

2025

EIGHTH SESSION

AUGUST 7, 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. Wels
Inlet	John Frey
Lake Pleasant	Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse	Anthony Fernandez
Wells	Beth Hunt

Also present: Hamilton County Attorney, Lisa Johnson-Deputy Public Works Superintendent, Barry Baker-Real Property Tax Director/Budget Officer, Junie Delizo-Public Health Director and Colleen Salisbury-Caregiver Wellness and Respite Center

A motion was made to accept the minutes of June 16th and July 3rd, 2025 by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Hunt. Carried.

Public Comment:

Colleen Salisbury introduced herself. She is a Community Outreach Coordinator for Lifespan of Greater Rochester. They are federally funded through the Department of Health and Human Services. Lifespan has been around for more than 20 years, but they didn't have any presence in the North Country until last year when they received a special grant. The grant is for caregiver wellness respite coalition. One of the uses of the federal grant money is they have a \$600 voucher program that the caregiver can apply for, it helps them to pay for someone they trust to come into their home and help so they get a break. They also have a licensed social worker in Rochester that does ZOOM meetings with families for family mediation and conflict coaching. They have plenty of other resources as well to help families that are struggling. She thanked the Board for their time, and she handed out information for them to bring back to their communities. She stated that she would like to be able to come to their town meetings to talk to their communities as well. Ms. Salisbury continued to discuss how the \$600 voucher program would work. Ms. Salisbury asked if the Supervisors could email her so she could be part of their next town meeting.

Ms. Salisbury further stated that they have mini grants. The mini grant is for a respite drop-off center. They just gave a mini grant to Catholic Charities in Malone and they opened a drop-off center. Ms. Hunt asked if there are a lot of regulations regarding who can run it. Ms. Salisbury stated that in the grant application they can elect who is in charge. The Board thanked her for coming.

County Attorney: Stated that because of the nature of opioid litigation it is often time sensitive. The Board of Supervisors previously authorized the Chairman of the Board to authorize settlements with County Attorney approval with the stipulation that the Board be notified at the earliest opportunity that the settlement had been authorized. The most recent one is with the entity Sandoz. The opioid attorney has recommended it, and he has approved it. He believed that the Chairman had executed the agreement.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Gave an update on the tower projects. For Inlet, they couldn't get AT&T to move without involving attorneys so the County alternatively investigated potential interference issues with other antennas and determined there would be none. They received permission to mount on tower 1. Hamilton County and Herkimer County will have receive antennas mounted at the top of tower 1 set at 90ft with no interference. The transmit antenna will still be on tower 2 at 50ft. Interop at 40ft and a spare transmit antenna for Inlet will be set at 40ft as well. For Spy Lake, the County has started the road. It is roughed in, and Atlantic Testing Labs is tentatively able to get in once that is done. For Morehouse, Atlantic Testing Labs did the borings and are working on a geotechnical report for the bid package.

Mr. Rhodes gave an update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He stated that last October they gave approval to ask for grant money to fund the updating of the plan. They had originally asked for \$150,000 with a 25% county and a 75% federal match. Since then, they have reduced the federal funding portion to 38.97% and the county at 61.03%. He has already requested time on Committee Day. Soil and Water, Don Purdy-retired Hamilton County Emergency Services Director helping part time and Tim O'Neill-Emergency Services Manager will all be there to answer any questions. Caitlin Stewart, Soil and Water District Manager, is working on required paperwork ahead of time. This plan helps obtain funding for grant applications through Soil and Water. They also need this plan to be eligible for disaster funding.

Mr. Rhodes stated that there is a resolution to create and fund the Jail Physician account to meet the New York State Commission of Corrections requirement. A few more details need to be finalized but they are moving forward with that. He thanked both the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board for working on it.

Ms. Hunt: Stated that she attended the Soil and Water's monthly meeting this week. She also attended Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRPB). Ms. Hunt, Mr. Fernandez and Christy Wilt, who are all appointed members, attended. It basically focused on more participation and what they could do for them.

Ms. Hunt stated that Christy Wilt, Tourism and Economic Development Director, has been working with Oak Mountain and Melody Lodge on Market New York grant applications. She is also looking for the Board's support for resolutions. She discussed the resolution for abstracting services. There was a slight increase in costs this year. They haven't ever raised their rates, so this is not unexpected.

Mr. Wells: Stated that Intercounty was in Long Lake. He thanked the Chairman for working through that. He knew that it was kind of last minute. It was a great lunch. He felt that Hamilton County was well represented.

Ms. Bain: Stated that the committee meeting this morning was very encouraging. There were a lot of good ideas for building security in Indian Lake. She was hopeful that they could move forward with some of the ideas.

Mr. Fernandez: Stated that he learned some things at the LCLGRPB conference. He has some questions. He wasn't sure what they offered to Hamilton County. He also asked for the Board's support for the resolution regarding servers in Indian Lake. He would like to set up a meeting with the Finance Committee at budget time to discuss salaries.

Mr. Tomlinson: Thanked the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board for putting InterCounty together. For those that weren't there the Chairman gave a great speech and really represented the County well. He appreciated what he did. It was very nice to attend.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that there are a couple of big resolutions for equipment purchases. There is one for a tandem dump body being purchased and the solid waste roll off trailer. He stated that Lisa Johnson, Deputy Highway Superintendent, is in attendance to answer any questions. They had discussed building security issues in committee, so he thought they were moving forward on some projects for that. There are also some bid openings, and he received the notice of the road closure for Big Brook Bridge. He asked Ms. Johnson when that would be. Ms. Johnson stated that it would be Monday, August 18th for 8 hours, from 8AM-4PM. They are working with Indian Lake and all of the emergency services. They are also reaching out to all the residents that are impacted that live on Star Brook Road or beyond. They are working with the post office to get word out directly on Big Brook Rd. Mr. Wells stated that it should be on Indian Lake's Facebook page too. Ms. Johnson stated that the Sheriff has shared it also. They are working with the fire company because there is no access beyond there for people to get out if they need to. If necessary, it would take about a ½ hour to open it up again. They are trying to think of some shuttle services that they can provide to help those people.

RESOLUTIONS:

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Chairman stated that this was discussed in detail, and it is a good resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 257-25

RESOLUTION OPPOSING EXECUTIVE ORDER 14238 OF 2025

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14238 states that seven agencies, including the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) be eliminated to the maximum extent of the law and further be it resolved that the agencies are ordered to reduce their services and personnel to the minimum amount required to perform the functions by law, and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order also orders the federal budget agency, The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reject any budget requests from IMLS (and the other six named agencies) other than funds needed to implement the closure of these agencies, and

WHEREAS, The New York State Library receives approximately \$8.1 million annually in Federal funding from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This funding supports the operations of the New York State Library and the seven thousand libraries, 72 Library systems across New York State, and

WHEREAS, The New York Public Library System consists of 23 Public Library Systems and the Southern Adirondack Library System which is made up of 34 public libraries in Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties, and

WHEREAS, Libraries serve their communities year-round to provide its patrons with cultural enrichment through materials and programming, access to information and technology, and the tools for lifelong learning and to foster a love of reading, and

WHEREAS, Libraries build relationships with other community partners to bring information and entertainment to the community in a safe, friendly venue that is open to all, and

WHEREAS, Libraries serve from their youngest to their oldest visitor and patron to provide the best experiences possible so there are no barriers to the joy of lifelong learning, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors implores that funding be restored to The Institute of Museum and Library Services to continue the services needed by our constituents of Hamilton County.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 258-25

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

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MS. HUNT:

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

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

WHEREAS, the Lake Pleasant Central School Board of Education agreed at its Annual Reorganizational meeting held on July 9, 2025 to contract with Hamilton County for the school tax collection year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 for \$10,400.00, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer has agreed to be the tax collecting officer for the 2025-2026 school year for the Lake Pleasant Central School during its normal school tax collection period of September 1st to October 31st with the collection office being the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office, be it

RESOLVED, that Jodie Small, Hamilton County Treasurer, is authorized to collect the Lake Pleasant Central School District taxes for the School Tax year 2025-26 at the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office for an agreed amount of \$10,400.00, for school tax year to be paid by the Lake Pleasant Central School District, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to contract with Lake Pleasant Central School to provide school tax collection services for the school year 2025-2026 for \$10,400.00 and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 259-25

