-Sheriff Confidential Secretary, Timothy O'Neill-Emergency Services Manager and Undersheriff Ronald Johnston.

Laura Abrams, the Clerk of the Board, opened the following bids:

Bid Spec No. 1-2025 – One New & Unused UTV

1. Powerhouse Motorsports  
2493 State Highway 30  
Mayfield, NY 12117  
\$41,860.38
2. Chaves Brothers Management, LLC  
300 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street #17  
Boca Raton, FL 33432  
\$38,439.93
3. Logistics365, Inc.

84640 US Hwy 81  
Norfolk, NE 68701

\$42,864.00

Bid Spec No. 2-2025 – Two New & Unused Snowmobiles

1. Smith Marine  
2840 State Route 28  
Old Forge, NY 13420  
2 Snowmobiles \$21,991.38
2. Alpin Haus Ski Shop  
4850 State Highway 30  
Amsterdam, NY 12010  
2 Snowmobiles \$25,637.99
3. Logistics365, Inc.  
84640 US Hwy 81  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
2 Snowmobiles \$24,318.00
4. Village Motorsports, Inc.  
2886 State Route 8  
Speculator, NY 12164  
2 Snowmobiles \$23,495.00

Public Comment: No one present

County Attorney: No Report

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that he had several meetings with Attorney Jacqueline Murray, Hamilton County contracted APA attorney, County team, C&S, Capital Digitronics and Eastern Communications to discuss and formulate a solid response to the 3<sup>rd</sup> APA NIPA (Notice of Incomplete Permit Application) for Spy Lake and Hope. Capital Digitronics and C&S are finalizing the explanations of the alternate tower coverage and small cell feasibility. Attorney Murray is putting everything together and addressing all the latest requests. He has been in communication with Jerry Delaney, Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. He has helped with suggestions to put in their responses to the NIPAs. He had just spoken with him yesterday and he suggested that they have representation at the next Agency meeting. Mr. Rhodes further stated that he had discussed this with the Chairman earlier and it would be to speak during the public comment period asking them to streamline the process and discuss the issue with the amount of state land in the County, the limited locations that they have for towers and the huge amount of time and money they have spent on numerous requests made by the Agency. They have had many discussions with their team regarding the NIPA reply and they are getting very close to submitting the response. Mr. Rhodes asked the Chairman if he was willing to attend or had someone else willing to because he couldn't go that day. The Chairman stated that he should be able to go.

Mr. Rhodes stated that he had the timing of the site builds. They are waiting for APA in Hope. If they don't hear back from them by middle or late this month, they will have to start working on the local law to override just the Morehouse lease. He would like to go to bid for all the towers at once to try to save money, but they might just have to work the Morehouse one on its own for right now. Inlet is moving along. They are fighting weather and poor communications with each other, which Timothy O'Neill, Emergency Services Manager, has been very helpful. That project is finally nearing the end. Should be able to finish up in the spring. Blue Mountain is at a standstill until NYSEG gets them the structural survey that they are requesting and the weather breaks. Mr. O'Neill has been working with the DEC to get on Gore Mountain and it's at the beginning stages. Mr. Rhodes stated that they had the monthly meeting with DANC for the fiber build between Lake Pleasant, Arietta and Morehouse. The environmental assessment is 100% complete. Four out of five requests from Frontier and three out of four requests from National Grid are in. NYSDOT permitting will commence once everything is in place. They had a meeting with Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, Sheriff Abrams, Ms. O'Neill, Deputy Loomis and Mr. O'Neill to discuss the tower road builds and proper procurement of the materials and the equipment rental for each site. They discussed the schedule and the logistics of that. He met with Dave Wolf, DANC Director of Telecommunications, to discuss consolidating the County fiber backups for the tower sites. They have one in place now and they will be adding three more. Trying to consolidate and create an ultimate savings for the county.

Mr. Rhodes stated that he wanted to touch base on the email that Barry Baker, Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer, had sent out regarding short-term rental (STR). They need to push that ahead so they can try to get some of this money. He is in favor of doing the occupancy tax at the same time. They will need a sponsor and Legislators are in session. He discussed with Mr. Baker and they will have to decide on a rate. At 3%, 1% would stay in the County and the 2% would be dispersed back to the towns. Mr. Baker has some numbers and basically it will cover all their groups and generate quite a bit just in STRs. Mr. Baker stated that he is getting more numbers from Christy Wilt, Economic/Tourism Director, for hotels so they can see what the occupancy tax would be for that. They have over 300 units in the County that they know right now. They have currently 630 spots advertised and some people are on dual platforms. Based on those numbers it would be about a \$3Million in sales tax revenue. \$240,000 to the County that we are not collecting now in sales tax and \$90,000 at a 3% rate for bed tax just on STR. Mr. Rhodes stated that it would help pay for ROOST. It would help put money back in the towns. Obviously, some towns aren't going to be generating that much but it would help with their EMS, Fire, garbage collection and inspectors. Mr. Baker stated that there are 3 counties currently that don't have one or have one on the books that's ready to go in effect in 2025. Mr. Rhodes stated that his opinion is that they are leaving a lot of money on the table. The Chairman stated that they had planned on going through with the STR registry. He would be more comfortable if the rest of the Supervisors would reach out to their businesses and see how they feel about it. He knows the last time they talked about this nobody had, except for him. He had reached out to all his businesses. They have a lot of hotels and motels in Long Lake. They were all adamantly opposed to this. He thinks that it would be good research for the Supervisors to do. Ms. Hunt stated that when he is talking to those businesses do they understand that they are paying sales tax already? That these other platforms or individuals aren't, and it really levels the playing field for them. The Chairman stated that he understood but they are talking about two different things. Sales tax is going to be taken care of through the STR and the registry. The bed tax is what he is talking about. Ms. Hunt stated that if

you go anywhere, you are paying for it. Ms. Bain added that the customer is paying the bed tax, it's not the business owner. Ms. Hunt stated that it's just another financial burden for them to keep track of. The Chairman stated that was what it is. His businesses have asked if the County is in a deficit because they are discussing adding it. Mr. Rhodes stated that it would help offset some of the taxes to other property owners. The Chairman stated that there are always two sides to the argument, and he understands where the Board is coming from. The Chairman stated that the Board knows where he stands. He is only one vote. If that is how the Board wants to proceed, they will proceed like that and they will go from there. Mr. Rhodes asked if the Board could take a vote and decide on whether they move forward with occupancy tax. The Chairman confirmed they were going to do the registry. Ms. Hunt stated that the County must be sponsored so she doesn't think they can wait too long. Mr. Rhodes stated that was why he was pushing that ahead. The Chairman also asked if they should wait until the Supervisors have discussed this with their business owners. Mr. Wells wanted to know if they could wait. Mr. Tomlinson asked if they could have a committee meeting to discuss. Mr. Rhodes asked how long the Legislators were in session. Ms. Hunt stated it was June. They further discussed. Ms. Hunt stated that she had brought it up at her Board meeting and they were for it. They don't have motels and hotels in Wells. The Chairman asked how the County would structure it for those that don't have hotels and motels. Would they not get a percentage? Ms. Hunt stated that for Wells it would only be Airbnbs. We are getting nothing now. Mr. Rhodes stated that all the towns would benefit because they all have STRs. The Chairman confirmed that Mr. Rhodes would like to request a committee meeting to discuss. Ms. Bain confirmed that they would be discussing both the registry and bed tax. A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled for the next Committee Day.

