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**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES-MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026
 LESLIE CHURCH, LEGISLATIVE CHAIR**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesse Jayne, George Lawson, Dick Harper, Terry Button, Rick Willson, Nonie Flynn, Leigh MacKerchar, Doug Paddock, Ed Bronson, Sarah Purdy, Pat Killen, Leslie Church, Bill Holgate (Zoom; non-voting participant)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Banach

Chairwoman Church called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chairwoman Church opened the Public Hearing on the Yates County Local Solid Waste Management Plan at 1:01 p.m.

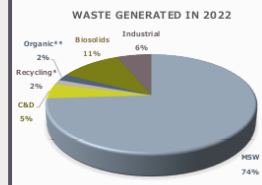
GENESEE FINGER LAKES PLANNING COUNCIL PRESENTATION (LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN): Emily Royce, Deputy Executive Director & Rachel Scudder, Planner/Climate Smart Communities Coordinator

YATES COUNTY LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW <small>Presented by Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (GFLRPC)</small>		Solid Waste Planning Process <small>State Guidance:</small> <small>Planning Unit (County) Description</small> <small>Current Waste Generation and Material Recovery Data</small> <small>Existing Solid Waste Management System</small> <small>Existing Administrative and Financial Structure</small> <small>Alternatives Evaluation and Selection</small> <small>Implementation Plan and Schedule</small> <small>Waste Stream Projections for 10-year period</small>	
<small>Legislature Meeting Public Hearing 3/9/26</small>			

	CURRENT STATE	Assessing Current Facilities and Programs
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Surveys • Data Collection • NYS DEC InfoLocator Tool • NYS DEC Annual Solid Waste Facilities Reports • Local Solid Waste Haulers • Transfer Stations

Facility	Ownership	Type	Current Capacity
Aluminum Recycling Company	Private	CRF/MSW - Unrecyclable Food Processing Waste	8,000 gallons from Yates County
ABB Recycling	Private	Strip Metal, Tire, and Vehicle Dismantling	6,382 tons combined strip metal, 1,450 tons from Yates County
Cardinal Disposal	Private	Mixed MSW and Single Stream Recycling from Yates County	8,163.66 tons MSW, 512.68 tons recycling from Yates County
Carrier Salvage & Recycling	Private	Strip Metal and Vehicle Dismantling	1,214.9 tons combined strip metal, 152.6 tons unknown origin
Clinting Bines Hay Farm & Brewery	Private	Organic - Unrecyclable Food Processing Waste	18,300 gallons from Yates County
Dundas Wastewater Treatment Plant	Public	Biosolids - Sludge/Silage	36.8 dry tons of biosolids and applied from Yates County
Dundas Pastures Composting	Private	Organic - Food and deceased animal composting	1,563 cubic yards of various organic material from unknown origin
Ironside Transfer Station	Public/Private Partnership	MSW and Recycling	88.19 tons MSW, 48.05 tons recycling from Yates County
LEO Disposal	Private	Commercial USG	Information not available
Maneedy's Hauling LLC	Private	Autos	Information not available
Nickerson Ash Disposal Site	Private	C&D Combustion Facilities (CCF)	4 used from unknown water clients
Metal Recovery LLC	Private	Vehicle Dismantling	110 tons combined scrap metal, unknown origin
Middlesex Transfer Station	Public	C&D	26,000 tons from Yates County
Peano Yaw Wastewater Treatment Plant	Public	Biosolids - Sludge/Silage	1,050.34 tons landfilled from Yates County, 471 cubic yards of compost created from Yates County
Pojikon Winery Inc.	Private	Organic - Unrecyclable Food Processing Waste	9,450 gallons from Yates County
Red Tail Ridge Winery	Private	Organic - Unrecyclable Food Processing Waste	Information for 2022 not available
Rock Stream Vineyards LLC	Private	Organic - Unrecyclable Food Processing Waste	240 gallons from Yates County
Schlyder & Yates Counties WRM East	Public/semi-annual event	Household hazardous waste, auto fluids and liquids, paper, cardboard, waste from within Yates County	4,326 tons and 1,122 gallons of household hazardous waste, and 20.5 tons of recyclable materials combined from both Counties

FACILITIES WITHIN YATES COUNTY



CURRENT WASTE GENERATION

Alternatives Evaluation

Utilized the expertise of the **New York Pollution Prevention Institute** to evaluate the various technological and programmatic alternatives and enhancements available to the County to **decrease the amount of waste disposed and increase reduction, recycling and recovery of recyclables.**

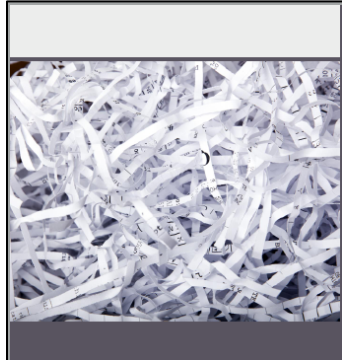


Evaluation

Solid Waste: Mixed MSW Composting, Anaerobic Digestion, Pyrolysis/Gasification, Plasma-Arc Gasification, Ethanol Production,

Specific Streams: Biosolids, C&D Debris, Industrial Waste

Alternative Programs: Waste Reduction and Recycling, Organics



Future Planning

Implementation Strategies

Summary of Diversion Actions

Here is a summary of the diversion actions that are proposed to be implemented over the ten-year planning period

Overall Material Diversion Planning	Organics Sector Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group Track state and federal funding Work with existing waste diversion organizations Review hauler licensing program Solid waste audit for Yates County building Collaboration opportunities for education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall Organics Strategy Residential Food Waste Reduction and Composting Composting bins Promotion Education/support business food waste reduction
C&D Sector Actions	Recycling/Waste-Reduction Sector Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and promote salvage, reuse, and reuse diversion efforts C&D Waste Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste-Reduction Campaign Community Repair Cafe Borrow/Exchange Program Recycling Program for Public Places and Events Encourage Recycling for Large Entities
Hard to Dispose Sector Actions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard to Dispose Third-Party Partnership Agriculture Plastics Pumpkin and Christmas Tree Disposal 	

THANK YOU

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A public comment period for the draft plan is open through the end of the day on March 19th. Any comments or concerns can be submitted via email to LSWMP@yatescountyny.gov

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:

Tom Bagley, resident, works in the industry that provides equipment to waste-to-energy facilities. Tom indicated that there are waste-to-energy facilities around the U.S. There are ways facilitate

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waste-to-energy without negatively affecting the environment. These facilities might affect it less, because they would not have waste going into their water stream and watershed. Additionally, the energy generated could potentially subsidize some of the current high energy costs. He does not want to ruin the beauty that is in Yates County, but he thinks they can do it smart and responsibly.

Chairwoman Church closed the Public Hearing on the Yates County Local Solid Waste Management Plan at 1:34 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Crevling, resident, recited a story about his dog and wife walking through a vineyard with snow and ice. His wife saw a chunk of ice in the shape of a heart, likely found and displayed by the immigrant vineyard workers. She took a picture of it and it ended up front page of the newspaper. The couple was pleasantly surprised at first, but then became concerned that they may have unwillingly exposed those workers to the other kind of ice, ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

MINUTES: Mr. Bronson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9th Legislative Meeting, seconded by Ms. Purdy.

VOTE: Unanimous

AUDIT: Ms. Purdy made a motion to approve/pay the following audit, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Unanimous

	March 2026	Prior	Total
Airport	\$35,517.14	\$1,496.38	\$37,013.52
Finance & Administration	\$923,683.48	\$6,747.74	\$930,431.22
Flint Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Government Operations	\$334,612.37	\$3,662.12	\$338,274.49
Human Services	\$440,837.48	\$32,369.56	\$473,207.04
Public Safety	\$488,171.87	\$47,150.94	\$535,322.81
Public Works	\$292,472.81	\$52,542.96	\$345,015.77
Grand Total:	\$2,515,295.15	\$143,969.70	\$2,659,264.85

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Flynn

- SWIO (Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization) Meeting scheduled for March 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Clerk’s Closing Room

Ms. Purdy

- Yates County hosting Inter-County Meeting April 17th
- Airport Tour scheduled for May 4th at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Button

- Received calls from various towns in regards to the County mowing certain areas that the towns had been contracted to mow
 - Might revisit next month

CHAIR’S APPOINTMENTS:

Chairwoman Church appointed Marks Hobbs as the at large Public Representative on the Airport Council for a term starting 3/9/26 and ending 12/31/27.