CONTRACTING ABSTRACTING SERVICES FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MS. HUNT:

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

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

WHEREAS, Mountain Abstract Company, Inc. can provide the abstracting services we need with a small increase to rates from last year's services; the new rates being \$150.00 per new search, \$60.00 per two-year update search and \$15.00 for search update, therefore, be it

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 260-25

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS – CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Board's Office is in need of a new computer, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$1,600.00 from Account No. A1990.0401 Contingent to Account No. A1040.0406 CBS Office/Computer Supplies.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 261-25

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF NETWORK SWITCHES FOR THE NEW AVAYA
PHONE SYSTEM**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, the IT Department has identified the need to upgrade existing network switches to accommodate the new incoming Avaya phone system, and

WHEREAS, the IT Department has received Quote #DTG4523 from Distributed Technology Group to purchase 15 ExtremeCloud X435s network switches under NYS OGS Contract #PM68020 for \$23,356.35, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County IT Department is hereby authorized to purchase said ExtremeCloud X435 network switches for \$23,356.35, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$23,356.35 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A1650.0401 Central Communications Systems – Phone to cover the cost of the network switches.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 262-25

**AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 256-25 - UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE – MOTOR
VEHICLE CLERK**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. WELLS:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 256-25 approved an unpaid leave of absence for an employee in the County Clerk's Office from July 26, 2025 through November 16, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the circumstances have changed, and the leave of absence should be adjusted to July 11, 2025, through October 31, 2025, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 256-25 is hereby amended to change the dates of the leave of absence to July 11, 2025, through October 31, 2025, and the County Clerk and Personnel Officer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 263-25

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF L3HARRIS XL-200P PORTABLE RADIOS –
STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT SI21-1050-E00**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 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 \$1,126,497.00, Contract No. C197759, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has received quote number CDI-250722_01 from Capital Digitronics, 264 Bradford Street, Albany, New York to purchase twelve L3Harris XL-200P portable radios with chargers and accessories in the amount of \$40,785.54 under New York State Contract PT68716, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is authorized to purchase twelve L3Harris XL-200P portable radios, chargers and accessories from Capital Digitronics at a cost of \$40,785.54 with funds coming from A3645.0427, SI21-1050-E00.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 264-25

**APPROVAL FOR DISTRIBUTED TECHNOLOGY GROUP QUOTE FOR SERVER –
SI21-1050-E00**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 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 \$1,126,497.00, Contract No. C197759, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Information Technology Department has received quote number DTGQ4455 from Distributed Technology Group to purchase NetApp data management equipment for the ESRI mapping server on New York State Contract PM20920 – in the amount of \$23,342.66, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the purchase of quoted radio communications equipment through Distributed Technology Group in the amount of \$23,342.66 with funds coming from A3645.0427 SI21-1050-E01.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

11:00AM - A motion was made to open the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 4 of 2025 – A Local Law of the County of Hamilton, New York, Establishing a Registry for Animal Abusers by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Bain. Carried.

No public present.

RESOLUTIONS: *(Continued)*

RESOLUTION NO. 265-25

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR ADIRONDACK REGIONAL HAZMAT
CONSORTIUM FY24-25 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PREPAREDNESS FUNDING**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is part of the Adirondack Regional HazMat Consortium with Clinton, Essex, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington Counties, and

WHEREAS, Warren County applied for, on behalf of the Consortium, FY24-25 Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant funding through the New York State Division of

Homeland Security and Emergency Services and has been awarded \$16,000 with a local match of \$4,000 to be split between each county within the Consortium, and

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for the Administration of the FY24-25 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Funding for the Adirondack Regional HazMat Consortium.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 266-25

**APPROVAL FOR RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FOR ARIETTA TOWER
PROJECT – SI21-1050-E00**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 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 \$1,126,497.00, Contract No. C197759, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has received quote number CDI-250604_02 R2 from Capital Digitronics to purchase radio communications equipment for the Arietta radio tower site in Hamilton County under New York State Contracts PT68716 – L3Harris Technologies, Inc, PT68714 – Eastern Communications, LTD LLC and PT68725 – Power Products Unlimited, LLC in the amount of \$136,582.56, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the purchase of quoted radio communications equipment through Capital Digitronics in the amount of \$136,582.56 with funds coming from A3645.0427 SI21-1050-E00.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Chairman thanked Mr. Rhodes, Sheriff Abrams and everybody for their work on this. Mr. Rhodes stated that when he and the Clerk of

the Board were discussing it this was her idea to be able to account for this. This was all in one quote and has been separated out to know where the equipment is going and accounted for. If the County ever gets audited on these grants, it's an excellent idea. The Chairman agreed. He further discussed.

Mr. Tomlinson asked if there was any work on the Hope Tower from APA. Mr. Rhodes stated that they were still waiting on C&S to redo the coverage maps in a way that is acceptable to the APA. There will be a resolution to extend the contract with C&S.

RESOLUTION NO. 267-25

**APPROVAL FOR RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FOR HOPE TOWER
PROJECT – SI21-1050-E00**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 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 \$1,126,497.00, Contract No. C197759, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has received quote number CDI-250604_01 R2 from Capital Digitronics to purchase radio communications equipment for the Hope Tower Site in Hamilton County under New York State Contracts PT68716 – L3Harris Technologies, Inc, PT68714 – Eastern Communications, LTD LLC and PT68725 – Power Products Unlimited, LLC in the amount of \$136,582.56, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the purchase of quoted radio communications equipment through Capital Digitronics in the amount of \$136,582.56 with funds coming from A3645.0427 SI21-1050-E00.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 268-25

**APPROVAL FOR RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FOR LONG LAKE
TOWER PROJECT – SI23-1055-E00**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 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 \$561,551.00, Contract No. C197636, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has received quote number CDI-250604_04 R2 from Capital Digitronics to purchase radio communications equipment for the Long Lake radio tower site in Hamilton County under New York State Contracts PT68716 – L3Harris Technologies, Inc, PT68714 – Eastern Communications, LTD LLC and PT68725 – Power Products Unlimited, LLC in the amount of \$107,420.90, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the purchase of quoted radio communications equipment through Capital Digitronics in the amount of \$107,420.90 with funds coming from A3645.0430 SI23-1055-E00.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 269-25
APPROVAL FOR RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FOR MOREHOUSE
TOWER PROJECT – SI19-1010-E00**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 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 \$540,451.00, Contract No. C197915, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has received quote number CDI-250604_03 R2 from Capital Digitronics to purchase radio communications equipment for the Morehouse radio tower site in Hamilton County under New York State Contracts PT68716 – L3Harris Technologies, Inc, PT68714 – Eastern Communications, LTD LLC and PT68725 – Power Products Unlimited, LLC in the amount of \$136,582.56, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the purchase of quoted radio communications equipment through Capital Digitronics in the amount of \$136,582.56 with funds coming from A3645.0422 SI19-1010-E07.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 270-25

**AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY SERVICES TO CONTRACT WITH LAKE PLEASANT
CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION
INITIATIVE SERVICES**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, Community Services has developed a Hamilton County School and Community Prevention Initiative that offers Hamilton County Schools a Clinical Social Worker and/or a Resource Officer services at a cost of \$10,000.00 per year for one day of each service per week, and

WHEREAS, Lake Pleasant Central School has agreed to contract for one (1) day per week of School Resource Officer (SRO) at a total cost of \$10,000.00 for the year beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, Hamilton County Community Services is hereby authorized to contract with Lake Pleasant Central School for a School Resource Officer for an annual amount of \$10,000.00 to be billed in monthly installments of \$1,000.00 beginning September 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 271-25

**AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY SERVICES TO CONTRACT WITH WELLS
CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION
INITIATIVE SERVICES**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, Community Services has developed a Hamilton County School and Community Prevention Initiative that offers Hamilton County Schools a Clinical Social Worker and/or a Resource Officer services at a cost of \$10,000.00 per year for one day of each service per week, and

WHEREAS, Wells Central School has agreed to contract for one (1) day per week of Social Worker Services and one (1) day per week of School Resource Officer (SRO) at a total cost of \$20,000.00 for the year beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, Hamilton County Community Services is hereby authorized to contract with Wells Central School for Social Worker Services and a School Resource Officer for an annual amount of \$20,000.00 to be billed in monthly installments of \$2,000.00 beginning September 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 272-25

AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY SERVICES TO CONTRACT WITH LONG LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION INITIATIVE SERVICES

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. ARSENAULT:

WHEREAS, Community Services has developed a Hamilton County School and Community Prevention Initiative that offers Hamilton County Schools Clinical Social Worker and/or a Resource Officer services at a cost of \$10,000.00 per year for one day of each service per week, and

WHEREAS, Long Lake Central School has agreed to contract for one (1) day per week of Social Worker Services at a total cost of \$10,000.00 for the year beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, be it

RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, Hamilton County Community Services is hereby authorized to contract with Long Lake Central School for Social Worker Services for an annual amount of \$10,000.00 to be billed in monthly installments of \$1,000.00 beginning September 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman stated that this seemed like a good thing to do for the County. Ernie Virgil, County Historian, came in, gave a nice presentation and talked about it.