Mr. Snyder: Stated that the Central Government Committee met with the District Attorney, and she is supposed to be sending them a resolution for a full-time District Attorney.

Ms. Hunt: Stated that there are two resolutions on the agenda for the Finance Committee. The first one is to increase the pay for Samantha Lund in the Treasurer's Office to the top of the range in her step. She has taken on a lot more since the absence of an employee. Ms. Hunt asked if a 10-day letter had been submitted for a new employee in the Treasurer's Office. The Clerk of Board stated that it was the first resolution on the second agenda because they had to correct the title. Ms. Hunt stated that the resolution was to change the position from a Payroll Clerk back to an Account Clerk. It is funded through the Payroll Clerk. The Treasurer has interviewed several people and made a choice. That is also in the resolution. She is looking for the Board's support.

Ms. Hunt stated that they would be discussing STR more on Committee Day.

Ms. Hunt stated that Christy Wilt, Economic/Tourism Director, had given her some information regard what she has been working on. She is working with ROOST on redesigning the waterfalls, fire towers and birding festival patches along with challenge brochures. She is assisting a business in Indian Lake that is wishing to expand. They are looking to go with the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board for some financing so she is helping with that application. Ms. Wilt is also helping a buyer that is looking to purchase Lapland Lake in Benson. The person interested is also looking at expanding. Ms. Hunt stated that they are getting new websites for the tourism offices. The order that they will be coming out is Inlet, Indian Lake and Speculator. Ms. Wilt is helping through the IDA assisting The Woods Inn. It has been foreclosed on but there is a

sale going on. She sent out her Assistant to take pictures, one was of the Town of Arietta's groomer on Pawley Road so they can get some videos and put it out on social media to promote snowmobile trails. Ms. Wilt had suggested KC Morrison be the new Hamilton County TPA through ROOST. Ms. Hunt stated that Mr. Morrison is very active. He has a business here in town and she thought it would be a good appointment.

Ms. Hunt stated that the Mayor of Speculator is looking into getting some funding through a infrastructure grant that must go through the County. It requires a letter of intent from the Chairman of the Board, so she has been in contact with Ms. Wilt and herself. They have now asked the Mayor of Speculator to give them more information. The first step is the letter of intent. They are looking for some solid numbers from her. The Chairman stated that before his signature goes on the letter of intent, he will need the approval of the Board. The Clerk of the Board asked if the Mayor of Speculator should come in on Committee Day to discuss. Ms. Hunt stated that there is a \$250 application fee that she thought the County was going to have to pay. The Chairman asked if that was the only fee that the County was responsible for. Ms. Hunt stated that she nor Ms. Wilt had a lot of information. The Chairman stated that the County needed more information. Ms. Hunt stated that they were working on it and would set it up for February.

Ms. Hunt stated that Ms. Wilt did a printing project for Soil and Water for the septic grant. Soil and Water has been getting a lot phone calls.

Mr. Wells: Stated that Internal Management had met on Committee Day and had discussed purchasing computers. He will be following up with Personnel on this. There were employee evaluations as well. On February 4<sup>th</sup> Personnel was involved with a committee meeting with Human Services and he thinks some good things came out of that. Personnel will be reviewing how they advertise positions for Hamilton County. He stated that they did have a process on hiring and input from Personnel, budget and committees and committee chairs. They have put that in place, it just needs to be followed a little better. He thinks it will open lines of communication. He also stated that there was a resolution on the agenda for the Ethics appointments and asked for the Board's support.

Ms. Bain: Stated that Social Services is doing a program for kindness month. They would like to reach out to the elderly. Roberta Bly, DSS Commissioner, is looking for towns to share their vulnerable list. If towns are not willing to share the list, then would they send her names so that they can make a visit. It will be Honor Society students from the schools doing these visits and they will also be giving them a care package at the same time. She was hoping that the Board would support the new hire and salary for the Deputy Director of Community Services. Mr. Rhodes asked when they were going to start going around to visit people. Ms. Bain stated that she wasn't given an actual date but didn't think it was going to be long. It's for the month of February. The Chairman confirmed that Ms. Bly was going to reach out to each Town Supervisor. Both Ms. Hunt and Mr. Rhodes were contacted a month prior. Mr. Tomlinson confirmed that the Fire Chiefs would have the vulnerable list. They further discussed their vulnerable lists.

Mr. Fernandez: Stated there are two resolutions for the Health Committee. One for an agreement with an accounting firm to help with Public Health billing and the second is an authorization to strike the uncollectable. It's patient billing that either went out late or incorrectly that the County

won't be able to recoup. He stated that there was a problem with the hiring process for the Deputy Director. The Director put too many requirements in the ad and once they went through the 6 interviews, they found that none were qualified. They are reposting the ad and starting again.

Mr. Tomlinson: Stated that he had some updates from the Public Works Committee meeting. He would like Board support for some resolutions on the agenda. They include road widener, dump box and some other discussed items. There is also a resolution for the Coon Creek Bridge rehab project. This is in the Town of Wells and the bridge has been closed for more than 30 years. The Superintendent would like to rehabilitate the historic trusses and the abutments. He will be installing new floor beams, strings and deck. This will allow the County to reopen Coon Creek Bridge and open the town road, Old Route 8B, in Wells for thru traffic. Having this bridge will benefit the community for Lake Pleasant and Wells and for a lot of people. The Highway crew lost an employee. He was the CDL trainer but they are working on getting that position replaced. The bid opening for the Bridge NY Big Brook Bridge project will be March 6<sup>th</sup>. This is \$2.3Million project with a 5% cost to the County.

Mr. Tomlinson stated for Buildings, they discussed the cold storage bid and that will be opened on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, met with consultants regarding Board Chambers and Treasurer's Office renovations. He also thought there was another firm coming in this week to discuss this as well.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that the Solid Waste Management Plan should be ready for revision soon as well as Board review. There is also a resolution for a roll off trailer replacement.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that the GPS units will be coming soon for the fleet. They will be providing department training and safety for those fleet vehicles. There is also a resolution on the agenda for the Sheriff's Tahoe.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that he attended the Inter County meeting in Lowville. He thought it was very informative. He used to attend some of those meetings with the previous Chairman, but he has missed quite a few. They are very good meetings. They discussed ATV and UTV use. EMS communications and problems throughout the counties that they are working on. He looks forward to attending those meetings going forward.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that Mr. Eldridge received the Don Higgins Award from the NYS County Highway's Association. It is a very prestigious award. The Don Higgins Award is given to a regular member who has dedicated their energies to forwarding the work of the Association and profession, someone who serves as a role model and resource. The inaugural presentation of this award was presented January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The award went to Tracy Eldridge who has been a long standing and very active member of the NYSCHSA for more than 20 years. He is often the very first Superintendent that newly appointed Superintendents will go to. He is well known, extremely welcoming and gracious. His professionalism and kindness have been a staple in his time with Association serving as a past President and a Chair for several years. He is a very important committee member. Mr. Eldridge is always advocating and looking to promote the Association at all levels. He has been a critical part of their success in the last 20years. Mr. Tomlinson stated congratulations to Mr. Eldridge for winning the Don Higgins Award.