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Chairwoman Church reappointed the following to the Airport Council for a term starting 1/1/26 to 12/31/27:

- Rich Leppert, Seneca Flight Operations
- Doug Marchionda, Sr., Penn Yan Flying Club
- William Middlebrook, Penn Yan Aero
- Doug Paddock, Alternate Yates County Legislature Representative
- Paul Middlebrook, Special Advisor to the Council

Note: Ms. Purdy was previously appointed at the Organizational Meeting.

Chairwoman Church opened the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law 1-26 entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levey Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C” at 1:42 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 115-26

Mr. Willson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. MacKerchar.

AUTHORIZE CONTINUATION OF SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT WITH CATALIS FOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND HOSTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Yates County Probation Department utilizes the computer software program, Caseload Explorer, owned by Catalis, which requires an annual subscription for software maintenance and hosting services; and

WHEREAS, the Yates County Legislature previously authorized the Probation Department to enter into a subscription agreement with Catalis which automatically renews for successive twelve-month periods unless the County initiates a change; and

WHEREAS, resolution 236-24 further requires the Probation Director to obtain legislative approval on an annual basis to continue the subscription agreement; and

WHEREAS, the subscription agreement is scheduled to automatically renew on July 20, 2026 for the period of July 20, 2026 through July 19, 2027 at a cost of \$13,514.18;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature hereby approves the continuation of the subscription agreement with Catalis for software maintenance and hosting services for the period of July 20, 2026 through July 19, 2027 at a cost of \$13,514.18; and be it further

RESOLVED, that no further action or signature is required by the County to effectuate this renewal; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Probation Director and Director of Finance.

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VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 116-26

Mr. Willson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Killen.

**AUTHORIZE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE AND SHERIFF TO SIGN
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CO 82 LE REGARDING LATERAL
TRANSFER OF Z. PRESHER**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has received authorization to fill an upcoming Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant vacancy and any subsequent vacancy created by the promotion of an existing employee into the Lieutenant position; and

WHEREAS, a Deputy Sheriff position will become vacant as a result of the promotion; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff received a request for lateral transfer from Seneca County Deputy Sheriff Z. Presher; and

WHEREAS, based on Z. Presher's full-time permanent competitive experience with another law enforcement agency, the Sheriff has requested that Z. Presher be appointed at the STEP 5 rate of pay consistent with the applicable salary schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has further requested that, effective on the date of Z. Presher's transfer, Z. Presher be granted two (2) weeks of vacation leave; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the above items requires a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CO 82 LE to incorporate the agreed-upon terms into the current collective bargaining agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature and the Sheriff are hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with CO 82 LE to implement the terms described herein, including appointment at Step 5 and the granting of two (2) weeks of vacation leave effective March 9, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Sheriff, Z. Presher, the CO 82 LE Union President, CO 82 LE Union Representative, the Director of Human Resources, the County Administrator, and the Director of Finance.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 117-26

Mr. Willson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. MacKerchar.

**AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH RONALD G. SPIKE FOR
ADMINISTRATION RELATED CONSULTING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the County of Yates (hereinafter referred to as the “County”) wishes to renew contract with Ronald G. Spike for his provision of administrative consulting services to the County Sheriff at no cost to the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon approval by the County Attorney, the County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with Ronald G. Spike, for his provision of administrative related consulting services to the County Sheriff, that commences January 1, 2026 and ends December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to the Sheriff and Chair of Legislature.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 118-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Flynn.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS DONATE LIFE MONTH YATES COUNTY IS DEDICATED TO PROMOTING ORGAN, EYE, AND TISSUE DONATION AND CALLS ON RESIDENTS TO JOIN THE NEW YORK STATE DONATE LIFE REGISTRY

WHEREAS, through their membership in the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), New York’s Counties have come together to collectively support several important causes; and

WHEREAS, in New York State there are approximately 8,018 people waiting for an organ transplant, which represents the third highest need in the nation, while each year thousands of people die while waiting for a transplant because no suitable donor can be found for them; and

WHEREAS, a single individual’s donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives; donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of up to 75 others; and

WHEREAS, organ, eye and tissue donation are life-giving and healing acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and

WHEREAS, New York State’s County governments play a key role in raising awareness of the need for organ, eye and tissue donation through the interactions County officials have with the public with regard to this subject through local DMV offices, local boards of elections, departments of health, naturalization ceremonies and veterans’ programs; and

WHEREAS, such interactions by Yates County officials with the public provide opportunities for the provision of information on how individuals can help their fellow New Yorkers by signing up as organ and tissue donors; and

WHEREAS, counties across New York State are proclaiming the month of April 2026 as "Donate Life Month," and engaging in various awareness activities designed to promote an increase in the number of registered organ, eye and tissue donations; and

WHEREAS, the Yates County Clerk's Office, through its Department of Motor Vehicles, wishes to promote the month of April 2026 as "Donate Life Month" in Yates County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature hereby proclaims the month of April 2026 as "Donate Life Month" in Yates County, and encourages those Yates County departments and agencies involved in providing information on organ and tissue donations and enrolling in the New York State Donate Life Registry to engage in activities throughout the month to increase the number of organ and tissue donors and promote awareness of the need for organ and tissue donations in Yates County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathleen Hochul, New York Senator Thomas O'Mara and Assemblyman Philip Palmesano and the New York State Association of Counties and all others deemed necessary and proper.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 119-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Flynn.

AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH CSEA EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND (EBF)

WHEREAS, the CSEA Collective Bargaining Unit provides certain employee benefits administered through the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund (EBF); and

WHEREAS, EBF requires an executed Standard Benefit Agreement for benefits administration and audit documentation, separate and apart from any collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to ensure uninterrupted administration of the negotiated EBF benefits for eligible County employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective March 10, 2026 the County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the EBF Standard Benefit Agreement with the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney has agreed to waive the standard insurance requirements that would otherwise apply to this agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the CSEA Union President, CSEA Union Representative, CSEA Senior Benefits Specialist, Director of Human Resources, County Administrator, and Director of Finance.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 120-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

DISCUSSION:

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Mr. Button stated that he thinks they need to pay attention to their hiring and their spending, and he will vote no on this. He has the utmost confidence in their County Administrator when she needs to speak, same way as the Sheriff, he doesn't need somebody else speaking for them.

Mr. Killen stated that they have some very capable public speakers working there. They also have had, some very high-profile, news article pieces and some other things, that have caused quite a bit of comment, in the public and in the media. The person that they're looking at offering this position to has a pretty good resume and background in working in this area. He thinks it is wise to consider hiring this person.

Ms. Purdy stated that part of this position is working as a program coordinator. That is a role that is needed in the Sheriff's Office. She would hope that, at the very least, that would be supported.

AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND SHERIFF TO CREATE AND FILL A PART-TIME PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER AND PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the need to provide timely, accurate, and consistent public communications in coordination with the County Administrator, including support for press conferences, written statements, and public inquiries on sensitive or high-profile issues; and

WHEREAS, the County also receives grant funding to support Threat Assessment Management Training ("TAMT") and must administer and document the program in compliance with the terms and conditions of the TAMT grant; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and the Sheriff have identified an operational need for a shared position to (1) provide per diem, as-needed public information support under the County Administrator, and (2) provide structured program coordination for TAMT under the Sheriff's Office, including stakeholder meetings, training logistics, recordkeeping, and grant compliance activities; and

WHEREAS, through the County's position review process, the County Administrator and the Sheriff have requested authorization to create and fill a Public Information Officer and Program Coordinator position as it is in the public interest to enhance communications capacity and ensure effective grant administration and training coordination; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost to fill the part-time Public Information Officer and Program Coordinator position, including fringe benefits, shall not exceed \$45,688; and with reimbursement under the TAMT Grant for allowable salary and fringe, the total estimated cost to the County is \$22,844;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective March 9, 2026, the County Administrator and the Sheriff are hereby authorized to create and fill a part-time Public Information Officer and Program Coordinator; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator and Sheriff are hereby authorized to take necessary actions to allocate, budget, or transfer funds (as applicable and in accordance with County policy) to support the staffing of this position, including charging appropriate costs to grant funding where allowable and properly documented; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Sheriff, Director of Human Resources, County Administrator, and Director of Finance.