RESOLUTION NO. 273-25

**CREATING, FUNDING, AND APPOINTING PART TIME POSITION IN THE
COUNTY HISTORIAN OFFICE**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence will be celebrated on July 4th of 2026, it is appropriate for the County to acknowledge the importance of this event in our nation's history, and

WHEREAS, to prepare for this event should not be one person's task but rather a team of historians who will research and document the importance of Hamilton County not only at the time of the Declaration but in the Revolution as well, and

WHEREAS, to do this should be a county effort spearheaded by the town historians who would be the source of research and family stories that should be documented and digitally recorded and will be a valuable resource for future generations, and

WHEREAS, a project of this magnitude needs a person who is familiar with research methods and documentation and should also have a heart for the preservation of history, and

WHEREAS, while the County Historian continues with the work of the office this part-time position will help do the work necessary to make this project a success, be it

RESOLVED, that a part-time position be created in the County Historian's Office for a term of August 7, 2025 through July 31, of 2026 at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour not to exceed 300 hours in 2025 and 420 hours in 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Account No. A7510.0103 Historian Part-Time to be funded by transferring \$2,500.00 from Account No. A7510.0102 Historian Summer Intern and \$3,500.00 from Account No. A1990.0401 Contingent, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Lori Meade, Town Historian for the Town of Benson, possesses the necessary skills and is a long-time librarian who loves history and the possibilities of this project, be so appointed to fill this position and the Treasurer, Personnel Officer and County Historian be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 274-25

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

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the Technology Innovation and Election Resource (TIER) Grant BOE01 – t004363 – 1110000, in 2021 2024 for an amount up to \$6,850.77 term of contract 04/07/2021 to 01/27/2023, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded an amendment, and increase, of this grant in the amount of \$26,824.62, term of contract 04/07/2021 to 03/31/2025; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, this grant has again been amended and extended from 04/07/2021 to 3/31/2026 for the amount up to \$26,824.62, and

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 275-25

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

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. SNYDER:

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

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded an amendment, AND INCREASE, of this grant in the amount of \$22,403.50, term of contract 07/1/22 to 03/31/2024; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded an amendment of this grant for a term of contract 07/1/22 to 03/31/2025; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, this grant has again been amended and extended from 04/07/2021 to 3/31/2026 for the amount up to \$22,403.50 and

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

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

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

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells asked how long they could keep extending these grants. The Clerk of the Board stated that the State keeps doing it and it's until they say the County can't. Ms. Bain asked why they hadn't used them. The Clerk of the Board stated that is a question for Board of Elections. Mr. Fernandez stated that he thought that Board of Elections had stated during Committee that they were going to start using them. The Chairman stated that he was sorry he didn't have an answer.

RESOLUTION NO. 276-25

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

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. SNYDER:

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

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded an amendment of this grant for a term of 12/21/2019 to 12/31/2023; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded an amendment of this grant for a term of 12/21/2019 to 12/31/2025; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, this grant has again been amended and extended from 12/21/2019 to 3/31/2026 for the amount up to \$62,859.67 and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the term extension of the ELECTIONS CYBERSECURITY REMEDIATION GRANT BOE01 – C004251 – 1110000.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 277-25

**AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT EXTENSION – EARLY VOTING
EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the EARLY VOTING EXPANSION GRANT BOE01 – T004421 – 1110000, in 2021 for an amount up to \$15,366.52, term of contract 04/07/2021 to 01/28/2022, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded an amendment of this grant for a term of 04/07/2021 to 01/28/2023; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded an amendment of this grant for a term of 04/07/2021 to 03/31/2025; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, this grant has again been amended and extended from 04/07/21 to 3/31/2026 for the amount up to \$15,366.52 and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the term extension of the EARLY VOTING EXPANSION GRANT BOE01 – T004421 – 1110000.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 278-25

**AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT EXTENSION – EARLY VOTING
AID TO LOCALITIES GRANT PROGRAM**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the EARLY VOTING AID TO LOCALITIES GRANT BOE01 – C004090 – 1110000, in 2019 for an amount up to \$17,299.68, term of contract 04/12/2019 to 12/31/2020, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded an amendment of this grant for a term of 04/12/2019 to 01/28/2023; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded an amendment of this grant for a term of 04/12/2019 to 03/31/2025; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, this grant has again been amended and extended from 04/12/2019 to 3/31/2026 for the amount up to \$17,299.68 and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the term extension of the EARLY VOTING AID TO LOCALITIES GRANT BOE01 – C004090 – 1110000.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Snyder stated that he thought the Board should have Board of Elections come in during Committee until they get some of this cleared up; why they aren't on top of these grants and getting them used. The Clerk of the Board confirmed that the Board wanted them to come in again. Ms. Bain thought it was a good idea. Mr. Snyder and the Chairman agreed that they had to keep on them. Mr. Fernandez stated that there is quite a bit of money there. Mr. Snyder stated that it was money they could go back on and thought they needed to explain why they aren't keeping up.

RESOLUTION NO. 279-25

**AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT EXTENSION – ELECTRONIC
POLL BOOKS CAPITAL GRANT**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections has been awarded the ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS CAPITAL GRANT BOE01 – C004029 – 1110000, in 2019 for an amount up to \$18,754.02, term of contract 04/12/2019 to 12/31/2020, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded an amendment of this grant for a term of 04/12/2019 to 01/28/2023; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Elections was previously awarded an amendment of this grant for a term of 04/12/2019 to 03/31/2025; however, the grant funds were not exhausted, and

WHEREAS, this grant has again been amended and extended from 04/12/2019 to 3/31/2026 for the amount up to \$18,754.02 and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the term extension of the ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS CAPITAL GRANT BOE01 – C004029 – 1110000.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 280-25

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

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. SNYDER:

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

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

WHEREAS, this grant has been amended and extended from 04/01/2024 to 3/31/2026 for the amount up to \$14,672.44, and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the original Master Grant, and the term extension of the Electronic Poll Book Grant BOE01 – C005021 – 1110000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Revenue Account No. A3089.1110 Electronic Poll Book Grant Program.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 281-25

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

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. SNYDER:

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

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

WHEREAS, this grant has been amended and extended from 04/01/2024 to 3/31/2026 for the amount up to \$12,349.50 and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the original Master Grant, and the term extension of the Ballot BY Mail Grant BOE01 – C004959 – 1110000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Revenue Account No. A3089.1120 Ballot By Mail Grant Program.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Fernandez stated during the Committee meeting he didn't realize that they were discussing so many grants. He thought it was a handful, but this is ridiculous. The Clerk of the Board stated there were 6 that were extended and 3 are new ones that they received last year but never executed the master agreement, so these are executing the master plus an extension because they are expired.

RESOLUTION NO. 282-25

AUTHORIZING BOARD OF ELECTION GRANT – 2024 GENERAL ELECTION GRANT PROGRAM

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. SNYDER:

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

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

WHEREAS, this grant has been amended and extended from 04/01/2024 to 3/31/2026 for the amount up to \$11,453.50, and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the original Master Grant, and the term extension of the 2024 General Election Grant BOE01 – C005083 – 1110000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create a Revenue Account No. A3089.1130 2024 General Election Grant Program.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells asked Ms. Johnson if the NYS Troopers had ever reached out. Ms. Johnson stated that they had reached out and she had sent information. They don't seem interested in following up with the County. She thought that it was 4 years ago when they reached out last. Mr. Wells stated that he didn't think that One Stop nor Stewarts in Indian Lake had a generator so when the power goes out, they don't have fuel. Ms. Johnson stated that she thought that was the reason why they had reached out. She could reach out again if they would like.