The Chairman stated that members at Inter County were happy to see Hamilton County there again. Ms. Hunt stated that the next meeting is in Fulton County, and she plans on attending. Mr. Rhodes asked what was discussed about ATV and UTVs. Mr. Tomlinson stated that there is a lot going on. It was in Lowville. Most of their roads and trails are open to UTVs so they want to allow them to ride on other roads. They are legislating with NYS to open them up. Collecting the registration and allowing UTVs to go on more roads. Mr. Wells asked if he was included on the Inter County meeting emails. Ms. Hunt could see him listed and the Clerk of the Board stated that she would reach out and confirm Mr. Wells is on the list.

Mr. Wells asked about the Solid Waste transport funding. He was wondering if they owed the County four years? The Clerk of the Board stated that it was 3 or 4 years. Mr. Wells stated that once the County gets that money where would it be applied? The Clerk of the Board stated that she would discuss this with the Treasurer and it would probably be a prior year revenue.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that if anyone wanted a ride to the next Inter County meeting to please let him know.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 54-25**

#### **2025 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – UNALLOCATED INSURANCE**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

WHEREAS, the 2025 budget for Account No. A1910.0401 Unallocated Insurance did not take into account the annual increase of the cost of insurance, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$25,000.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A1910.0401 Unallocated Insurance.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 55-25**

**2025 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – LCLGRPB**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

WHEREAS, the 2025 budget for Account No. A6326.0402 Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board did not take into account the increase request for the annual amount for services provided, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$183.00 from Account No. A1990.0401 Contingent to Account No. A6326.0402 Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 56-25**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 16-25 – APPOINTMENTS TO THE LAKE  
CHAMPLAIN LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 16-25 Appointments to the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board included the appointment of Clay Arsenault for a term of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Clay Arsenault was appointed Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors for a term of January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025, which makes him an Ex-Officio member of the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board, be it

RESOLVED, that Anthony Fernandez be hereby appointed to the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board for a term of January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025 to complete Clay Arsenault's term.

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



AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 57-25**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR 25-YEAR RETIREMENT PLAN FOR SHERIFFS,  
UNDERSHERIFFS, CORRECTION OFFICERS AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS WHOSE  
DUTIES INVOLVE AT LEAST 50% CRIMINAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 331-24 adopted November 7, 2024 authorized the pension benefit of Sections 89-p and 603(l) of the Retirement and Social Security Law, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has received the invoices from the Office of the New York State Comptroller for said benefit, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$81,500.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A9010.0801 Employee Benefits-State Retirement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check from Account No. A9010.0801 Employee Benefits-State Retirement to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System in the amount of \$81,500.00 for Invoice No. 7146 (\$21,000.00) and Invoice No. 7147 (\$60,500.00) and the Personnel Office and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 58-25**

**2024 - AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS,  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

WHEREAS, the 2024 Budget lacks sufficient funds to cover the 2024 expenditures for the Employee Benefits in the General Fund Unemployment Insurance Account No. A9050.0801 and County Road Fund Unemployment Insurance Account No. D.9050.0801, be it

RESOLVED, that \$3,103.23 be transferred from Account No. A1990.401 Contingent to Account No. A9050.0801 Employee Benefits Unemployment Insurance, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$5,876.00 be transferred from the Unappropriated County Road Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. D9050.0801 Employee Benefits Unemployment and the Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and the Personnel Officer be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 59-25**

**2024 - TRANSFER FUNDS TO COVER YEAR END BUDGET SHORTAGES**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

WHEREAS, the following budgets lines were found to have shortages at year-end, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has identified these shortages, be it

RESOLVED, that \$.41 be transferred from 2024 Account No. A.1990.401, Contingent, and credited to the following budget lines:

A1340.0101	Budget Officer Personal Services	\$.07
A1420.0102	Assistant County Attorney	\$.13
A6610.0101	Weights & Measures Director	\$.09
A7510.0101	Historian, Part-Time	\$.12

and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$19,426.54 be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to the following budget lines:

A1910.0401	Unallocated Insurance Cost	\$3,007.80
A9030.0801	Employee Benefits, Social Security	\$6,306.69
A9035.0801	Employee Benefits, Medicare	\$10,112.05

and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$1,169.10 be transferred from the Unappropriated County Road Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to the following budget line:

D9035.0801	Employee Benefits, Medicare	\$1,169.10
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and the Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and the Personnel Officer be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 60-25**

#### **AUTHORIZING PAY INCREASE IN TREASURER'S OFFICE**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has met with the Finance Committee to recommend an employee pay be increased to the top of the range for their respective grade and step, and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has justified, and the committee approved the increase for the Account Clerk/Computer Support Aide, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$1,131.00 from Account No. A1990.0401 Contingent to Account No. A1325.0104 Account Clerk/Computer Support Aide, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Personnel Officer is authorized to increase the Account Clerk/Computer Support Aide in the Treasurer's Office from \$22.778 per hour to \$23.405 per hour effective January 5th, 2025.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 61-25**

**2025 FUNDING ACCOUNTS FOR DISTRIBUTION 11 – PUBLIC DEFENDER'S  
OFFICE**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 98-23 authorized the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services contract for Distribution 11 Contract No. T110001 in the amount of \$25,896.00, and

WHEREAS, the budget for the grant contains \$20,000.00 for an Arraignment Stipend for the Assistant Public Defender and \$5,896.00 for mileage for said Arraignments, and

WHEREAS, funds have not been fully expended, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to fund Account No. A1170.0106 Arraignment Stipend at \$4,400.00 and Account No. A1170.0409 Arraignment Mileage at \$5,896.00 to be totally off set by funding Revenue Account No. A3025.0200 NYS OILS Distribution 11 at \$10,296.00.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 62-25**

**NTS DATA SERVICES - HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County entered into an agreement with NTS Data Services, LLC for the furnishing of software known as APEX, (Suite Voter Registration), PACETS, (Office, Petition and Candidate Maintenance), and IMS software (“NTS Software”) for five (5) years of printing and binding of poll books for the Primary and General Elections which expired on December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County entered into an agreement with NTS Data Services LLC, for support and maintenance services related to IMS Interface Messaging System, Virtual Data Base Administration and System Administration which expired December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, NTS Data Services, LLC has made a proposal for a new contract for the maintenance and support of Suite Voter Registration, IMS Interface Messaging System, Virtual Data Base Administration and System Administration and for the printing of poll books, including the printing and binding of poll books for the Primary and General Elections in the years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, including the Presidential Primary in 2028, for a total of twelve (12) elections at the contract price of One Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty- three dollars (\$128,836.00), and

WHEREAS, the majority of the associated cost is hereby determined to be a professional service, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to enter into contract with NTS Data Services, LLC, for said services for the years 2025 through the year 2029, including the Presidential Primaries in 2028 and at the total contract price of One Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-three, (\$128,836.00).