VOTE: Roll Call –Jayne, Lawson, Harper, Willson, Killen, Purdy, Bronson, Paddock, MacKerchar, Flynn, Church voting “Yes”; Button voting “No”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 121-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Purdy.

AMEND RESOLUTION 46-26 ADOPT 2026 NON-UNION NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEE WAGE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, Resolution 46-26 was duly adopted on January 12, 2026 adopting the Non-Union Non-Exempt Employee Wage Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the resolution requires an amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective March 9, 2026, “Public Information Officer and Program Coordinator...\$35.00” be added to the wage schedule; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Sheriff, the Director of Human Resources, County Administrator and Director of Finance.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 122-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Flynn.

FILE COUNTY OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORTS WITH CLERK OF LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that all County Officers’ reports be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature by April 1, 2026 and that said copies will be in the form of **electronic copies**; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all County Departments.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 123-26

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Button.

AUTHORIZE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SIGN CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH CASS & MORALES INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES, LLC FUNDED BY EXISTING GRANTS FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, there are grant funds available to the Yates County Public Defender’s Office to fund Investigator services; and

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WHEREAS, if funds granted to Yates County are not used during the contract term those funds are no longer available to Yates County; and

WHEREAS, if funds granted to Yates County are not used during the contract term those funds may not be granted to Yates County in the future; and

WHEREAS, Cass & Morales Investigative Services, LLC has agreed to provide investigative services to Yates County Public Defender's Office clients at the reduced municipal agency rate of \$90.00 per hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to sign the Contract as well as any future contract extension time periods, and any other necessary documentation related thereto, with notification being given to the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the County Administrator, County Treasurer, and the Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS).

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 124-26

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Button.

AUTHORIZE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SIGN CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH CHILD AND FAMILY RESOURCES FUNDED BY THE FOURTH FAMILY DEFENSE (CHILD WELFARE) QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND CASELOAD REDUCTION COMPETITIVE GRANT (C4THFD57) FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, there are funds available to the Yates County Public Defender's Office to fund Specialized Services in Family Court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, if funds granted to Yates County are not used during the contract term those funds are no longer available to Yates County; and

WHEREAS, if funds granted to Yates County are not used during the contract term those funds may not be granted to Yates County in future grants; and

WHEREAS, Child and Family Resources has agreed to provide services to Yates County Public Defender's Office clients including parent counselling, attorney collaboration and court testimony at a rate of \$60.00 per hour and supervised visitation services at a rate of \$50.00 per hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to sign the Contract as well as any future contract extension time periods, and any other necessary documentation related thereto, with notification being given to the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Public Defender, County Administrator, County Treasurer, Assigned Counsel Panel Administrator, and the Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS).

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 125-26

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Killen.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH SAFE HARBORS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is required by regulations to provide non-residential domestic violence services to Yates County residents with funding provided by the New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is interested in contracting with Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes for these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after review by the County Attorney, the Chair of the Legislature and the Social Services Commissioner be authorized to sign a contract with Safe Harbors at an amount not to exceed \$38,128 for the period of 10/1/25-9/30/26; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the Commissioner of Social Services, Yates County Treasurer, and the Director of Finance.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 126-26

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS WITH THE FOLLOWING PERSON (Christopher Clinton)

WHEREAS, Yates County and the Yates County Department of Social Services wishes to enter into contract with the following agencies/persons; and

WHEREAS, Funding for these services will be a combination of Office of Children and Family Services Preventive funding, and local share; and

WHEREAS, the term of these contracts is March 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that after review by the County Attorney, the Chair of the Yates County Legislature and Commissioner of Social Services are authorized to sign contracts with the following agencies/persons:

Waive liability Insurance due to having professional liability insurance

Christopher Clinton, for counseling services \$185 per hour

And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Yates County Treasurer, The Yates County Director of Finance and the Yates County Department of Social Services.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 127-26

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Button.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE FINGER LAKES WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
(Kathy Dilmore)**

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Board members must be appointed by the respective Legislative Boards; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has solicited nominations in accordance with the Law; and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board By-Laws state voting members shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years, and that terms shall be staggered,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature does hereby appoint the following representative to the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, fulfilling the unexpired term of Michael Rusinko, to a term from March 4, 2026, to June 30, 2026;

Kathy Dilmore
Vice President of Human Resources
Serv U Credit Union

And be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Wayne, Ontario, and Seneca Counties, Yates County Department of Social Services, the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board, and to the aforementioned appointee.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 128-26

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

**APPOINT EARLY INTERVENTION OFFICIAL
(A. Broome-Quissimisse)**

WHEREAS, Title II-A of Article 25, Section 2541, of the Public Health Law calls for the designation of a local Early Intervention Official (EIO) by the Chief Executive Officer of the Municipality;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to designate Alyssa Broome-Quissimisse, Director of Public Health, as the local Early Intervention Official (EIO); and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Public Health, Human Resources, and New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 129-26

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Killen.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Bronson indicated that the actual program will be on March 27th at 1:00 p.m. in the Yates County Auditorium.

PROCLAIMING MARCH 29TH AS VIETNAM VETERANS DAY IN YATES COUNTY

WHEREAS, Throughout the history of our state and nation, countless brave individuals have answered the call to patriotic duty, including Vietnam veterans who endured unspeakable hardships and risked their lives fighting for the ideals of democracy; it was on March 29, 1973, the last 2,500 American combat troops were withdrawn from the battlefields of Vietnam, and we solemnly commemorate the anniversary of this day and reflect on its significance for past, present, and future generations; and

WHEREAS, American involvement in the Vietnam War - one of the longest military conflicts in America's history - began with the arrival of the United States military personnel in South Vietnam in the 1950s and ended with the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, when the last Americans were evacuated from the United States Embassy; and

WHEREAS, during this long and difficult war, American involvement escalated to staggering statistics: over 3.4 million were deployed to Southeast Asia; 2.7 million served in the designated war zone; over 58,000 were killed in theater of operation; 153,000 were non-mortally wounded; today 5 decades later approximately 2,000 are still unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, of the names listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in our nation's capital, 4,120 are those of courageous young New Yorkers who went off to fight half way around the world, never to return, two of those courageous New Yorkers came from Yates County, HM3 Richard V. Smith and Sgt. Kenneth R. Kent; we recognize and thank all of our county's Vietnam Veterans for their service- those who made the ultimate sacrifice, those who came home physically or emotionally scarred, and those who returned home safely to their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, **we have not forgotten - nor will we ever forget** - the men and women who served so honorably in the Vietnam War, like so many others who answered the call to serve in previous and subsequent wars; the selfless service and sacrifice of Vietnam Veterans serves as an inspiring reminder of the patriotism, spirit, and courage of all who serve in our nation's Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 that amended title 4 United States Code, section 6(d) directs the flag be raised in honor of Vietnam Veterans Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature proclaims in commemoration of those who served, that the Yates County Legislature extends its gratitude to all who served during the Vietnam War, by proclaiming March 29, 2026 as “Vietnam Veterans Day” in Yates County.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 130-26

Ms. Purdy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Killen.

AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SIGN A CONTRACT AMENDMENT / EXTENSION WITH METRO GROUP

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 153-25, the County entered into an Agreement with Metro Group for monitoring and treatment to maintain the proper water chemistry of the PSB cooling tower for a period of one (1) year commencing on May 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement expires on May 29, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent is requesting the agreement be extended for a period of one (1) year whereby such term shall commence on May 29, 2026 through and including May 28, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Metro Group has agreed to extend such agreement for an additional one (1) year term with the same price of \$2,500.00 for the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Yates County Legislature is hereby authorized on behalf of the County, and upon approval of the County Attorney, to execute an extension to the Agreement for a one (1) year term ending May 28, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the Agreement, not otherwise amended herein, are hereby ratified and remain the same and in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Metro Group, the County Administrator, the Director of Finance and the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 131-26

Ms. Purdy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

AUTHORIZE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR THE ENGINEERING

**SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE POST CLOSURE OPERATIONS &
MAINTENANCE AT THE TORREY LANDFILL**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 122-21, the County entered into an Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C for Post Closure Operations and Maintenance at the Yates County Torrey Landfill for a period of two (2) years, and

WHEREAS, the above recited agreement allowed multiple one (1) year extensions of such agreement, should such extensions be mutually approved by the County and Barton Loguidice, D.P.C.; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #291-25 authorized an extension agreement with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C extending such agreement for a period of one (1) year, such term being through and including March 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is requesting authorization to extend the agreement with Barton Loguidice, D.P.C. for a term an additional one (1) year term between April 1, 2026 and March 31, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Yates County Legislature is hereby authorized on behalf of the County, and upon approval of the County Attorney, to execute an extension agreement for the one (1) year term ending March 31, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED that all other terms and conditions of the Agreement, not otherwise amended herein, are hereby ratified and remain the same and in full force and effect.