RESOLUTION NO. 283-25

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT EXTENSION TO SELL
GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County currently has a contract to sell gasoline and diesel fuel to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), and

WHEREAS, it is a five (5) year contract and will expire on July 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation would like to extend the contract for an additional five (5) years per the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends entering into the extension of the said contract, be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for five (5) years beginning on August 1, 2025 and ending on July 31, 2030 subject to the approval of the County Attorney to procure and sell gasoline and diesel fuel to the NYSDOT and the said contract be on file with the Clerk of the Board and the County Treasurer and the Highway Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 284-25

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS COUNTY ROAD FUND – MOOSE RIVER
PLAINS CONTRACTS**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 243-25 authorized a new service contract with NYSDEC for the Moose River Plains Recreational Area, and

WHEREAS, final payment has been made to the Town of Inlet for work on the previous contract in the amount of \$22,536.29, and

WHEREAS, maintenance for the current contract with NYSDEC is ongoing and partially subcontracted to the Towns of Inlet and Indian Lake, and

WHEREAS, payment to the towns is made from Account No. D5110.0402 Rental Equipment, and

WHEREAS, Revenue Account D3089.0000 Moose River Plains was budgeted at \$0.00 for 2025 and because of the work completed to date and work anticipated the following budget adjustments need to be made:

Expenditures –

Account No. D5110.0402 Equipment Rental increased by \$55,036.29

Revenue –

Account No. D3089.0000 MRP increased by \$55,036.29

be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the adjustments stated hereon for 2025 and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Public Works Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 285-25

AWARD OF BID FOR SPECIFICATION 11-2025

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County DPW solicited bids for the steel superstructure and related items for Coon Creek Bridge, Spec. 11-2025, and

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received as follows –

1. Jeffords Steel & Engineering Company of Plattsburgh, NY	\$ 65,842.00
2. D.A. Collins Construction Co., Inc.of Wilton, NY	\$ 90,300.00

and

WHEREAS, Andrew S. Bell of A.S. Bell Engineering, design engineer for Hamilton County, has reviewed the said bids and recommends that the award be made to Jeffords Steel and Engineering Co., 4398 Route 22, Plattsburgh, NY, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby award the bid received for Specification 11-2025 Superstructure, Rolled Beams and Related Items to Jeffords Steel and Engineering Co., 4398 Route 22, Plattsburgh, NY 12901 in the amount shown hereon, be it further

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board to enter into an agreement with Jeffords Steel and Engineering Co. for the purchase of the said bid with the approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer, Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 286-25

AWARD OF BID FOR SPECIFICATIONS 12-2025

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County DPW solicited bids for the decking and related items for Coon Creek Bridge, Spec 12-2025, and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received as follows –

1. Laminated Concepts Industries, LLC. of Mount Laurel, NJ - \$78,463.00

and

WHEREAS, Andrew S. Bell of A.S. Bell Engineering, design engineer for Hamilton County, has reviewed the said bid and recommends that the award be made to Laminated Concepts Industries, LLC, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby award the bid received for Specification 12-2025 Laminated Timber Deck and Related Items Coon Creek Bridge to Laminated Concepts Industries, LLC, 921 Pleasant Valley Ave. #505, Mount Laurel NJ 08054 in the amount shown hereon, be it further

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board to enter into an agreement with Laminated Concepts for the purchase of the said bid with the approval of the County Attorney, and the County Treasurer, Highway Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 287-25

**AMENDING AMOUNT OF 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL ROAD
PROJECTS**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the budget appropriation amount for Capital Road Projects for 2025 was set and adopted for \$1,300,000.00 for Account No. 5112.0202 Capital Projects, and

WHEREAS, that amount is estimated by the County Highway Superintendent in September of the previous year based on previous allocations of State Chips funding for highway projects and the actual amount is set after the State Budget is adopted, and

WHEREAS, the actual adopted State Budget for 2025 – 2026 for Hamilton County from the state CHIPS, Pave NY, Extreme Weather Recovery (EWR) and Pave Our Potholes (POP) funds for the State fiscal year 2025 - 2026 is set at \$1,373,303.24 including rollover funds, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends that the County Board of Supervisors amend the 2025 appropriation for capital projects from \$1,300,000.00 to \$1,373,303.24 for 2025 County Highway Projects, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2025 budget appropriation for Capital Road Projects Account No. 5112.0202 be amended from \$1,300,000.00 to \$1,373,303.24 and also increase Revenue Account No.D3501.0 Consolidated Highway Aid from \$1,300,000.00 to \$1,373,303.24 and the County Treasurer be so authorized and Clerk of the Board and County DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 288-25

**AUTHORIZATION OF PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FLOORING – SOCIAL
SERVICE BUILDING WING**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Public Works Superintendent has met with the Public Works Committee to discuss the need to replace the carpet in the Social Service wing of the Indian Lake building complex, and

WHEREAS, the department has received a written quote from Gato Flooring, LLC for the removal of the old carpet, supplying new carpet and installation of the new carpet for \$27,610.50, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee recommends moving forward with the said carpet replacement by Gato Flooring, LLC of Utica under NYS Contract pricing #PC69410, be it

RESOLVED, that \$27,610.50 be transferred from the Buildings Reserve Fund to Account No. A1620.0414 Five Year Building Plan for the said carpet project and the County Treasurer be so authorized and the Clerk of the Board and DPW Superintendent be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 289-25

AWARD OF BID SPECIFICATION 13-2025 – TRAILER MOUNTED 8” WATER PUMP

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received for One (1) New Trailer Mounted 8” Water Pump for General dewatering with Max Flow 2,378 USGpm in accordance with Specification No. 13-2025 as advertised by the Highway Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

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| 1. | Walter S. Pratt & Sons, Inc. of Rensselaer, NY | \$ 75,844.00 |
| 2. | Core & Main – LP of St. Louis, MO | \$137,778.40 |

and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends awarding the bid to Walter S. Pratt & Sons, Inc. of Rensselaer, NY, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the new pump will be reimbursed 50% by CHIPS and 50% by Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, be it

RESOLVED, that the award be made to Walter S. Pratt & Sons, Inc. 317 Columbia St., Rensselaer, NY 12144, 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 the said trailer mounted pump in the amount of \$75,844.00 with the approval of the County Attorney, be it further

RESOLVED, that payment be made to Walter S. Pratt & Sons, Inc. within 30 days of delivery of fully equipped and operational unit and acceptance by the County Highway Superintendent from Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects in the amount of \$75,844.00 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, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 290-25

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 41-25 AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR TRAILER

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 41-25 authorized the purchase of one (1) Towmaster Trailer, Model T-50LP under Sourcewell Contract 092922-MNR for a total of \$54,473.80 to be paid from Account No. DM5130.0201 Road Equipment, and

WHEREAS, the said trailer is eligible for CHIPS reimbursement, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent recommends that the department change the expenditure account from Account No. DM5130.0201 Road Equipment to Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects, and

WHEREAS, the said trailer has been delivered and approved by the Highway Superintendent, be it

RESOLVED, this resolution does amend Resolution No. 41-25 as stated hereon, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to make payment in the amount of \$54,273.80 from Account No. D5112.0202 Capital Projects to Robert H. Finke & Sons, Inc. PO Box 127, Selkirk, NY 12158 and the 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, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 291-25

AWARD OF BID SPECIFICATION 10-2025 – OPEN TOP EJECTOR TRAILERS

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee authorized the County Highway Superintendent to advertise for bids for the purchase of two (2) New Open Top Ejector Trailers, and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received for two (2) New and Unused Open Top Ejector Trailers in accordance with Specification No. 10-2025 as advertised by the Highway Superintendent and Highway Committee, and

WHEREAS, the following bid was received:

1. Spector Manufacturing, Inc.
PO Box 158, Industrial Park Road
St. Claire, PA 17970
Two (2) Spec Tec Model SEO459696 as specified - Total Bid price \$227,402.00

and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends awarding the bid to Spector Manufacturing Equipment, be it