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 63-25**

**FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES GRANT – FY2021 EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CANINE TEAM GRANT –  
CP21-1031-E00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Grant for FY21 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant CP21-1031-E00 program in the amount of \$15,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds have not been entirely spent, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to fund Account No. A3645.0431 CP21-1031-E00 at \$13,985.37 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0135 CP21-1031-E00 at \$13,985.37 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 64-25**

**FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES GRANT – DT23-1002-E00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**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 DT23-1002-E00 in the amount of \$172,413.00, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to create and fund Account No. A3645.0433 – DT23-1002-E00 at \$172,413.00 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0114 – DT23-1002-E00 at \$172,413.00 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 65-25**

**AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A CONSULTANT FOR NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT – DT22-1014-E00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No 308-22 authorized and funded NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Grant – Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant – DT22-1014 E00 in the amount of \$172,413.00, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will be working to implement the domestic terrorism prevention plan within Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office funding will be used to hire a consultant to implement the Domestic Terrorism Plan that was submitted to NYS DHSES on December 28, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office would like to hire Lucretia L. Ferry, a consultant to meet the needs of the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant, be it

RESOLVED, that with the approval of the Hamilton County Attorney, the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Lucretia L. Ferry of Mayfield, New York to provide consulting for the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Lucretia L. Ferry will be paid a fee of \$75.00 per hour plus any travel and/or required training expenses from Account No. A3645.0405 – DT22-1014-E00, and the Treasurer and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 66-25**

**HAMILTON COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Fire Coordinator, has requested the appointment of a County Fire Advisory Board, and

WHEREAS, County Law Section 225-a provides the authority for the County Board of Supervisors to make such appointments, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Coordinator has worked through the Fire Chiefs from the various Fire Departments within Hamilton County to develop a list of representatives, as well as alternates in some instances, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors also has the authority to appoint a representative from those towns which are not serviced by a department, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be made for the term of January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025:

Benson	James Lewek
Blue Mountain Lake	Greg George, Alt-Ken Hinckley
Hope	Pete Robinson, Alt-Harry Downing
Indian Lake	Connor Burgess, Alt-Charles Bruso
Inlet	Dennis Hudson, Alt-Todd Marleau
Lake Pleasant	Bill Wharton, Alt-Chris Hayes
Long Lake	Martin Pierce
Morehouse	Joseph Rathbun, Alt-Lenny Croote
Piseco	Stephen Woehrle, Alt-Don Pinkerton
Raquette Lake	Michael Lamphear
Speculator	Matt O'Brien, Alt-Dylan Donecker
Wells	Vince Lauria, Alt-Dan Saltis

and be it also

RESOLVED, that a certified copy be forwarded to each Board member hereby appointed along with a copy to the Emergency Services Director and the Fire Coordinator.

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



AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 67-25**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND HAMILTON COUNTY – FLOOD  
MITIGATION EQUIPMENT**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has appropriated equipment for flood mitigation to be used in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, NYS DHSES require a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed before the flood mitigation equipment is released to Hamilton County Emergency Services, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between NYS DHSES and Hamilton County for the release of the flood mitigation equipment, and Emergency Services Manager be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 68-25**

**FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES GRANT – DT22-1014-E00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**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 DT22-1014-E00 in the amount of \$172,413.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds have not been entirely spent, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to fund Account No. A3645.0405 – DT22-1014-E00 at \$113,350.50 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0113 – DT22-1014-E00 at \$113,350.50 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 69-25**

**FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES GRANT – SH22-1035-D00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**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 SH22-1035-D00 in the amount of \$42,678.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds have not been entirely spent, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to fund Account No. A3645.0426 SH22-1035-D00 at \$26,978.00 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0130 – SH22-1035-D00 at \$26,978.00 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 70-25**

**FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES GRANT – SH23-1043-D00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**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 SH23-1043-D00 in the amount of \$42,678.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds have not been spent, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to fund Account No. A3645.0429 SH23-1043-E00 at \$42,678.00 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0133 – SH23-1043-E00 at \$42,678.00 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 71-25**

**FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES FOR 2024 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM/STATE LAW  
ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION (SHSP/SLETPP) GRANT – SH24-1027-  
D00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**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 SH24-1027-D00 in the amount of \$42,678.00, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to create and fund Account No. A3645.0432 SH24-1027-D00 at \$42,678.00 to be totally offset by creating and funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0136 – SH24-1027-D00 at \$42,678.00 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 72-25**

**FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES GRANT – SI19-1010-E00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**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 SI19-1010-E00 in the amount of \$540,451.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds have not been entirely spent, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to fund Account No. A3645.0422 SI19-1010-E00 at \$335,611.05 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0126 – SI19-1010-E00 at \$335,611.05 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 73-25**

**FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES GRANT – SI20-1028-E00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**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 SI20-1028-E00 in the amount of \$566,267.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds have not been entirely spent, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to fund Account No. A3645.0425 SI20-1028-E00 at \$250,158.43 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0129 – SI20-1028-E00 at \$250,158.43 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 74-25**

**FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES GRANT – SI21-1050-E00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**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 SI21-1050-E00 in the amount of \$1,126,497.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds have not been entirely spent, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to fund Account No. A3645.0427 SI21-1050-E00 at \$701,457.63 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0131 – SI21-1050-E00 at \$701,457.63 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 75-25**

**FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES GRANT – SI23-1055-E00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**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 SI23-1055-E00 in the amount of \$561,551.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds have not been entirely spent, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to fund Account No. A3645.0430 SI23-1055-E00 at \$495,490.73 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0134 – SI23-1055-E00 at \$495,490.73 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 76-25**

**FUNDING NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES GRANT – ST18-1005-D00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**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, the funds have not been entirely spent, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to fund Account No. A3645.0428 ST18-1005-D00 at \$5,575,359.13 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A3389.0132 – ST18-1005-D00 at \$5,575,359.13 and Sheriff be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 77-25**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING  
SERVICE AND MCCARTHY AND CONLON, LLP, CERTIFIED PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTANTS**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service is required to prepare Medicare and Medicaid cost reports annually, and

WHEREAS, the services of an accounting firm with experience in cost report preparation enhances the likelihood of an accurate document, and

WHEREAS, the need for consultation with an accountant occasionally arises in the Nursing Service, and

WHEREAS, McCarthy and Conlon, LLP have provided high quality services and guidance for the Nursing Service over the past several years, and

WHEREAS, the terms of the agreement are as follows:

Year ending December 31, 2024 - \$10,000

Year ending December 31, 2025 - \$10,000

Year ending December 31, 2026 - \$10,000

and

WHEREAS, a fee of \$150.00 per hour will be charged for any additional consultative time needed and approved prior to work being completed, for the duration of the contract, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign this agreement, upon approval of the County Attorney, on behalf of the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service with McCarthy and Conlon, LLP, for the purpose of rendering an opinion on the Medicare and Medicaid Cost Reports in accordance with State and Federal Regulations as well as provide recommendations to the Department and the County Treasurer be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 78-25**

**RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE HAMILTON FULTON MONTGOMERY  
PREVENTION COUNCIL TO PROVIDE A PREVENTION PROGRAM IN HAMILTON  
COUNTY**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Community Services Board (HCCSB), the HCCSB's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Subcommittee, and the Hamilton County Community Services Department has identified a need for chemical dependency related prevention programming in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (NYS OASAS) has approved The Hamilton Fulton Montgomery Prevention Council's (HFM Prevention Council), 86 Briggs St., Suite 5, Johnstown, NY 12095, budget for \$201,377.00, annualized, in recurring funding to support a chemical dependency prevention program in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, NYS OASAS has determined that it will provide this funding to the HFM Prevention Council through Hamilton County's OASAS funding, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, upon approval of the County Attorney, is hereby authorized to enter into contract with HFM Prevention Council for the purpose of providing chemical dependency prevention services in Hamilton County, and be it further



RESOLVED, that the designated funding will be paid in quarterly installments based upon the annualized amount of \$201,377.00 when confirmed in Hamilton County's OASAS state aid letter for the contracted period, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contract would be in effect from January 1, 2025 until December 31, 2025.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 79-25**

**APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH DRESCHER AND MALECKI, LLP  
TO AUDIT ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED FISCAL REPORTS FOR HAMILTON  
COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Community Services (HCCS) is required annually to file a full Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR) for the previous state fiscal year by May 1st, and

WHEREAS, a full CFR under Mental Hygiene Regulations requires that it be audited by an independent auditor and a Compliance Review Letter signed by the independent auditor be submitted with each CFR, be it

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County will sign a letter of engagement with the accounting firm Drescher and Malecki, LLP to perform these audits at a cost of between \$100.00 and \$225.00 per hour dependent upon the staff used to perform each audit and provide a Compliance Letter for each CFR, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the cost of this service is not to exceed \$5,650.00 and that it be charged to the department's Account No. A4310.0403 Supplies and Service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Chairman to sign the letter of engagement.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 80-25**

**AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL  
SERVICES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR RAISE THE  
AGE SERVICES - HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY  
PREVENTION INITIATIVE**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, in 2018 NYS approved legislation to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 18 years of age; New York State was previously one of only two states that automatically prosecuted 16 and 17 year-olds as adults, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Department of Social Services, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Hamilton County Probation Department have applied for funding for prevention of placement of these Raise the Age Youth, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has developed a Hamilton County School and Community Prevention Initiative that offers Hamilton County Schools Clinical Social Worker and Resource Officer services, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has been approved to use Raise the Age Funding for this program, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, Hamilton County Community Services is hereby authorized to contract with the Hamilton County Department of Social Services for the Hamilton County School and Community Prevention Initiative for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 annually effective January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, Hamilton County Community Services is hereby authorized to contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for the services of a Resource Officer, for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 annually effective January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 81-25**

**FUNDING PRETRIAL SERVICES GRANT- PROBATION**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Hamilton County Probation Department received a \$60,000 grant from DCJS to be used for Pretrial Services, and

WHEREAS, the grant money was disbursed in August 2024, with the unspent funds going to Fund Balance as of January 1, 2025 in the amount of \$59,775.00, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer the remaining \$59,775.00 of Pretrial Grant funds from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Probation Account No. A3140.0406 DCJS Pretrial Services Grant.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 82-25**

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE FOR SHERIFF VEHICLE 2025**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is in need of a new vehicle for 2025, and

WHEREAS, a 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV is available from Whitmoyer Buick-Chevrolet that is under New York State Contract, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator has met with the Public Works Committee and the Sheriff, and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Coordinator recommends the purchase of one (1) new Tahoe SSV, be it

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator is hereby authorized to order one (1) 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV for the Sheriff's Office mentioned herein for a total of \$52,500.00 delivered from Whitmoyer Buick-Chevrolet, 1001 E. Main St., Mount Joy, PA 17552 under NYS Contract PC69180, and be it further

RESOLVED, the funds be taken out of Account No. A3110.0202 Automobile for said vehicle and the County Treasurer, Sheriff, Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 83-25**

**AUTHORIZING FLEET COORDINATOR TO PURCHASE A TANDEM DUMP BODY  
FOR TRUCK #136 - DPW**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors have duly adopted the 2025 Hamilton County Budget, and

WHEREAS, within the said adopted 2025 budget the Board appropriated \$460,000.00 for equipment purchases for the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent recommends that the department purchase one replacement Beau-Roc Dump Body for Truck #136, and

WHEREAS, the said dump body will be purchased under Sourcewell Contract #062222-VCM through Viking Cives (USA)., be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Highway Superintendent/Fleet Coordinator is authorized to purchase one (1) Beau-Roc Dump Body, Model SW-TK0305 with Equipment using the said Sourcewell contract for a total of \$29,681.99, be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds be taken out of Account No. DM5130.0201 Road Equipment in the amount of \$29,681.99 for the said purchase from Vikin Cives (USA) of Harrisville, NY and the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board and Fleet Coordinator be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 84-25**

**AUTHORIZING FLEET COORDINATOR TO PURCHASE ROLL OFF TRAILER FOR  
SOLID WASTE - DPW**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, during the 2025 budget discussions the Highway Superintendent recommended the purchase of a new Roll-Off Trailer for the Solid Waste division, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent recommends that the department purchase one (1) Galbreath Roll-Off trailer for use in the department, and

WHEREAS, the said Galbreath trailer will be purchased under Sourcewell Contract #040621-WQI through CEJJ, Inc., be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Highway Superintendent/Fleet Coordinator is authorized to purchase one (1) Galbreath Roll-Off Trailer, Model A5-EX-250 using the said contract for a total of \$102,519.00, be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds be taken out of Solid Waste Capital Reserve Expenditure for the said purchase with CEJJ, Inc. of Schodack Landing, NY and the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board and Fleet Coordinator be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 85-25**

**AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE STATUS CHANGE – PUBLIC WORKS**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee and Internal Management Committee to recommend the following employee becoming full time permanent from temporary full time,

- Adam Desrochers, MEO-Grade 11 to permanent 40 hours per week at his current hourly rate, Account No. D5110.0101

and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Internal Management Committees recommend this change, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the Personnel Officer is authorized to make the change as stated hereon effective February 9, 2025, and the DPW Superintendent, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 86-25**

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROAD  
BRIDGE PROJECT FOR 2025**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee and recommends the rehabilitation of the County owned Coon Creek Bridge on Old Route 8B in the Town of Wells which has been closed to vehicular traffic since 1989, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent and the Public Works Committee are in agreement that it is in the best interest of Hamilton County to rehabilitate and open Coon Creek Bridge again, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has recommended the initial appropriation of \$400,000.00 for the rehabilitation of the following bridge project:

COUNTY BRIDGE PROJECT NO. 1 Town of Wells  
Coon Creek Bridge, BIN3307500, Old Route 8B.....\$400,000.00  
Account No. D5120.2003

and

WHEREAS, the above designated bridge is owned by Hamilton County, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to create Account No. D5120.2003, Coon Creek Bridge, be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$400,000.00 is hereby appropriated from Unappropriated County Road Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law and made available for the rehabilitation of the above designated project as recommended by the DPW Superintendent and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 87-25**

**AWARD OF BID SPECIFICATION 2-2025 – ROAD WIDENER-LOADER MOUNTED**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee authorized the DPW Superintendent to advertise for bids for the purchase of a New 2025 Midland Model SA or equal standard production Road Widener Loader Mounted, and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received for one (1) New and Unused 2025 Midland Model SA Road Widener Loader Mounted in accordance with Specification No. 2-2025 as listed below:

1. Contractors Sales Company  
121 Old Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205

2025 Midland Model SA Road Widener inc. Hydraulic Push Rollers  
Bid price \$121,470.00

and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent recommends awarding the bid to Contractors Sales Company, be it

RESOLVED, that the award be made to Contractors Sales Company, 121 Old Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for the purchase of one (1) one New and Unused 2025 Midland Model SA Road Widener Loader Mounted including Hydraulic Push Rollers with Contractors Sales Company, 121 Old Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205 in the amount of \$121,470.00 with the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that payment be made to Contractors Sales Company, 121 Old Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205 within 30 days of delivery of fully equipped and operational unit and acceptance by the DPW Superintendent and that payment be made from Account No. DM5130.0201, Road Equipment in the amount of \$121,470.00 and the County Attorney, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 88-25**



**EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR BRIDGE REPAIR & PNEUMATICALLY  
PROJECTED CONCRETE FOR 2025**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County DPW solicited bids for Bridge Repair & Pneumatically Projected Concrete per Specification No. 4-2024, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 146-24, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors awarded the Bridge Repair & Pneumatically Projected Concrete bid to R&B Construction, L.L.C., and

WHEREAS, the referenced bid provides the bid pricing for a one-year contract with the option of extending the contract by one year if both parties (Hamilton County and R & B Construction, L.L.C.) agree that terms and conditions remain the same for the duration of the extension, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has contacted R&B Construction, L.L.C. and they will agree to a contract extension of the same terms and conditions for a one (1) year period, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent believes it is in Hamilton County's best interest to extend the current contract with R&B Construction, L.L.C. due to price stabilization, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisor be so authorized to enter into a contract extension with R&B Construction, L.L.C. for the period of one (1) Year with approval of the County Attorney and the County Treasurer and Clerk of the board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 89-25**

**AUTHORIZING ACCOUNT NAME CHANGE AND PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT  
OF ACCOUNT CLERK - TREASURER**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has determined that the needs in her department are better suited for an Account Clerk than a Payroll Clerk, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has advertised for an Account Clerk and an applicant has been chosen, and

WHEREAS, Account No. A1325.0103 Payroll Clerk was funded in the 2025 budget, be it

RESOLVED, that Account No. A.1325.0103 Payroll Clerk be renamed Account Clerk, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to provisionally hire Brenda Kubecka from Piseco, NY at a Grade 4, Step Hire rate of \$19.00/hr. as an Account Clerk and the Personnel Officer so be notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 90-25**

**APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ETHICS – SEAN CURRY**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, the term of office of Sean Curry, member of the Hamilton County Board of Ethics terminated December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors that Sean Curry continue as a member of the Board of Ethics, be it

RESOLVED, that Sean Curry be appointed to the Hamilton County Board of Ethics for a term commencing January 1, 2024 terminating December 31, 2028.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 91-25**

**APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ETHICS – DAVID SCRANTON**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. WELLS:**

WHEREAS, the term of office of David Scranton, member of the Hamilton County Board of Ethics terminated December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors that David Scranton continue as a member of the Board of Ethics, be it

RESOLVED, that David Scranton be appointed to the Hamilton County Board of Ethics for a term commencing January 1, 2025 terminating December 31, 2029.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells stated that he attended some of the Ethics Board meetings and listened to them, it was very educational. Monro Collie Smith's take on things made it a joy to sit in at those meetings. Ms. Hunt stated that he was very good, and he would be missed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 92-25**

**APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ETHICS – BARBARA TRACY**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors received a letter of resignation from Board of Ethics member Munro Collie Smith, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors that Barbara Tracy be appointed as a member of the Board of Ethics to fill the term of Munro Collie Smith, be it

RESOLVED, that Barbara Tracy be appointed to the Hamilton County Board of Ethics for a term commencing February 6, 2025 terminating December 31, 2027.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that he thought they did a good job going over this and going through the finances of it. He thought this Board showed that while most of them liked the other machine a bit better, Elections is going to be the ones using them. We will support this decision. Mr. Wells stated that it was his understanding that they didn't use any of the previous grants they had stockpiled for this. The Clerk of Board stated that they didn't. Those have budgets and they would have to go to the state and get approval to amend them. They are supposed to claim the rest of the grants for the actual things that they were meant for. They had extra money in their software support, and they offered to take the difference from there.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 93-25**

#### **AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AND FUNDING OF VOTING MACHINES FROM HART INTERCIVIC - BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners for the Board of Elections request to enter into an agreement with Hart InterCivic, Inc., P.O. Box 80649, Austin, Texas 78708-0649, for the purchase, license, maintenance of fourteen (14) voting machines, and software, in the amount of \$232,495.00, through State Contract #PC70143, and

WHEREAS, Funding in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents, (\$220,673.78) will come from Hamilton County ARPA money and the balance of Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-One Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents, (\$11,821.22) will come from Account No. A1450.0405 Software Support, and

WHEREAS, the Central Government Committee has approved the request for an agreement with Hart InterCivic, Inc., as outlined above, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval by the County Attorney, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to enter into a contract with Hart InterCivic, Inc., for the purchase, license, and maintenance of fourteen (14) voting machines and its software, in the amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-Five Dollars (\$232,495.00), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to create and fund Account No. A1450.0416 in the amount of \$232,495.00 to be offset by funding Revenue Account No. A4089.0200 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$220,673.78 and transferring \$11,821.22 from Account No. A1450.0405 Software Support.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Tomlinson asked if the Board knew what they were going to do with the machines. Are they going to dispose of them? Mr. Tomlinson stated that he had heard they could be used as a work bench. They do need to be disposed of properly. Ms. Hunt did mention to them that there are companies out there that do that.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 94-25**

#### **DISPOSITION OF DOMINION BMD VOTING MACHINES - BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. SNYDER:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County remains in possession and ownership of Dominion BMD voting machines, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have advised that the voting machines are no longer of any use to Hamilton County and should be declared surplus and disposed of, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have advised that the voting machines will be scrapped in accordance with New York State Board of Elections guidelines, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby declares the Dominion BMD voting machines to be surplus property, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners are authorized to dispose of all the voting machines in accordance with the New York State Board of Elections guidelines, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners are hereby authorized to execute any and all documentation necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 95-25**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO 402-24 - AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF  
SIMULCAST ENABLE SFE KEYS FOR TAIT CONSOLE GATEWAY – STATEWIDE  
COMMUNICATIONS GRANT SI19-1010-E06**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, Resolution No 402-24 authorized the purchase and installation of the Analog Console Gateway 4 Channel with cables and brackets with Capital Digitronics from Quote No CDI-241206-01 in the amount of \$17,607.68, and

WHEREAS, the description of the purchase was incorrect and should have read “to transfer and enable four licenses for the new Tait Console Gateway”, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 402-24 is hereby amended to authorize Capital Digitronics to transfer and enable four licenses for the new Tait Console Gateway from Quote No. CDI-241206-01 in the amount of \$17,607.68 from Account No. A3645.0422, SI19-1010-E06.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Rhodes stated that the one it is being awarded to isn't the low quote, but it is a WBE purchase which is a grant requirement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-25**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ACCESS ROAD MATERIALS FOR MOREHOUSE  
TOWER SITE – ST18-1005-D04**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has received a grant from New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) in the amount of \$6,000,000.00, Contract No. C198029, for new towers sites within Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the Morehouse Tower Site will require an access road which Hamilton County Highway Department will be installing, and

WHEREAS, the Morehouse Tower Site's access road will require steel framing in which three quotes were acquired, and

WHEREAS, the following quotes were received:

1. DI Highway Sign & Structure Corp	\$11,727.20
2. TCBR	\$10,760.00
3. Jeffords	\$12,470.00

and

WHEREAS, one requirement of the grant contract is to purchase items with a certified women owned business, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has received a quote from DI Highway Sign & Structure Corp., a certified women owned business, to purchase the required steel framing in the amount of \$11,727.20, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the purchase of steel framing for the Morehouse Tower Site from DI Highway Sign & Structure Corp, 40 Greenman Ave, New York Mills, New York 13417 the amount of \$11,727.20 with the funds coming from Account No. A3645.0428, Statewide Communications Grant ST18-1005-D04.