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C, the County Administrator, the County Director of Finance and the County Highway Superintendent.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 132-26

Ms. Purdy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Bronson.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SIGN AN
INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH STEUBEN COUNTY & SCHUYLER
COUNTY FOR THE TRI-COUNTY PAINT TRUCK
(Amend Resolution #67-26)**

WHEREAS, Yates County resolution #328-06 supported participation in a Shared Municipal Services Grant application with Steuben and Schuyler Counties for the purpose of purchasing a Pavement Marking Truck; and

WHEREAS, Yates County Resolution #382-16 authorized the Chair of the Legislature to sign a four-year inter-municipal agreement with Steuben and Schuyler counties; and

WHEREAS, Yates County Resolution #467-20 authorized the Chair of the Legislature to sign an inter-municipal agreement to continue these services between 2021 through December 31, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is requesting that a new agreement be executed with Steuben and Schuyler County for 2026 and 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the Chair of the Yates County Legislature to sign an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Steuben and Schuyler Counties contingent upon the approval of the Tri-County Inter-Municipal Agreement by the Yates County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Yates County Highway Superintendent, the Yate County Administrator, the Steuben County Commissioner of Public Works, the Steuben County Manager, the Schuyler County Highway Superintendent, the Schuyler County Manager, the Yates County Attorney, the Steuben County Attorney and the Schuyler County Attorney.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 133-26

Ms. Purdy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Flynn.

AWARD BID FOR COLD MILLING & CRUSHING/SCREENING OF ASPHALT PAVEMENT

WHEREAS, bids were requested for Cold Milling & Crushing/Screening of Asphalt Pavement and received on February 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. and 2 firms submitted bids to the Yates County Highway Department;

		BIDDER:	Donegal Construction Corp.	Villager Construction, Inc.
Project #1: CR #5, Dundee-Himrod Rd (3.64 mi)				
3" depth, Estimated quantity: +/-48,100 sy				
With County Supplied Trucking /sq yd:			\$1.10	\$1.03
Deduct for County Provided M&P of Traffic:			-\$0.15	-\$0.09
Total:			\$0.95	\$0.94
Project #2: CR #14, Havens Corners Road (6.88 mi)				
3" depth, Estimated quantity: +/-92,900sy				
With County Supplied Trucking /sq yd:			\$1.15	\$0.95
Deduct for County Provided M&P of Traffic:			-\$0.15	-\$0.09
Total:			\$1.00	\$0.86

Project #3: CR #19, North Main Street (.51 mi)		
3" depth, Estimated quantity: +/-8,700sy		
With County Supplied Trucking /sq yd:	\$1.15	\$1.50
Deduct for County Provided M&P of Traffic:	-\$0.015	-\$0.25
Total:	\$1.135	\$1.250
Total Combined price for projects #2 & #3	\$101,600.00	\$90,769.00
<i>Note: The Donegal Construction Corp. bid package has been rejected due to incorrect mathematical calculations.</i>		

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to award the bid for Project #1 to Villager Construction, Inc. and Projects #2 and #3 to Villager Construction, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to all bidders, the Director of Finance and the Highway Superintendent.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 134-26

Ms. Purdy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

AWARD BID FOR PAVER PLACED SURFACE TREATMENT

WHEREAS, bids were requested for Paver Placed Surface Treatment and received on February 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. and 1 firm submitted a bid to the Yates County Highway Department;

	Midland Asphalt		
PRICE/SY Range			
5,000 to 15,000 SY			
TYPE A - 1/4"	\$7.19		
TYPE B - 3/8"	\$7.19		
TYPE C - 1/2"	\$7.19		
15,001-30,000 SY			
TYPE A - 1/4"	\$6.14		
TYPE B - 3/8"	\$6.14		
TYPE C - 1/2"	\$6.14		
30,001 plus SY			
TYPE A - 1/4"	\$5.96		
TYPE B - 3/8"	\$5.96		
TYPE C - 1/2"	\$5.96		

Add-on	\$	\$0.14		
			(per square yard if Contractor furnishes and operates compaction equipment)	
Add-on	\$	\$0.85		
			(per square yard if Contractor furnishes hauling of hot mix asphalt from plant to job site)	
Add-on	\$	\$0.25		
			(per square yard if Contractor supplies M&P of Traffic)	
Add-on	\$	\$0.12		
			(per square yard if warm mix additive is used)	
Add-on	\$	\$14.00		
			(per lineal foot for milling necessary rebates at 2 feet wide)	
Add-on	\$	\$3.00		
			(per lineal foot for abrading pavement striping at 4 inches wide)	
Add-on	\$	\$125.00		
			(each for abrading pavement symbols)	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to award the bid to Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to all bidders, the Director of Finance, and the Highway Superintendent.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 135-26

Ms. Purdy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Killen.

AWARD BID FOR LIQUID BITUMINOUS MATERIAL

WHEREAS, bids were requested for Liquid Bituminous Material and received on February 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. and 3 firms submitted a bid to the Yates County Highway Department;

		Vestal Asphalt, Inc.	Suit-Kote Corporation	Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc.
LIQUID EMULSIFIED ASPHALT MATERIALS "PER GALLON"				
702-3101	RS-2	3.750	3.759	3.779
*	HFRS-2P	4.000	4.029	4.049
702-3301	HFMS-2	4.250	4.364	4.384
*	HFMS-2ST	3.900	3.830	3.779
*	AEPM	2.500	2.240	2.499
702-4101	CRS-2	3.750	NB	3.759
*	CRS-2P	4.000	NB	4.029

MIX PAVER OPTION "APPLIED PER GALLON"				
702-4201	CMS-2	NB	NB	4.694
*	HFMS-2GH	NB	NB	5.014
CHIPPER RENTAL & APPLIED OIL PRICE PER GALLON				
Chipper	w/CRS-2	2.950	NB	4.069
	w/RS-2	2.840	3.204	4.089
	w/HFRS-2	3.000	3.264	4.089
	w/HFRS-2ST	3.000	4.070	4.089
	w/HFMS-2ST	3.630	4.120	4.089
PUG MILL and PAVER OPERATIONS "APPLIED PER GALLON"				
702-3301	HFMS-2	4.900	5.054	NB
*	HFMS-2C	4.950	5.104	NB
702-4201	CMS-2	5.150	NB	NB
*	HFMS-2GH	5.000	5.104	NB
RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT INCLUDING OPERATOR				
VIBRATORY DOUBLE DRUM ROLLER				
	/DAY	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
10-12 TON RUBBER TIRED ROLLER				
	/DAY	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
MIX PAVER				
	/DAY	NB	NB	3,300.00
ASPHALT PAVER				
	/DAY	4,000.00	3,800.00	NB
MILLING MACHINE (75" DOWN CUT)				
	/DAY	NB	6,400.00	NB
PUG MILL OPERATION				
	/DAY	3,000.00	3,100.00	3,300.00
CHIPPER				
	/DAY	3,000.00	2,900.00	3,100.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to award the bid to: Vestal Asphalt, Inc. for Liquid Emulsified Asphalt Materials for RS-2, HFRS-2P, HFMS-2 CRS-2 and CRS-2P as well as Chipper Rental and Applied Oil Price for CRS-2, RS-2, HFRS-2, HFRS-2T and HFMS-2ST. Award to Vestal Asphalt, Inc. for Pug Mill and Paver Operations for HFMS-2C, HFMS-2C, CMS-2 and HFMS-2GH as well as the Rental of Equipment for the Vibratory Double Drum Roller, the 10-12 Ton Rubber Tired Roller and Pug Mill Operation; and be it further

RESOLVED, to award this bid to: Suite-Kote Corporation for Liquid Emulsified Asphalt Materials for AEPM. Award to Suit-Kote Corporation for the Rental of Equipment for the Vibratory Double Drum Roller, the 10-12 Ton Rubber Tire Roller, the Asphalt Paver, the Milling Machine and the Chipper; and be it further

RESOLVED, to award the bid to: Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. for Liquid Emulsified Asphalt Materials for the HFMS-2ST as well as the Mix Paver Option for CMS-2 and HFMS-2GH. Award to Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. for the Rental of Equipment for the Vibratory Double Drum Roller, the 10-12 Ton Rubber Tired Roller and the Mix Paver; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to all bidders, the Director of Finance, and the Highway Superintendent.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 136-26

Ms. Purdy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Jayne.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Button stated that he is supporting the rail, moving things intermodal is good. But when they read the fine print of what was sent they see most of the funding is going to Nassau County, Long Island, and Westchester. That doesn't help their county. He is voting no on this.