RESOLVED, that the award be made to Spector Manufacturing, Inc., PO Box 158, St. Claire, PA 17970, 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 two new Spec Tec Open Top Ejector Trailers with Spector Manufacturing, Inc. of St. Claire, PA in the amount of \$227,402.00 with the approval of the County Attorney, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$227,402.00 from the Solid Waste Reserve Fund to Account No. A8189.0401 Solid Waste Capital Reserve Expenditure to fund the purchase, be it further

RESOLVED, that payment be made to Spector Manufacturing, Inc. within 30 days of delivery of fully equipped and operational unit and acceptance by the County Highway Superintendent and that payment be made from Account No. A8189.0401 Solid Waste Reserve Expenditure in the amount of \$227,402.00 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, FREY, BAIN, ARSENAULT,
FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 292-25

**AUTHORIZING FLEET COORDINATOR TO PURCHASE A TANDEM DUMP BODY
FOR TRUCK #132 - DPW**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Public Works owns a 2014 Mack Granite that needs to have the dump body replaced, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent recommends that the department purchase one replacement Beau-Roc Dump Body for Truck #132, 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 \$21,716.77, be it further

RESOLVED, that the funds be taken out of Account No. DM5130.0201 Road Equipment in the amount of \$21,716.77 for the said purchase from Viking Cives (USA) of Harrisville, NY and the County Treasurer, Clerk of the Board and Fleet Coordinator be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 293-25

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR REPAIRS TO SOLID WASTE ROLL OFF TRAILER

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the County owns a 2013 Galbreath roll off trailer, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent had it brought to Sowles Auto Body (S.A.B) for major frame repair, and

WHEREAS, the final invoice for the said repairs is \$14,564.93, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to send payment for Invoice #485706 to S.A.B. Repair, LLC, 3956 New York 30A, Fultonville, NY 12072 in the amount of \$14,564.93 for the repairs to trailer #421 and the funds be taken out of Account No. DM5130.0401 Repairs and Clerk of the Board and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 294-25

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR SOLID WASTE ROLL OFF TRAILER – DPW

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 84-25 authorizes the County Fleet Coordinator to purchase one (1) 2025 Galbreath Roll Off Trailer for use by the Public Works Solid Waste Division, and

WHEREAS, the said trailer was delivered, and the County Fleet Coordinator has inspected the said trailer and confirms it is accepted and meets specifications and recommends payment for said trailer, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$102,519.00 from the Solid Waste Reserve Fund to Account No. A8189.0401 Solid Waste Capital Reserve Expenditure to fund the purchase, be it further

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment to CEJJ, Inc., 939 Route 9, Schodack Landing, NY12156 in the amount of \$102,519.00 and the funds to be taken out of Account No. A8189.0401 Solid Waste Reserve Expenditure and the Fleet Coordinator and the Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 295-25

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

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, the Building Permit fee is due to the Department of State for the Lake Pleasant Cold Storage building project, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize payment for building permit in the amount of \$1,400.00 for the Lake Pleasant Cold Storage building project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make a check payable to the New York State Department of State, Division of Building Standards & Codes, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Suite 1160, Albany, NY 12231-0001 in the amount of \$1,400.00 for the said building permit and the funds be taken out of Account No. A1620.0415 Cold Storage Building Project and the Public Works Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

The Chairman stated that sometimes they have discussion for resolutions and sometimes they don't, but it does go to show that their committee meetings work because they talk things through before it gets to this point and it's nice. Sometimes he wishes there were more questions, but it seems like they are just doing their jobs the right way. They really talk things out in the committee room and that's helpful when it gets to Board meeting day. He appreciates all of them because they all take what they do seriously.

RESOLUTIONS: *(Continued)*

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Wells thanked Barry Baker, Budget Officer/Real Property Tax Director, for all the work he had put into this. He thought it was needed. The Chairman stated that it is going to be a good thing for the County to have.

RESOLUTION NO. 296-25

**AUTHORIZING HAMILTON COUNTY TO CONTRACT WITH GRANICUS, LLC TO
IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN A SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGISTRY**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature recently passed a short-term rental law, Senate Bill 820, that was enacted as Chapter 99 of the Laws of 2025. This law requires that counties adopt a state-developed regulatory framework for short-term rentals or affirmatively opt out of this framework, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors has determined the creation and maintenance of a short-term rental (STR) registry in compliance with the newly adopted legislation would be of benefit to the County and local communities, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has also determined that contracting with an outside firm that specializes in the identification of short-term rental properties and the creation, implementation and maintenance of an STR registry is fiscally prudent, and

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Department and the Treasurer met with three (3) companies that provide these specialized services and subsequently met with the Finance Committee and recommended the County contract with Granicus, LLC for the identification of STR properties and the development and maintenance of a County STR Registry, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee approved this request, be it

RESOLVED, that the Real Property Tax Department is hereby authorized to contract Granicus, LLC, for a one (1) year agreement to develop and implement a Hamilton County STR Registry for \$17,579.70, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create and fund Account No. A.1355.0409 – Short-Term Registry in the amount of \$17,579.70 from Account No. A.1990.0401 Contingent Fund.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 297-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL SOFTWARE PLAN WITH SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL, INC. AND PAYMENT OF ANNUAL FEE FOR BEACON ONLINE PORTAL FOR HOSTING REAL PROPERTY TAX AND ASSESSMENT DATA

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MS. HUNT:

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the Real Property Tax Services Agency, and by agreement of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, dissemination of real property tax and assessment data in digital form through a securely hosted internet based platform is a valuable enhancement to services provided by Hamilton County and a tangible benefit to taxpayers, real estate professionals and others, and

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Services Agency engaged Systems Development Group, Inc. (SDG) as authorized by the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors to develop, host, upload, and provide maintenance for Hamilton County real property data on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS, in 2025 SDG was acquired by Schneider Geospatial, Inc. who provide a similar real property data hosting portal called Beacon, that will also integrate the GIS Mapping application known as HAMCOMAPS, hosted by VHB, and

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Services Agency received and has approved a proposal for a pro-rated year one (1) agreement for the term 03/01/2025 - 12/31/2025 at a cost of \$5,936 from Schneider Geospatial, Inc., and an annual plan for subsequent years 2 through 4 that will include the HOMS GIS Mapping component as follows:

Year 2	01/01/2026 – 12/31/2026	=	\$9,372
Year 3	01/01/2027 – 12/31/2027	=	\$9,838
Year 4	01/01/2028 – 12/31/2028	=	\$10,323

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the annual plan agreement and payment of the pro-rated 2025 annual fee of \$5,936 (Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars) with Schneider Geospatial, Inc. from Account A1355.0407.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 298-25

CREATE AND FUND MOTOR VEHICLE CLERK POSITION IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. SNYDER:

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office has advertised and interviewed for a Motor Vehicle Clerk position, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is here by authorized to create Account No. A1410.110, Motor Vehicle Clerk, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is authorized to make the following transfer:

FROM: A.1990.0401 Contingent Fund	\$16,000.00
TO: A.1410.110 Motor Vehicle Clerk	\$16,000.00

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

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

NAYS: NONE

Sheriff Karl Abrams, Deputy Loomis and Carrie O'Neill-Confidential Secretary all entered the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 299-25

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR OPTION TO LEASE – SPY LAKE CORPORATION
– SI23-1055-E00**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has entered into an Option to Lease with Spy Lake Corporation for the Emergency Services Tower located in Arietta, NY, and

WHEREAS, payment is due to Spy Lake Corporation for said Option to Lease, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue payment to Spy Lake Corporation in the amount of \$2,400.00 from Account No. A3645.0430 SI23-1055-E00.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Fernandez asked if they were still waiting on the doctor. The Chairman stated that he and Dr. Rider have been talking quite a bit. They haven't come up with a monetary amount yet. He thought that Dr. Rider wanted to digest, read and understand the job description. He has met with the Sheriff and has toured the facility. The Chairman stated that he would reach out to Dr. Rider again next week.

RESOLUTION NO. 300-25

CREATION OF JAIL PHYSICIAN POSITION

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, the New York State Commission of Correction has notified Hamilton County that per Correction Law section 501, each County Board of Supervisors must appoint a Jail Physician or procure the services of a professional medical corporation or company, provided that the Board designates one physician from the corporation or company to act as the chief medical officer of the jail, and

WHEREAS, the uniqueness of Hamilton County doesn't make the procurement of services of a professional medical corporation or company a viable option at this time, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is committed to finding a solution to the requirement of a Jail Physician, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Personnel Officer is hereby authorized to create the position of a Part-Time Jail Physician, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Treasurer is hereby authorized to create Account No. A3150.0114 Jail Physician to be funded by transferring \$50,000.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Sheriff be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Rhodes stated that this was the extension that he had referred to earlier. This estimate is to finish the Spy Lake, Morehouse and Hope tower sites. They have so much invested with this company on those sites that it didn't make sense to go somewhere else at this point.