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

**AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT**

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-25**

**AWARD OF SNOWMOBILE BID FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE - SH24-1027-D00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received for two (2) snowmobiles for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in the Invitation to Bidders Notice as advertised by the Hamilton County Sheriff, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

1. Village Motorsports, Inc  
2886 State Route 8  
Speculator, New York 12164  
Total Cost Proposal: \$23,495.00      Guaranteed Delivery Date: 02/10/25
2. Logistics365, Inc  
84640 US Hwy 81  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
Total Cost Proposal: \$24,318.00      Guaranteed Delivery Date: 07/20/25
3. Alpin Haus Ski Shop  
4850 State Highway 30  
Amsterdam, NY 12010  
Total Cost Proposal: \$25,637.99      Guaranteed Delivery Date: 02/05/25
4. Smith Marine  
2840 State Route 28  
Old Forge, NY 13420  
Total Cost Proposal: \$21,991.38      Guaranteed Delivery Date: 02/06/25

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors award the bid for two (2) new Grand Touring Sport Snowmobiles with SkiDoo LinQ Cargo Boxes to Smith Marine of Old Forge, New York, and be it further



RESOLVED, the Sheriff is authorized to purchase the two new Grand Touring Sports with SkiDoo LinQ Cargo Boxes from Smith Marine of Old Forge, New York in the amount of \$21,991.38 with \$21,678.00 funds coming from Account No. A3645.0432 - SH24-1027-D00 and \$313.38 with funds coming from Account No. A3110.0402 – Deputy Sheriff.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-25**

**AWARD OF 2025 CAN-AM DEFENDER MAX CAB HD10 BID FOR SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE - SH23-1043-D00**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received for the 2025 Can-Am Defender Max Cab HD10 UTV for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office in the Invitation to Bidders Notice as advertised by the Hamilton County Sheriff, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

1. Chaves Brothers Management, LLC  
300 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street #17  
Boca Raton, FL 33432  
Total Cost Proposal: \$38,439.93      Guaranteed Delivery Date: 07/31/25  
\*Proposal was for a 2025 Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 Northstar Edition with a Prospector Pro 2.0 Pro Track System.
2. Logistics365, Inc  
84640 US Hwy 81  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
Total Cost Proposal: \$42,864.00      Guaranteed Delivery Date: 07/20/25
3. Powerhouse Motor Sports  
106 Bellen Road  
Broadalbin, NY 12025  
Total Cost Proposal: \$41,860.38      Guaranteed Delivery Date: 02/26/25

and

WHEREAS, after researching the three different bids, the lowest bid was for a 2025 Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 Northstar Edition with Prospector Pro 2.0 Pro Track System but the Polaris UTV is shorter in length, height and width than the requested Can-Am Defender Max Cab HD10, and

WHEREAS, after researching the two different track systems, the requested track system was for an Apache XL LT Track System, which is a heavier duty track system than the Prospector Pro 2.0 Track System which was on the Polaris Ranger bid, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends awarding the bid to Powerhouse Motor Sports due to the fact they are the lowest bidder for the requested Can-Am Defender Max Cab HD10 with add-ons and they have the quickest delivery time of all three bids, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors award the bid for 2025 Can-Am Defender Max Cab HD10 to Powerhouse Motor Sports of Mayfield, New York, and

RESOLVED, the Sheriff is authorized to purchase the 2025 Can-Am Defender Max Limited Cab HD10 from Powerhouse Motor Sports of Broadalbin, New York in the amount of \$41,860.38 funds coming from Account No. A3645.0429 - SH23-1043-D00.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 99-25**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO STRIKE UNCOLLECTIBLES FROM PATIENTS' ACCOUNTS - PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE/HOME HEALTH AGENCY**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. FERNANDEZ:**

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service/Home Health Agency is furnishing its patients with services and receives reimbursement from the Federal and State Governments and various other sources, and

WHEREAS, on the accounts of some patients at various times there remains an amount that is deemed uncollectible, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Nursing Service has worked with Simitree billing and the County Attorney to collect these amounts, which are now determined uncollectable, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Public Health Nursing Service/Home Health Agency be authorized to strike from their books, the following uncollectible amounts:

2024    \$36,711.49

for a total of Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$36,711.49) as uncollectible in order to close out their 2024 records, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 100-25**

**AUTHORIZING SALARY OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 37-25 to create the position of Deputy Director of Community Services, and renamed Account No. A4310.0112 to be Deputy Director of Community Services which had an adopted budget of \$71,553, and

WHEREAS, interviews have been completed for the position of Deputy Director of Community Services and the candidate, Amber Hainey, of Geneseo, NY was chosen to be hired by the Community Services Board with an anticipated start date of March 3, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the candidate meets all qualifications of the position and has been recommended to be hired at a Step 2 for her years of experience with an annual salary of \$91,110.00, and

WHEREAS, Account No. A4310.0112 Deputy Director of Community Services will be short \$3,282.00 with the anticipated start date of March 3, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Community Services has the funds available from Federal Salary Sharing Funds to cover the shortage, be it

RESOLVED, that upon acceptance of the position, Amber Hainey, of Geneseo, NY be paid an annual salary of \$91,110.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$3,282.00 from Federal Salary Sharing currently in the unappropriated general fund balance be transferred from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A4310.0112 Deputy Director of Community Services and the County Treasurer be so authorized, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer, Personnel Officer and Director of Community Services be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 101-25**

#### **2024 - TRANSFER OF FUNDS - SOCIAL SERVICES**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, funds were exhausted in the Hamilton County Department of Social Services Appropriation Account No. A6010.0115, S/S Admin, On-Call/Overtime, at the end of the 2024 Budget year, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made:

From:	A6010.0114	S/S Admin, Temporary	\$100.00
To:	A6010.0115	S/S Admin, On-Call/Overtime	\$100.00

and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 102-25**

**2024 - INCREASE OF FUNDS - SOCIAL SERVICES**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, the funds are exhausted in Hamilton County Department of Social Services Day Care Account No. A6055.0401 at the end of December 2024, be it

RESOLVED, that Appropriation Account No. A6055.0401, Day Care, be increased by One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be totally offset by increasing Revenue Account No. A4689, Federal Aid - Day Care, by One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and the County Treasurer be so authorized.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 103-25**

**2024 - AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR RECYCLING AND SOLID  
WASTE ACCOUNT OVERAGES**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MR. TOMLINSON:**

WHEREAS, the following Recycling and Solid Waste accounts are over expended for 2024 by the following amounts:

Account No. A8160.403 Tire Disp. & Recyclables	\$5,326.23
Account No. A8161.102 Landfill, OT/Holiday Worked	\$ 472.35

and

WHEREAS, there are remaining funds in the other Solid Waste accounts to cover the overages, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent recommends making the following transfers:

From: Account No. A8161.0401 Tipping Fees	\$ 5,326.23
To: Account No. A8160.0403 Tire Disp. & Recyclables	\$ 5,326.23
From: Account No. A8160.0104 PT Laborer	\$ 472.35
To: Account No. A8161.0102 Landfill, OT/Holiday Worked	\$ 472.35

be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to make the said transfers above for 2024 and the DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 104-25**

#### **APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$192,395.94 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$146,546.97 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, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

**RESOLUTION NO. 105-25**

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

**DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**BY MS. HUNT:**

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$449,195.47 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$ 23,434.08
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	23,881.58
Finance Committee .....	177,868.50
Health Committee.....	17,719.51
Human Services Committee.....	76,008.17
Central Government Committee .....	37,304.65
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	87,304.04
Internal Management Committee .....	5,674.94

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge.....	\$2,387.18
Elbow Creek Bridge.....	\$8,177.13

are hereby approved.