Mr. MacKerchar stated that he has to agree. This is a lobbying outfit, and he'd feel better about it if they had received this through one of the carriers that does provide service to Yates County, and he doesn't believe they've heard anything from them on this issue.

Mr. Killen asked if they had an alternate suggestion of showing support for the rail systems and legislation related.

AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE GORAIL TO INCLUDE NAME & ORGANIZATION ON ITS GROUP LETTER HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF FREIGHT RAIL & ADVOCATING FOR DATA-DRIVEN POLICIES

WHEREAS, freight rail plays a central role in New York's economic strength, moving hundreds of millions of tons of goods each year, connecting local manufacturers, agriculture, energy producers, and ports to national and global markets; and

WHEREAS, smart federal policy will be critical to ensuring this system continues to operate safely, efficiently, and cost-effectively for communities; and

WHEREAS, as congress works to finalize language in the pending surface transportation reauthorization, GoRail is inviting leaders across New York to highlight the importance of freight rail to our communities and advocate for data-driven policies that will keep the crucial portion of the supply chain moving; and

WHEREAS, GoRail has seen policy proposals that would impact rail operations, drive up costs, and undercut 45 years of efficiency and safety data that proves the current legislative and regulatory framework works;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to authorize GoRail to include her name, Leslie Church, and the organization, the Yates County Legislature, on its group letter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution and the aforementioned letter be provided to the GoRail.

VOTE: Unanimous "No"; motion failed

RESOLUTION NO. 138-26

Ms. Purdy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Button.

AUTHORIZE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO EXECUTE A TEMPORARY EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER OF 2499 ROUTE 14A, PENN YAN, NY 14527, PARCEL 61.60-1-2

WHEREAS, there are trees causing an obstruction near Taxiway B at the Penn Yan-Yates County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the trees in question are not on airport property; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to enter into a Temporary Easement Agreement with the property owner of 2499 Route 14A, Penn Yan, NY 14527, parcel 61.60-1-2, herein referred to as “parcel 61.60-1-2”, to remove said trees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be authorized to sign a Temporary Easement Agreement with the aforementioned property owner of parcel 61.60-1-2; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all work shall be accomplished in a workmanlike manner at the sole expense of Yates County and its agents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Yates County and its agents shall indemnify the property owner from all claims and damages arising from such work; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the County Attorney, the Airport Council, and the owner of parcel 61.60-1-2.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 137-26

Ms. Purdy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Killen.

ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SIGN AVIATION CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE PENN YAN – YATES COUNTY AIRPORT NYSDOT 2025 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT NO(S). 6906.44, 6906.45, 6906.46, & 6906.47 CONTRACT NO. T042303

WHEREAS, Yates County has received a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to pay 90% of the allowable costs incurred in accomplishing the following projects at Penn Yan – Yates County Airport:

1. Rehabilitate 3,561 feet of the existing paved Runway 10/28 including associated drainage and remarking – Design; Reconstruct existing Runway 10/28 Signage – Design; Reconstruct existing Runway 10/28 Lighting - Design (FAA No. 3-36-0094-048-2025 and NYS DOT Pin 6906.44)
2. Replace Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) including One Carrier Vehicle with Spreader, Broom, and Plow (FAA No. 3-36-0094-049-2025 and NYS DOT Pin 6906.45)
3. Reconstruct 8,000 feet of existing wildlife fencing and 10 existing gates – Design (FAA No. 3-36-0094-050-2025 and NYSDOT Pin 6906.46)

4. Reconstruct the runway end identifier lights system for Runway 1/19, at both Runway thresholds -Design (FAA No. 3-36-0094-051-2025 and NYSDOT Pin 6906.47)

And

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation is offering a matching grant to the federal grant for 50% of the non-federal share of eligible costs; and

WHEREAS, Yates County has committed funds for the local share of project costs. Funding shares for project costs are as follows:

	1. Rehab 10-28	2. SRE	3. Fencing	4. Runway 1-19
Federal	\$ 271,700.00	\$ 403,775.00	\$ 168,150.00	\$ 37,525.00
State	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 10,626.00	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 987.00
Local	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 10,626.00	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 987.00
Total Project Cost	\$ 286,000.00	\$ 425,027.00	\$ 177,000.00	\$ 39,500.00

And

WHEREAS, the State share payable under this Agreement is 50% of the non-federal share of eligible costs. In accordance with the separate federal grant referenced herein, the federal share shown above may be increased administratively, upon request of the grantee based on increases in eligible costs, to a maximum of 15%. If and when the federal share increases, the State share shall be increased proportionately, without further amendment to this Agreement, up to the maximum amount shown in Schedules A-1, A-2, A-3, & A-4.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Yates County enter into agreement T042303 with the State of New York for financial assistance for the projects described above at Penn Yan-Yates County Airport; and be it further

RESOLVED, that after review and approval by the County Attorney, the Chair of the County Legislature be authorized to execute all necessary documents on behalf of Yates County with NYS in connection with the above projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary documents in connection with the project.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 139-26

Ms. Purdy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Bronson.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Button thanked the rest of the Committee for inserting the words “not to exceed” in both these next two resolutions.

AUTHORIZE CHAIR OF LEGISLATURE TO EXECUTE LUMP SUM CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH C & S COMPANIES

**PROJECT: REPLACE ELECTRICAL HOMERUN-ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FAA AIP NO. 3-36-0094-TBD-TBD
NYSDOT NO. 6906.TBD**

WHEREAS, Yates County has desire to receive a grant from the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA)(90%) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT)(5%) to pay 95% combined of the allowable costs incurred in accomplishing the replacement of the electrical homerun project at the Penn Yan – Yates County Airport with a 5% County share; and

WHEREAS, the FAA is requiring submissions of CATEX (Categorical Exclusions) environmental assessment a year in advance of planned projects; and

WHEREAS, completed CATEX submissions for FY2027 projects are due June 1, 2026 to the FAA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature, after review by the County Attorney, FAA concurrence and grant award and the NYS DOT (if deemed necessary), is authorized to sign a consultant agreement with C & S Companies to provide CATEX preparation for the replacement of the electrical homerun project at the Penn Yan – Yates County Airport in an amount not to exceed \$14,700.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Yates County Treasurer, Finance Director, Airport Council, and C & S Companies.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 140-26

Ms. Purdy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Killen.

**AUTHORIZE CHAIR OF LEGISLATURE TO EXECUTE LUMP SUM CONSULTANT
AGREEMENT WITH C & S COMPANIES**

**PROJECT: REHABILITATE TAXIWAY B-ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FAA AIP NO. 3-36-0094-TBD-TBD
NYSDOT NO. 6906.TBD**

WHEREAS, Yates County has desire to receive a grant from the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA)(90%) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT)(5%) to pay 95% combined of the allowable costs incurred in accomplishing the rehabilitation of Taxiway B project at the Penn Yan – Yates County Airport with a 5% County share; and

WHEREAS, the FAA is requiring submissions of CATEX (Categorical Exclusions) environmental assessment a year in advance of planned projects; and

WHEREAS, completed CATEX submissions for FY2027 projects are due June 1, 2026 to the FAA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature, after review by the County Attorney, FAA concurrence and grant award and the NYS DOT (if deemed necessary), is authorized to sign a consultant agreement with C & S Companies to provide CATEX preparation for the rehabilitation of Taxiway B project at the Penn Yan – Yates County Airport in an amount not to exceed \$19,700.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Yates County Treasurer, Finance Director, Airport Council, and C & S Companies.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 141-26

Ms. Flynn offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Lawson.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Button asked why the County has to supply these 9 splitters.