RESOLUTION NO. 301-25

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

DATED: AUGUST 7, 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, after completing the RFP process and under Resolution No. 117-19, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorized the Chairman of Hamilton County to enter into a contract with C&S Companies in the amount not to exceed \$657,610.00 for professional expertise for the communication projects, and

WHEREAS, the terms of the grant were extended an additional year in order to give Hamilton County time to complete the project, and professional expertise is needed to complete said project, and

WHEREAS, C&S Companies has submitted a proposal for additional services to complete the Communications Project in the amount of \$123,800.00, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has submitted approval from DHSES for noncompetitive procurement for the contract extension with C&S Companies, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to extend the contract with C&S Companies in a total amount not to exceed \$123,800.00, pending approval from DHSES and with the approval of the County Attorney.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 302-25

APPROVAL FOR HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE QUOTE FOR SERVER – SI21-1050-E00

DATED: AUGUST 7, 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 \$1,126,497.00, Contract No. C197759, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Information Technology Department have received quote number NG09089047-01 from Hewlett Packard Enterprise to purchase a server for the ESRI mapping under the New York State Contract PM20850 – in the amount of \$21,616.86, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors authorizes the purchase of the quoted server from Hewlett Packard Enterprise in the amount of \$21,616.86 with funds coming from A3645.0427 SI21-1050-E00.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 303-25

**AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE ORDER FOR TYLER TECHNOLOGIES SOFTWARE
– SI21-1050-E00**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has received a grant from New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$1,126,497.00, contract C197759, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 60-24 and 123-24 authorized the contract and amendment of the contract with Tyler Technologies with the cost of the software, and

WHEREAS, while working on the Tyler Technologies project, the Sheriff's Office found that an additional change order needs to be completed, and

WHEREAS, Tyler Technologies issued a Change Order on August 4, 2025 reducing the current contract amount of \$132,798.75 to \$115,942.50, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the Tyler Technologies Change Order dated August 4, 2025.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman read the resolution. The Board thanked the Sheriff's Office.

RESOLUTION NO. 304-25

HONORING HAMILTON COUNTY K9 DEPUTY SHERIFF TJ

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. RHODES:

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2014, TJ, was born an all-black German Shepherd in the Czech Republic, and

WHEREAS, when TJ was one year old ventured to the United States to become a K9 Deputy Sheriff, and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2015, TJ was partnered with Justin Loomis at the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2016, K9 Deputy Sheriff TJ transferred to Hamilton County to become the first canine member of the Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, TJ was devoted to his handler, Tech Sergeant Justin Loomis and to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, TJ was DCJS certified in narcotics detection, tracking and patrol, and

WHEREAS, TJ loved what he did, whether it was searching for drugs, tracking "bad guys" or simply doing a demonstration for school children, and

WHEREAS, TJ passed away peacefully on July 9, 2025 surrounded by his family, and

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

WHEREAS, it is the desire and honor of this Board to honor TJ,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, do hereby commend and honor TJ for his many years of service and dedication as the first K9 Deputy Sheriff for Hamilton County.

Seconded by ALL and adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 305-25

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SERVERS FOR INDIAN LAKE OFFICES

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. FERNANDEZ:

WHEREAS, Res. No. 111-24 authorized the Public Health Infrastructure Grant to strengthen infrastructure, workforce and data systems, and

WHEREAS, the IT Department has obtained quote #NQ09089047-01 from Hewlett Packard Enterprise for 3 HPE DL360 Gen11 servers for the Indian Lake offices under NYS OGS Contract #PM20850 for \$21,616.86, be it

RESOLVED, that the Public Health Department is hereby authorized to purchase server equipment per the Hewlett Packard Enterprise quote under NYS OGS Contract #PM20850 for a total of \$21,616.86 to be charged to Account No. A4189.4106 HRI PH Infrastructure Grant.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Rhodes stated that he doesn't remember this, had Lynette Greene, Community Services Director, told them about it? Ms. Bain and the Chairman stated that it was a mistake. Ms. Bain stated the next three resolutions will be correcting contract amounts. Mr. Rhodes asked if she let them know during Committee or had it just come out? Ms. Bain stated that she wasn't sure Ms. Greene realized it on Committee Day because Ms. Bain wasn't there.

RESOLUTION NO. 306-25

**AMEND CONTRACT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR CPL 730
EXAMINATIONS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES – MARILYN MCKEE, PH.D.**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton has approved the 2025 contract with Marilyn McKee, PhD. to provide court ordered 730 examinations per Resolution No. 225-25, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 225-25 states the amount to be paid to provide this service is \$150 per hour for time spent on evaluation, including direct time, report writing, testimony and travel, and

WHEREAS, the current contract needs to be amended to increase the amount to be paid to provide this service from \$150 per hour to \$275 per hour, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves amending the County's 2025 contract with Marilyn McKee, PhD. from \$150 per hour to \$275 per hour, and the Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 307-25

**AMEND CONTRACT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR CPL 730
EXAMINATIONS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES – KATHERINE WARDEN, PH.D.**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton has approved the 2025 contract with Katherine Warden, PhD. to provide court ordered 730 examinations per Resolution No. 226-25, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 226-25 states the amount to be paid to provide this service is \$150 per hour for time spent on evaluation, including direct time, report writing, testimony and travel, and

WHEREAS, the current contract needs to be amended to increase the amount to be paid to provide this service from \$150 per hour to \$275 per hour, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves amending the County's 2025 contract with Katherine Warden, PhD. from \$150 per hour to \$275 per hour, and the Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 308-25

**AMEND CONTRACT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR CPL 730
EXAMINATIONS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES – MICHAEL PREZIOSO**

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MS. BAIN:

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton has approved the 2025 contract with Michael Prezioso, PhD. to provide court ordered 730 examinations per Resolution No. 227-25, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 227-25 states the amount to be paid to provide this service is \$150 per hour for time spent on evaluation, including direct time, report writing, testimony and travel, and

WHEREAS, the current contract needs to be amended to increase the amount to be paid to provide this service from \$150 per hour to \$275 per hour, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves amending the County's 2025 contract with Michael Prezioso, PhD. from \$150 per hour to \$275 per hour, and the Treasurer be so advised.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 309-25

AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF EXCESS VEHICLES

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, certain vehicles/equipment have become excess and no longer needed by certain County Agencies, and

WHEREAS, the County Fleet Coordinator has recommended that the following vehicles/equipment be disposed of from the County inventory:

Year	Make/Model	VIN	Plate#	Dept	FN
2018	Chev. Tahoe SSV	1GNSKFEC5JR283833	N/A	Sheriff	621
1972	Blaw-Knox Road Widener	0401-3	N/A	DPW	309
2011	Simplicity Garden Tractor, 54" Mowing Deck		N/A	DPW	N/A
2013	Artic Cat F570	4UF13SNW4DT108297	N/A	Sheriff	N/A

be it

RESOLVED, the above vehicles/equipment be sold by auction online by Auctions International and the funds from the auction shall be a revenue credit to Account No. A2665 Sale of Equipment and Account No. DM2665 Sale of Equipment, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Fleet Coordinator see that proper inventory notes be recorded when the transactions are accomplished, and the Fleet Coordinator, Director of Fixed Assets, and the County Treasurer be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; Mr. Tomlinson stated that the Treasurer has all the colors if anybody wanted to see for the project here. He confirmed that the Chairman had seen them.