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

AYES: RHODES, SNYDER, TOMLINSON, WELLS, BAIN, ARSENAULT, FERNANDEZ,  
AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREY

Other Reports:

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that the Sheriff's Report is on all of their desks. He thinks they do a great job with limited resources they have and the area they have to cover. They are very lucky to have them.

Mr. Snyder: Asked if they could have the District Attorney do a report like the Sheriff. The Chairman stated that it was a great idea. Mr. Snyder stated then they would know what she was doing. She doesn't have to go into detail. Mr. Fernandez stated he thought that was what Ms. Bain asked her for and she did it verbally earlier today. Ms. Bain stated that she was asking for a comparison of years just to give the Board an idea of her workload.

Mr. Wells: Stated that he attended the Adirondack Local Government Review Board in January. The APA was there. He is getting concerned. A lot of institutional knowledge is being lost. The members there from the APA did not understand why local government would be so adamant about getting a conservation easement before a purchase went through. That is disheartening to know. They don't understand that concept.

Mr. Wells stated for Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages (AATV) they are getting their legislative agenda ready. He had a draft copy. He didn't bring the draft for the Board but when he gets the regular copies, he will bring them. They are planning their June membership meeting. They are looking at a presentation on grant funding and bond act money for Adirondack communities and how the communities in the Adirondacks qualify for the bond money. He will get them more information on that.

Ms. Bain: Asked if any of the town's OFA meal site numbers were dropping down in attendance. Mr. Wells has not heard that. Ms. Bain stated that there are some real concerns because she had heard the week prior that the Wells meal site only had two people. Ms. Hunt stated that she believes that one day that same week they were closed. Ms. Bain stated that there were two days and they put it on Facebook but didn't call anybody to do the chain for the seniors. It makes it difficult because they go to pick up their meals and they aren't there. Ms. Hunt stated that they were closed because of the snow. Ms. Bain stated that she understands but there should be someone they could call to notify seniors.

Mr. Fernandez: Stated that he is losing his Assessor, and he will probably be coming to the County for help. He knows that they are going through the process of hiring a person for the Real Property Office. He thinks that he will make it to July but after July he is going to start the process of getting a referendum passed. The Chairman confirmed that the Morehouse position is an elected position. Mr. Fernandez stated that the current Assessor wanted to leave immediately but after talking he decided to stay until July.

The Chairman stated that since taking the Chairmanship things have been busy but good. He has talked to, texted and emailed each of the Board members multiple times to get their advice, thoughts and to see how things are going. He hasn't pushed out many emails to them. He didn't want to inundate your inbox with clutter just for the sake of sending you an email. In the last couple of weeks, we as a Board have had to deal with several big items that were not easy but with lots of communication and team work, we got through it. He has been learning the ropes with this new job. Thanks to the Clerk of the Board's office staff for dealing with him while showing him the most mundane aspects of the office. There is still a lot to learn. It has been interesting, fun and challenging. He looks forward to learning more, working hard and making more connections. In the first week he called around to try to find out who the County's Regional Representative was at the Governor's Office and invited her to come and introduce herself to the Board. Her name is



Allison Webbinaro. She was very excited to hear from him and more than happy to come meet them. Whether this proves to be a beneficial contact is yet to be determined. She is going to come in March. One of the first goals that himself and Mr. Tomlinson, Deputy Chairman, had was to set up Department Head meetings with everyone. Over the course of a 3-week period they met with almost every Department Head in Hamilton County. They learned how the departments are structured, how many employees they have, what their pain points are, problems they may be dealing with, suggestions they had, things that they thought worked well and some things that might need adjusting. All in all, they both believe that these meetings were very well received and appreciated. They received emails back from a lot of them after the fact, thanking them for taking time with them and allowing them to have their voices heard in a calm respectful manner. Next, he will get all his notes from these meetings organized, typed up and see if there are any issues that need to be discussed or tackled as a Board.

The Chairman stated that he received an interesting document from the Clerk of the Board. She sent him the full year 2024 sales tax update that includes County by County comparison of sales tax payments for all of 2024 and 2023. Interesting enough, in 2023 Hamilton County collected \$5,419,650 in sales tax revenue and for 2024 \$5,519,296 which is up \$99,646 or 1.8% more than 2023. While the County's dollar numbers were up year over year if this was adjusted to inflation they are actually down a bit because inflation in 2023 and 2024 was right around 3%. It seems to him that all the Supervisors have been really stepping up to the plate as far as communicating and problem solving with their committees. He strongly encourages this to continue and for all of them to also continue giving updates on their committees as this is a good way for all of the Board members to know what's happening in the other departments. Great job to everybody and he thanked them all for taking his calls and texts. He likes to be and likes to have them all informed. He knows that he had discussed sending a monthly email update with some of the Supervisors. As he has settled in more he has been wondering if giving a well-rounded update at the monthly meetings would work well enough for all of them. Might be repetitive to send an email out.

Ms. Bain stated that her town emails have changed. They are no longer .org they are .gov. Anything going to .org they are receiving. If she is not answering anyone then she is not receiving it.

Ms. Hunt stated that she had heard from some Department Heads that those meetings were really welcomed. The Chairman stated that they were very open and honest and fun. They kept it light. He stated that the Department Heads he didn't know he shared personal information with. Where he lived, how old he was, how many kids he had, and he asked if they were willing to reciprocate. Mr. Tomlinson stated that they had Department Heads that cried. The Chairman stated that they thanked them for being heard. Mr. Tomlinson stated that it was nice. Ms. Bain stated that one thing she has heard from Department Heads is that they wished all the Department Heads would have a monthly meeting. Mr. Fernandez stated that he has also heard that. Ms. Hunt and the Clerk of the Board both stated that they used to have meetings. Ms. Hunt stated that they kind of feel apart from the Personnel Officer at that time. The Chairman asked how the Board could encourage that and get the ball rolling. Mr. Tomlinson stated that there are some new Department Heads that really don't know the ropes. Ms. Hunt added even each other sometimes. The Chairman asked if it was worth the Board passing a resolution stating that they would like them to do monthly meetings or not necessary. The Clerk of the Board stated that maybe Mr. Wells could discuss it

with the Personnel Officer. Mr. Wells stated that it started out very well. They all seemed very involved and then the group started to get smaller. The Clerk of the Board stated that not everybody was invited. Mr. Wells stated that he thinks it's something that they need to work out amongst themselves. Mr. Tomlinson stated that he thought the root problem to all that was money. It became all about meeting about getting more money and that's not what it's really supposed to be. Ms. Hunt stated that they did do some things that were really helpful at first. They further discussed. Ms. Bain stated that maybe after what the Chairman and Deputy did now with opening up the communication, they might be more willing to want to do that. The Chairman stated that he and the Deputy made a strong point that their first line of communication is with their Committee Chair. If they don't get anywhere there then get ahold of the Chairman or Deputy and they will try to get to the bottom of it.

The Chairman stated that the Long Lake meal site averages about 20 meals a day and that doubles in the summer.

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