Mr. Ayers, Director of Planning, indicated that these are supplies that were not originally put in the infrastructure.

Mr. Button questioned that more or less, they're approving a change order.

Mr. Ayers confirmed.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROCUREMENT OF 9 CORNING OPTICAL SPLITTERS FOR THE YATES COUNTY RECONNECT PROJECT (NY1702-A61 & A75)

WHEREAS, Yates County is undertaking the USDA ReConnect Project (NY1702-A61 & A75) to expand and enhance broadband infrastructure within Yates County; and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 of the Project requires the procurement and installation of nine (9) additional Corning optical splitters to support the deployment of fiber optic infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the County has obtained three (3) written price quotations for the required materials as follows:

- Anixter Inc. in the amount of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$8,266.50);
- Power & Tel in the amount of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nine Dollars (\$7,209.00); and
- Graybar in the amount of Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Five Cents (\$5,593.05), with a stated lead time of five (5) weeks; and

WHEREAS, Graybar has submitted the lowest responsible quote and has confirmed product availability within a five-week lead time; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of said equipment is necessary to ensure the completion of Phase 2 of the Project and is in the best interest of the County and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature hereby authorizes the procurement of nine (9) Corning optical splitters for Phase 2 of the Yates County ReConnect Project (NY1702-A61 & A75) from Graybar in an amount not to exceed \$5800.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Yates County Legislature, County Administrator, or such other appropriate County official is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this procurement in accordance with applicable County purchasing policies and grant requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the cost of said procurement shall be charged to the appropriate account for the Yates County ReConnect Project (NY1702-A61 & A75).

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 142-26

Ms. Flynn offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Lawson.

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE YATES COUNTY PLANNING BOARD (Jack Young, Representing the Village of Dundee)

WHEREAS, the Village of Dundee has recommended the appointment of Jack Young (140 Seneca St. Dundee, NY 14837) to serve as the Village of Dundee representative on the Yates County Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, Jack Young has demonstrated the qualifications, interest, and commitment necessary to effectively serve in this capacity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Jack Young is hereby appointed as a member of the Yates County Planning Board, representing the Village of Dundee, to a two-year term beginning March 2026 and expiring March 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Jack Young, the County Planner, the Village of Dundee, and that a copy be filed with the County Clerk.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 143-26

Ms. Flynn offered resolutions 143-26 & 144-26 and moved their adoption, seconded by Ms. Purdy.

AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF YATES COUNTY PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT (S. Hullings)

WHEREAS, the term of Steve Hullings, Yates County Planning Board member, will expire in March 2026; and

WHEREAS, said members have agreed to extend their terms and continue their service on the Planning Board for the term specified herein: Steve Hullings (2384 Stape Road) for a term to expire March 2028;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the board members are now hereby re-appointed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Steve Hullings, as well as the Town Clerk of Benton, County Planner and a copy filed with the County Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 144-26

AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF YATES COUNTY PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT (C. Gilman)

WHEREAS, the term of Chandra Gilman, Yates County Planning Board member, will expire in March 2026; and

WHEREAS, said members have agreed to extend their terms and continue their service on the Planning Board for the term specified herein: Chandra Gilman (PO Box 3, 18 South Main Street) for a term to expire March 2028;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the board members are now hereby re-appointed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Chandra Gilman, as well as the Town Clerk of Rushville, County Planner and a copy filed with the County Clerk.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 145-26

Ms. Flynn offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE YATES COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO EXECUTE A LETTER TO NEW YORK STATE HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL DEOBLIGATING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, Yates County was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) through the New York State Homes and Community Renewal; and

WHEREAS, said CDBG funds were administered in part by the County and its subrecipient, the Keuka Housing Council, for eligible activities in accordance with the grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the grant term and completion of all eligible and authorized activities, a balance of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$250,976.20) remains; and

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WHEREAS, the NYS has determined that these remaining funds must be formally deobligated in accordance with New York State program requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature hereby authorizes and directs the Chair of the Legislature to execute and submit a letter to the New York State Homes and Community Renewal formally requesting the deobligation and return of the unexpended CDBG funds in the amount of \$250,976.20; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the deobligation of said funds and to comply with all applicable State requirements related thereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the appropriate officials of the State of New York and maintained in the official records of the County.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 146-26

Ms. Flynn offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

2026 BUDGET TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following transfer shall be made in the 2026 budget;

From:	To:	Amount:
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1420.51644 Secretary to Cty Atty	\$ 1,268.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1165.51109 Secretary to DA	\$ 2,706.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A3110.51770 Secretary to Sheriff	\$ 2,666.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1450.51595 Deputy Elect. Comm.	\$ 3,903.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1430.51156 Conf. Adm. Asst.	\$ 2,787.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1170.51646 Conf. Asst. Pub. Def.	\$ 2,953.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1165.51108 LE Liaison	\$ 2,865.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1310.51237 Payroll Specialist	\$ 5,629.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A8020.51087 Planner Assistant	\$ 2,745.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1430.51140 Civil Svs/HR Manager	\$ 4,051.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A3020.51781 Comm. Support Spec	\$ 3,806.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A3110.51105 Conf. Asst. to Sheriff	\$ 6,305.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1410.51110 Deputy Cty Clerk	\$ 4,701.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1310.51032 Deputy Dir of Finance	\$ 4,081.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1165.51410 DA Investigator	\$ 4,003.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1410.51135 DMV Supervisor	\$ 3,026.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A3645.51195 Deputy Dir OES	\$ 3,521.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A4540.51196 Deputy Dir Med Svs	\$ 3,521.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1450.51050 Election Comm.	\$ 2,219.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1450.51051 Election Comm.	\$ 2,219.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1010.51045 Clerk to Legislature	\$ 5,392.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A6510.51061 Director Veterans Svs	\$ 6,206.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A3150.51791 Chief Corr. Officer	\$ 4,978.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A4010.51153 Deputy Dir. Public Hth	\$ 4,315.00

A1990.54905 Contingent	D5010.51119 Deputy Highway Sup.	\$ 6,453.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1410.51005 County Clerk	\$ 3,934.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1625.51040 B&G Superintendent	\$ 6,000.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A3645.51070 Director OES	\$ 6,000.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A6010.51125 Director of Inc. Maint.	\$ 4,643.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A6010.51102 Director of Services	\$ 6,000.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A3140.51090 Director Probation	\$ 4,161.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1355.51060 Director Real Property	\$ 4,441.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1310.51031 Director of Finance	\$ 6,181.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1430.51080 Director of HR	\$ 10,279.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1680.51076 Director of IT	\$ 6,605.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A8020.51085 Director of Planning	\$ 4,602.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A3110.51155 Undersheriff	\$ 6,225.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A6010.51052 Commissioner DSS	\$ 12,681.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A4320.51605 Director Comm. Svcs	\$ 4,737.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	D5010.51074 Highway Super.	\$ 7,896.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A3110.51025 Sheriff	\$ 11,456.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1230.51035 County Administrator	\$ 6,245.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1340.51575 Budget Officer	\$ 361.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1010.51000 Chair of Legislature	\$ 328.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1010.51020 Legislators	\$ 4,599.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1165.51038 Assistant DA	\$ 3,150.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1165.51039 Assistant DA	\$ 3,395.70
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1170.51636 Assistant PD (PT)	\$ 2,192.40
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1170.51565 Assistant PD	\$ 3,617.29
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1170.51564 Assistant PD	\$ 3,605.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1170.51566 Assistant PD	\$ 3,524.50
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1170.51567 Assistant PD	\$ 3,500.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A6010.51645 Social Services Atty	\$ 3,629.68
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1165.51037 1 st Assistant DA	\$ 3,629.68
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1170.51647 1 st Assistant PD	\$ 3,710.00
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1170.51640 Public Defender	\$ 4,123.91
A1990.54905 Contingent	A1420.51590 County Attorney	\$ 4,201.72

And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to all Department Heads, Director of Finance, County Administrator/Budget Officer, and County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 147-26

Ms. Flynn offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Bronson.