Mr. Fernandez stated that the Fayle Road trusses that were taken out are sitting on private property. Just to make the Board aware he has spoken with Tracy Eldridge, Highway Superintendent, and they are working on getting them removed. Part of the grant was keeping them because they have some historical value. Ms. Johnson stated that they have tried to figure out a couple of options to use them. They were not quite the right size for some of the projects Highway has. They have been working with NYSDEC on possibly some trail. She was unaware that they were on private property. She thought they were on town highway property. She stated that the other part of the papers submitted for that bridge has to do with treatment for a plaque acknowledging the historic value. That was the part that was holding it up, but Highway will take care of it and do the plaque. She stated that they have been reimbursed for 87.5% of \$1.1Million. She thought the project was \$1.2Million by the time the rest of it has been obligated. They will get \$66,000 once they have the plaque in place. Mr. Fernandez asked if they were holding it because of the plaque. Ms. Johnson stated that it was a historic issue. They are not holding it per se. They have only obligated a certain percentage. Now they must do the reconciliation of the actual cost. The County has been reimbursed for the fully obligated cost. There is a difference in the reconciliation of \$1.2Million. She stated that the \$66,000 the County will be reimbursed once the plaque is in place. Then the project can be closed out. That is 87.5% of the difference between the obligated cost and the reconciled cost. She hoped that they would be ordering the plaque within the month.

RESOLUTION NO. 310-25

AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT FOR CONSULTING FIRM

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MR. TOMLINSON:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 363-23 authorizes the hiring of a consultant to perform an architectural study and document package for the old Fayle Road bridge trusses, and

WHEREAS, Hartgen Archeological Associates has completed the said study and documentation package, and final payment is due, be it

RESOLVED, the County Treasurer be so authorized to make the final payment of \$1,540.00 to Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc., 1744 Washington Avenue Extension, Rensselaer, NY 12144 out of Account No. D5112.0203 Bridge Projects and the Clerk of the Board and the DPW Superintendent be so notified.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 311-25

APPROVAL OF AUDITS IN COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills in the Machinery Fund amounting to \$213,117.68 and bills in the County Road Fund amounting to \$291,998.09 presented by the County Superintendent of Highways and audited this day by the County Public Works Committee, be, and the same hereby are approved and audited.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 312-25

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

DATED: AUGUST 7, 2025

BY MS. HUNT:

RESOLVED, that the bills audited this day in the County General Fund in the amount of \$815,966.80 the following committees:

Public Works (Buildings) Committee.....	\$ 28,452.42
Public Works (Solid Waste).....	36,463.48
Finance Committee	26,834.29
Health Committee.....	15,009.08
Human Services Committee.....	41,801.74
Central Government Committee	17,444.96
Emergency Prep./Emergency Response.....	648,572.11
Internal Management Committee	1,388.72

be it further

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

Big Brook Bridge.....	\$145,648.87
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are hereby approved.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

Mr. Wells thanked the Board for passing Local Law No. 4 and he hopes they never have to use it.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 4 of 2025 – A Local Law of the County of Hamilton, New York, Establishing a Registry for Animal Abusers by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Hunt. Carried.

A motion was made to adopt Local Law 4 of 2025 – A Local Law of the County of Hamilton, New York, Establishing a Registry for Animal Abusers by Mr. Wells, seconded by ALL. Carried.

Motion: Mr. Wells

Second: ALL

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2025

COUNTY OF HAMILTON

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, NEW YORK, ESTABLISHING A
REGISTRY FOR ANIMAL ABUSERS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Title.

This Local Law shall be known as the “Animal Abuser Registry Law”.

Section 2. Board Findings.

The Board finds and determines that animal cruelty is a serious concern for Hamilton County and its citizens. Criminal statutes are helpful in deterring cruelty to animals but unfortunately cruelty to animal offenses still occur in Hamilton County and throughout New York State.

It is the Board’s goal to reduce the number and frequency of animal cruelty offenses occurring in Hamilton County. In order to further that goal, the Board believes that identifying individuals who are convicted of animal cruelty charges and limiting their access to animals could reduce the likelihood of future animal cruelty offenses.

The Board determines that it is in the best interest of the residents of Hamilton County and their animals that an online registry be established identifying individuals residing in Hamilton County who have been convicted of animal abuse crimes with the purpose of prohibiting these individuals from adopting, purchasing, or otherwise obtaining animals from any animal shelter, pet dealer or other person or entity involved in the exchange of animals by adopted, sale, or other means.

Section 3. Definitions.

As used in this local law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

“Animal Abuse Crime” – Any of the following crimes:

- (a) A violation of any of the following provisions of the New York State Agriculture Markets Law (“AML”) Article 26:

Section 351 – Prohibition of animal fighting

Section 353 – Overdriving, torturing and injuring animals; failure to provide proper sustenance

Section 353-a – Aggravated cruelty to animals

Section 355 – Abandonment of animals

Section 356 – Failure to provide proper food and drink to impounded animal

Section 359 – Carrying animal in a cruel manner

Section 360 – Poisoning or attempting to poison animals

Section 361 – Interference with or injury to certain domestic animals

Section 362 – Throwing substance injurious to animals in public place

Section 365 – Clipping or cutting the ears of dogs

Section 366 – Companion animal stealing

Section 366-a – Removing, seizing or transporting dogs for research purposes

- (b) Sexual misconduct with an animal in violation of New York State Penal Law (“PL”) §130.20 (3)
- (c) Harming a service animal in violation of PL §242.10 and §242.15
- (d) Killing or injuring a police animal in violation of PL §195.06
- (e) Harming an animal trained to aid a person with a disability in violation of PL §195.12
- (f) Any conviction of a crime based upon a reduced charge when the original offense was a charge listed in Section 3 (a) – (e) above.

“Animal Abuse Offender” – Any person eighteen (18) years of age, or older, convicted of an Animal Abuse Crime, except youthful offenders whose convictions or adjudications include sealed records.

“Animal Abuse Registry” – The online registry established by this Local Law for registering any person residing in Hamilton County convicted of an Animal Abuse Crime.

“Animal Shelter” – Any public or privately owned organization including, but not limited to, any duly incorporated humane society, pound, animal protective association or animal rescue group which maintains buildings, structures, or other property for the purpose of harboring animals which may be stray, unwanted, lost, abandoned, or abused and seeks to find appropriate temporary or permanent homes for such animals.

“Companion Animal or Pet” – Any dog or cat or any other domesticated animal normally maintained in or near the household of the owner or person who cares for such domesticated animal. It shall not include a Farm Animal.

“Conviction” – An adjudication of guilt by any court of competent jurisdiction whether upon verdict after trial, plea of guilty, or nolo contendere plea.

“Farm Animal” – Any ungulate (a hooved mammal), poultry, species of cattle, sheep, swine, goats, llamas, horses or fur bearing animals (as defined in the Environmental Conservation Law 11-1907) which are raised for commercial or subsistence purposes. Fur bearing animals shall not include dogs or cats.

“Pet Dealer” – (1) Any person or entity that engages in the sale or offers to sell more than nine (9) dogs and/or cats per year to the public; or (2) If the dogs and/or cats being sold or offered to be sold were born and raised on the premises of the person or entity who bred the dogs and/or cats that person or entity is considered a Pet Dealer if he/she/it engages in the sale or offers to sell twenty-five (25) or more dogs and/or cats per year to the public; (3) An Animal Shelter shall not be considered a Pet Dealer.

“Service Animal” – Any animal that has been partnered with a person who has a disability (as defined in Executive Law 5292(21)) and has been trained or is being trained, by a qualified person, to aid or guide a person with a disability.

Section 4. Establishing an Animal Abuser Registry

The Hamilton County Sheriff, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to establish an online Animal Abuser Registry that shall contain the names and residence information of all available Animal Abuse Offenders living in Hamilton County who are convicted of an Animal Abuse Crime on or after the Effective date of this law. The online Registry will be maintained by the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office and shall be listed on the Hamilton County website within the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office web page. The online Animal Abuser Registry shall also contain links to other county Animal Abuser Registries that are available, or as they become available in the future, in the State of New York, with such other county registries to be used as informational resource by Animal Shelters or Pet Dealers located in Hamilton County when they shall sell, exchange or otherwise transfer the ownership of any Companion Animal or Pet.

The registry shall contain the required information about each Animal Abuse Offender for a period of seven (7) years following his or her release from incarceration or, if not incarcerated, from the date of the judgement of conviction. Any currently or previously registered Animal Abuse Offender convicted of a subsequent Animal Abuse Crime shall be placed on the Animal Abuser Registry for life following the second judgment of conviction. Upon notification to the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office of a successful appeal of a conviction of an Animal Abuse Crime by an individual that has been required to register pursuant to this Local Law, the registration information for that individual shall be removed from the Hamilton County Animal Abuser Registry within five (5) days following the notification.