APPROPRIATE ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

WHEREAS, Resolution 581-23 authorized the assignment of \$2,000,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the Assigned Fund Balance for the Yates Community Center's construction of their Field House; and

WHEREAS, Yates County and the Community Center Board have agreed upon a pre-set draw schedule to begin November 2025 and end April 2026; and

WHEREAS, the fifth draw will commence in March 2026 per the amended contract with the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following accounts be increased as tabulated below:

Budgetary Account:

A915.100 - Assigned Fund Balance: YC Community Center \$200,000.00

Appropriation:

A7120.54369 - Parks & Recreation: Yates Community Center \$200,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the YCRR Board, County Attorney, County Administrator/Budget Officer, Director of Finance, and the County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 148-26

Ms. Flynn offered resolutions 149-26 through 151-26 and moved their adoption, seconded by Mr. Killen.

APPROPRIATE AID (TREASURER)

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's Department has received revenue over the 2026 budget amount with corresponding expenditures for Commercial Cutting; and

WHEREAS, these funds are not part of the 2026 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following accounts be increased as tabulated below:

Revenue:

A1364.42652 TREAS- Sale of Forest Products \$2,412.60

Appropriation:

A1364.54918 TREAS- Reforestation & TAP Taxes \$2,412.60

And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the County Treasurer, Director of Finance, and the Budget Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 149-26

**APPROPRIATE AID
(SOCIAL SERVICES)**

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has received revenue over the 2026 budget amount for the Code Blue 2025-2026 Program with corresponding expenditures; and

WHEREAS, these funds are not part of the 2026 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following accounts be increased as tabulated below:

Revenue:		
A6010.43610 DSS-Social Services Admin		\$40,117.00
Appropriation:		
A6010.54027 DSS-Miscellaneous		\$40,117.00

And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Commissioner of Social Services, County Treasurer, Director of Finance, and the Budget Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 150-26

**APPROPRIATE AID
(YOUTH BUREAU)**

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau Department has received revenue over the 2026 budget amount for the Youth Development Program 2025-2026 with corresponding expenditures; and

WHEREAS, these funds are not part of the 2026 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following accounts be increased as tabulated below:

Revenue:		
A7310.43820 YB-Youth Bureau Revenue		\$58,145.00
Appropriation:		
A7310.54578 YB- The Living Well		\$2,000.00
A7310.54373 YB- Dundee Library		\$1,600.00
A7310.54579 YB- YCRR-Our Town Rocks		\$7,000.00
A7310.54365 YB- Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes		\$3,075.00
A7310.54368 YB- Summer Recreation		\$30,870.00
A7310.54356 YB- Mabel D. Blodgett Library		\$2,600.00

A7310.54351 YB- Modeste Bedient Library	\$2,500.00
A7310.54354 YB- PYTCO	\$4,500.00
A7310.54371 YB- Catholic Charities of Steuben/Livingston	\$4,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Commissioner of Social Services, Youth Bureau Director, County Treasurer, Director of Finance, and the Budget Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 151-26

**APPROPRIATE AID
(WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT)**

WHEREAS, Workforce Development receives funding from Yates County Community Services and the Department of Social Services for the term of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following accounts be increased as tabulated below:

Revenue:	
CD6292.42802-DSS Contract	\$20,000.00
CD6292.42803-KKP-Adult	\$3,299.00
CD6292.42804-KKP Youth	\$8,516.00
Appropriation:	
CD6292.1G-DSS Contract Staff Wage	\$8,045.00
CD6292.4G-DSS Contract Operating	\$9,443.00
CD6292.8G-DSS Contract Staff Fringe	\$2,512.00
CD6292.41L-KKP Adult Operating	\$3,299.00
CD6292.11E-KKP Youth Participant Wage	\$7,116.00
CD6292.41E-KKP Youth Operating	\$700.00
CD6292.81E-KKP Youth Participant Fringe	\$700.00

And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Commissioner of Social Services, County Treasurer, Director of Finance, and the Budget Officer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 152-26

Ms. Flynn offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

**AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO PROCESS RPTL TAX REFUNDS AND
CORRECTIONS**

WHEREAS, Chapter 515, Laws of 1997, Sections 554 and 556, New York State Real Property Tax Law, have been amended to permit a tax levying body to authorize designated officials to approve correcting the tax roll and tax bill, and to authorize the payment of refunds less than \$2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred dollars) for correction of errors appearing on assessment and tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, The County Treasurer and the Director of Real Property Tax Services recommend that this amendment be adopted in order to make these corrections and/or refunds to the taxpayer erroneously assessed in a timely and efficient fashion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby designated pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 515, New York State Real Property Tax Law for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, also pursuant to Chapter 515, that on or before the 15th day of each month, the County Treasurer shall submit a report to the County Legislators of the corrections and refunds processed by her during the preceding month indicating the name of each recipient, the location of the property, and the amount of the correction or refund, and further;

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Real Property Tax Director, the Director of Finance, and the County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 153-26

Ms. Flynn offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Button.

AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE YATES COMMUNITY CENTERS FUNDING REQUEST TO THE NEW YORK STATE'S CHILD CARE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Yates County Legislature continues to support the Yates Community Center Field House Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, many families face limited access to affordable childcare, structured youth programming, and year-round recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Center is actively pursuing the development of a licensed childcare program within the expanded facility as Yates County is widely recognized as a childcare desert, with significantly fewer licensed childcare slots than children under age five; and

WHEREAS, expanding local childcare access is essential to supporting working families, strengthening workforce participation, and promoting early childhood development outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Yates Community Center's expansion represents a long-term investment in public health, youth engagement, workforce stability, and overall quality of life in Yates

County, and the project is community-driven, fiscally responsible, and designed to meet clearly documented needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the Yates County Legislature, the Chair of the Legislature, is hereby authorized to sign a letter of support for the Yates Community Center's funding request to the New York State's Child Care Capital Construction Funding Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution and the aforementioned letter be provided to the Yates County Community Center.

VOTE: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:

Tom Bagley, resident, stated that the law was put in place because tax rates were going up way too fast. If the County passes this Local Law, it allows them to raise the tax rate above the amount set by the State. He encourages the County to look into creative alternatives to passing this. Other States do not have such high property tax rates.

Mr. Killen, Mrs. Mullins, Ms. Flynn, Chairwoman Church, and Mr. Lawson spoke in response to Mr. Bagley's comments, highlighting the following:

- The County is not planning to exceed the tax cap
- The County passes the Local Law as a precaution, so if they need to surpass the tax cap slightly they can without penalization
- NYS Mandates are now 85% of the Yates County Tax Levy
- The County operates off 15%
- A perfect example is the Medicaid Mandate, there are only 3 or 4 States in the Country that put the Medicaid expenditures on the Counties

Chairwoman Church closed the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law 1-26 entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C" at 2:11 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 154-26

Ms. Flynn offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Lawson.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Button stated that when someone is in business for themselves, they decide the hard decisions of wants and needs. They went over a million dollars on the budget this year, when does it stop? They keep raising the tax cap every year. Why do they keep putting this on the people? He is a businessman, they keep raising his taxes as long as he can pass it on and be sustainable he deducts it. The public doesn't get to do that, they keep eating it and eating it. It has to stop. He said no more hiring, take care of the people that they have properly, that work for them, give them the equipment they need, but stop spending. He's a "no".

ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2026 ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C"

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No. 1-26 entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C” was introduced at the February 9, 2026 Legislative meeting; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly held on March 9, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 1-26 entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C” is hereby adopted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to the Director of Finance, Budget Officer, Treasurer, County Attorney, and the New York State Department of State.

VOTE: Roll Call –Lawson, Harper, Willson, Killen, Purdy, Bronson, Paddock, MacKerchar, Flynn, Church voting “Yes”; Button, Jayne voting “No”. Motion carried.

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2026

ENTITLED:

“A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C”

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Yates as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by Yates County pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 3-c, and to allow the Yates County Legislature to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy in the excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

SECTION 3. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE

The Yates County Legislature is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2027 that requires a real property tax levy increase in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law of the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgement shall not effect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in this operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement or order shall be rendered.

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SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION NO. 155-26

Ms. Flynn offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. MacKerchar.