Section 5. Registry Requirements.

- (A) All Animal Abuse Offenders who reside in Hamilton County and who are convicted of an Animal Abuse Crime on or after the effective date of this Local Law must register with the Hamilton County Animal Abuse Registry within five (5) days of their release from incarceration or, if not incarcerated, from the date of rendering of judgment. The registration requirements of this section shall be applicable for seven (7) years following the Animal Abuse Offender’s release from incarceration or the date sentencing was rendered, whichever is later, and any Animal Abuse Offender who is convicted of a subsequent Animal Abuse Crime the registration requirement of this section shall apply for life following a second conviction.

- (B) When a person is convicted of an Animal Abuse Crime, the prosecuting agency shall forward to the Sheriff's Office the name and address of the convicted person along with the name of the Animal Abuse Crime the person was convicted of, thereby notifying the Sheriff's Office that the person is required to register with the Animal Abuser Registry.
- (C) Each person required to register with the Animal Abuser Registry shall submit to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office:
 - (i) Their name and any aliases they may be known by;
 - (ii) Their residence township;
 - (iii) Their date of birth: and
 - (iv) A photograph using a clear image of their face which is not changed by using computer software, phone apps or filters, or artificial intelligence; not less the 2" x 3" or a digital image commonly known as a digital photograph.
- (D) Within twenty (20) days of the anniversary day of the date an individual originally registered with the Animal Abuse Registry, said individual must personally appear at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. The individual must confirm the accuracy or change the information provided pursuant to Section 5 (C) (i), (ii) and (iii) above and must provide a new photograph in compliance with Section 5(C)(iv) above. The individual must comply with this Section 5(D) every year the individual remains on the Animal Abuser Registry.
- (E) Every person required to register with the Animal Abuser Registry shall update their registry information within five (5) days of any change of residential address and/or upon any official change of name.
- (F) Every person required to register with the Animal Abuser Registry shall pay a onetime fee of one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at the time of registration. All such fees shall be used to help pay the administrative and maintenance costs of maintaining the registry. In the event that a person is financially incapable of paying the registration fee said individual can make an application to the Hamilton County Sheriff to waive the fee. The Hamilton County Sheriff will investigate the application and shall have the sole discretion to grant or deny the application.
- (G) The Hamilton County Sheriff is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the Animal Abuser Registry.

Section 6. Prohibition on Contact with Animals.

No person who is registered or required to register pursuant to Section 5 of this Local Law shall own, possess, reside with, have custody of, or intentionally engage in any physical contact with any Companion Animal or Pet.

Section 7. Animal Shelters, Pet Dealers, Individuals and Entities Prohibited from Transferring Animal Ownership to Animal Abuse Offenders.

No Animal Shelter, Pet Dealer, Individual and Entity, located in Hamilton County, shall sell, exchange or otherwise transfer the ownership of any Companion Animal or Pet to any person having a residence in Hamilton County and listed as an Animal Abuse Offender on the Animal Abuser Registry. An Animal Shelter, Pet Dealer, Individual and Entity prior to the sale, exchange, or other transfer of ownership of any Companion Animal or Pet, shall examine the Animal Abuser Registry to confirm that the name of the potential owner of the Companion Animal or Pet is not listed. In the event an entity or individual subject to this Section 7 cannot access the Animal Abuser Registry they can call the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at (518)548-3113 to confirm whether or not the name of a potential owner appears on the Animal Abuse Registry.

This section shall not apply to Farm Animals for farmers or to Service Animals for people with disabilities.

Section 8. Penalties.

- (A) Any Animal Abuse Offender required to register with the Animal Abuser Registry who fails to so register shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by incarceration for a period of not more than one (1) year and/or a fine not to exceed two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars.
- (B) Any Animal Abuse Offender who violates the prohibition against possessing, owning, adopting, or purchasing a Companion Animal or Pet – except for Farm Animals for farmers, and Service Animals for people with disabilities – shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by incarceration for a period of not more than one (1) year and/or a fine not to exceed five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars.
- (C) Any Animal Shelter, Pet Dealer, Individual or Entity that knowingly violates Section 7 of this Local Law shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not to exceed five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars. A first-time violation of Section 7 of this Local Law shall not subject an Animal Shelter, Pet Dealer, Individual or Entity to a fine but all subsequent violations shall be subject to prosecution and fine. It shall not be a violation of this Local Law if the Animal Shelter, Pet Dealer, Individual or Entity can show proof that it/they checked with the Hamilton County Animal Abuser Registry and the name did not appear thereon.

Section 9. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, subdivision or other part of the Local Law or its applications shall be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order of judgment shall not affect, impair, or otherwise invalidate the remainder of this Local Law which shall remain in full force and effect except as limited by such order or judgement.

AYES: ARIETTA (292), BENSON (221), HOPE (413), INDIAN LAKE (1,363), INLET (355), LAKE PLEASANT (897), LONG LAKE (791), MOREHOUSE (92), WELLS (683) = 5,107

NAYS: NONE

Other Reports:

Mr. Wells: Thanked Supervisor Bain and her Highway Superintendent, Randy Lavarnway. They were having some issues in Indian Lake. He made a morning phone call, and by 12:30PM with the help of Lake Pleasant they had a solution. They didn't have to use it, but the cooperation was amazing, and he wanted to thank them.

The Chairman stated that he was coming down to the office on the 17th and ended up spending the day in Indian Lake talking to Department Heads. It was great, he met almost all of them. He started with Mr. Eldridge, and he showed him the new lift and the overhead door that were installed. The lift is wonderful and Ben Eldridge, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, told him that it makes his job a lot easier. Mr. Eldridge showed him the storage shed that they built in-house which really shows them the talent that they have at the County. He then met Ms. Greene. She, along with the other Department Heads, are concerned about the security of their campus. He also saw Dr. Delizo and Supervisor Fernandez was there meeting with Cariann Grexa-Allen, Director of Patient Services. They discussed the grant. He saw Roberta Bly, DSS Commissioner, and she shared the same concerns as Ms. Greene regarding security. She did mention something interesting. The County has and is paying for a child in a home facility since November 2024. The service is reimbursable to some extent, but they are thinking they will be receiving quite a bill when that time comes. He confirmed with Ms. Bly that the County hasn't received any invoices. He stated that the County is also putting up a sex offender in a hotel for the last month. This too should mostly be reimbursable.

The Chairman stated that the Intercounty meeting on July 24th at the Long View Lodge for Hamilton County had, Ms. Wilt, the Clerk of the Board, Mr. Wells, Mr. Tomlinson and KC Morrison from ROOST in attendance. Ms. Wilt gave a little presentation about what Hamilton County has been up to and other things in the works regarding tourism. MJ Lawrence from ROOST also said a few words about what they are doing for Hamilton County. He stated that he was a little bit discouraged that there wasn't an actual presentation and he wasn't sure if there was a breakdown in communication and he thought maybe himself was partly to blame. He wasn't expecting that, and he didn't think it was a good look for our County. He apologized. He thought it was a little bit embarrassing. Ms. Wilt did the best she could. She stood up and talked about a few things and so did MJ, but we had expected a presentation on the projection screen. He has a call in to ROOST to discuss it with them. He stated that they had a beautiful place in Hamilton County and a really nice luncheon and then the presentation fell short in his opinion. He is not putting blame on anybody, but he would like to get to the bottom of it, and he apologized again. He stated that Patrick Cummings, NYSAC Counsel, gave a speech about what's going on in the legislative world. One of the big topics is switching the election cycle to even years. They should

know by mid-September, but he did say all the County Boards should prepare for the worse because he thinks the Governor is going to sign it. Ms. Hunt and Mr. Rhodes both stated that she did sign it. Ms. Hunt and Mr. Frey stated that it is in appeal. The Chairman apologized and stated that Mr. Cummings thought it was going to happen.

Ms. Bain stated that she wanted to say how good it was to have the communication he has going to the different departments and talking to everybody. She wasn't sure if anyone else had heard comments from different departments, but she has; how much they appreciate the Chairman coming in and taking the time to discuss things with them. She stated that she thought he was doing a great job.

Dr. Delizo asked the Board if the County had received the money from the Juul settlement. The Clerk of the Board stated no. The Treasurer's Office has submitted the paperwork they needed to. They will let him know as soon as it is received.

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