APPOINTMENT TO THE FINGER LAKES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (YATES COUNTY IDA) BOARD, THE YATES CAPITAL RESOURCE CORP. BOARD AND THE FINGER LAKES HORIZON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individual be appointed to Finger Lakes Economic Development Center (Yates County IDA) Board, The Yates Capital Resource Corp. Board and The Finger Lakes Horizon Economic Development Corp. the for the terms indicated:

Steve Boisvert, 4188 West Bluff Drive, Keuka Park, NY 14478 Term: 3/1/26 to 12/31/27

And be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Steven Griffin, Executive Director of the FLEDC, the Department of State, and the County Clerk.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 156-26

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Button.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 6-12, 2026 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN YATES COUNTY

Whereas, the week of April 6, 2026, is National Public Health Week and the theme is “Ready. Set. Action!” highlighting that public health actions occurring through scientific discoveries, legislation and community initiatives have significantly improved the health of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health staff works tirelessly as the invisible backbone of our counties health and safety by monitor disease trends and communicable disease outbreaks, and providing timely health education to schools, businesses, and community partners; and

WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health provides vaccination clinics and home visits that bring lifesaving immunizations to critical and vulnerable populations throughout our rural community; and

WHEREAS, through partnerships with the Cancer Screening Services Program of the Finger Lakes program, Yates County Public Health is able to ensure that uninsured County residents have access to vital preventative cancer screenings;

WHEREAS, Public Health continues to advocate for safe living environments by managing the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and working to ensure all residents have access to safe, healthy, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the protection of our local environment is maintained through thoughtful policy and attention to emerging threats such as Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), rabies, and tick-borne illnesses like Lyme Disease; and

WHEREAS, dedicated community partnerships and coalitions, such as the Choose Health Yates committee, allow the County to expand health equity and access for all residents; and

WHEREAS a person’s health status can differ drastically by ZIP code due to differences in the built environment, environmental quality, community context, access to healthy food, access to education and access to health care; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, ranging from infectious disease outbreaks to natural disaster preparedness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature hereby proclaims April 6-12, 2026, as National Public Health Week in Yates County.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 157-26

Ms. Purdy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Killen.

REJECT ALL BIDS FOR WARM MIX ASPHALT CONCRETE

WHEREAS, bids were requested for Warm Mix Asphalt Concrete and received on February 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. and 5 firms submitted bids to the Yates County Highway Department;

			BIDDER:				
			Seneca Stone	Heidelberg	Northern Asphalt	Spallina	Dolomite
NYSDOT ITEM	ITEM	F.O.B Est QUANT. (Tons)					
403.19XXXX	Type 7F Top	500-1,000	\$79.00	\$81.85	\$78.50	\$81.00	\$79.00
403.17XXXX	Type 6F Top	500-1,000	\$77.00	\$78.85	\$76.50	\$80.00	\$75.00
*	Fine Binder	500-1,000	\$70.00	\$72.50	\$70.50	\$71.00	\$75.00
403.13XXXX	Type 3 Binder	500-1,000	\$70.00	\$72.50	\$70.50	\$73.00	\$70.00
402.09XXXX	9.5 mm < 30	500-1,000	\$79.00	\$82.85	\$80.50	\$81.00	\$79.00
404.09XXXX	9.5 mm < 30	500-1,000	\$79.00	\$82.85	\$82.50	\$83.00	\$79.00
402.12XXXX	12.5 mm < 30	500-1,000	\$76.00	\$77.50	\$76.50	\$80.00	\$75.00
404.12XXXX	12.5 mm < 30	500-1,000	\$76.00	\$77.50	\$78.50	\$82.00	\$75.00
402.19XXXX	19.0 mm < 30	500-1,000	\$70.00	\$74.00	\$72.50	\$73.00	\$70.00
404.19XXXX	19.0 mm < 30	500-1,000	\$70.00	\$74.00	\$74.50	\$75.00	\$70.00
402.25XXXX	25.0 mm < 30	500-1,000	\$67.00	\$70.00	\$68.50	\$73.00	\$68.00
404.25XXXX	25.0 mm < 30	500-1,000	\$67.00	\$70.00	\$70.50	\$75.00	\$68.00

SPECIFIED IN-PLACE PROJECTS							
Project #1		CR #5 Dundee-Hinrod Rd					
From Dundee Village Limits to CR #15 intersection							
	3.64 Mi.	5,700 tons 19 mm < 30 (2") Unit:	\$70.00	\$73.10	\$70.00	NB	NB
		4,100 tons 9.5 mm < 30 (1.5") Unit:	\$77.00	\$81.00	\$78.00	NB	NB
		Total:	\$714,700.00	\$748,770.00	\$718,800.00		
Project #2		CR #14 Havens Corners Road					
From CR #9 to CR #27							
	6.88 Mi.	10,850 tons 19 mm < 30 (2") Unit:	\$68.00	\$69.75	\$68.00	NB	NB
		7,750 tons 9.5 mm < 30 (1.5") Unit:	\$75.00	\$77.75	\$76.00	NB	NB
		Total:	\$1,319,050.00	\$1,359,350.00	\$1,326,800.00		
Project #3		CR #19 North Main Street					
From Penn Yan Village limits to SR 14A Intersection							
	.57 Mi.	1,020 tons 19 mm < 30 (2") Unit:	\$70.00	\$72.00	\$79.00	NB	NB
		730 tons 9.5 mm < 30 (1.5") Unit:	\$77.00	\$81.40	\$87.00	NB	NB
		Total:	\$127,610.00	\$132,862.00	\$144,090.00		
Combined project #2 & #3			\$1,446,660.00	\$1,492,212.00	\$1,470,890.00		

UNSPECIFIED IN-PLACE PROJECTS							
403.19XXXX	Type 7F Top	Base Bid:	\$98.00	NB	\$97.00	\$170.00	NB
403.17XXXX	Type 6F Top	Base Bid:	\$96.00	NB	\$95.00	\$168.00	NB
*	Fine Binder	Base Bid:	\$89.00	NB	\$89.00	\$168.00	NB
403.13XXXX	Type 3 Binder	Base Bid:	\$89.00	NB	\$88.00	\$160.00	NB
402.09XXXX	9.5 mm < 30	Base Bid:	\$98.00	NB	\$97.00	\$170.00	NB
404.09XXXX	9.5 mm < 30	Base Bid:	\$98.00	NB	\$98.00	\$175.00	NB
402.12XXXX	12.5 mm < 30	Base Bid:	\$95.00	NB	\$94.00	\$168.00	NB
404.12XXXX	12.5 mm < 30	Base Bid:	\$95.00	NB	\$96.00	\$173.00	NB
402.19XXXX	19.0 mm < 30	Base Bid:	\$89.00	NB	\$89.00	\$160.00	NB
404.19XXXX	19.0 mm < 30	Base Bid:	\$89.00	NB	\$90.00	\$165.00	NB
402.25XXXX	25.0 mm < 30	Base Bid:	\$86.00	NB	\$87.00	\$160.00	NB
404.25XXXX	25.0 mm < 30	Base Bid:	\$86.00	NB	\$88.00	\$165.00	NB

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to reject all bids per the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent based on the absence of required documentation with the bid submission(s); and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to all bidders, Director of Finance, and the Highway Superintendent.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 158-26

Ms. Purdy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

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REJECT ALL BIDS FOR READY MIX CONCRETE

WHEREAS, bids were requested for Ready Mix Concrete and received on February 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. and 2 firms submitted a bid to the Yates County Highway Department;

READY MIX CONCRETE			
	<i>In Toto Price Bid per Cubic Yard of Product</i>		
Bidder Name:	<i>Spallina Materials, Inc.</i>		
Plant Location	<i>Mt. Morris</i>		
Product Description	Quadrant 1	Quadrant 2	Quadrant 3
Class A for Structures - 4,000 PSI	\$ 330.00	NB	NB
Class D for Sidewalks - 4,000 PSI	\$ 348.00	NB	NB
Class H for Structures - 4,000 PSI	\$ 344.00	NB	NB
Controlled Low Strength Material (CLSM) < 150 PSI	NB	NB	NB
3000 PSI Concrete	\$ 324.00	NB	NB
Add Heated Water (Nov 15th - April 15th)	\$ 17.50	NB	NB
Add Retarding Admixture	\$ 8.75	NB	NB
Add Accelerating Admixture	\$ 18.00	NB	NB
Short Load Charge (Less than 4 CY)	\$ 400.00	NB	NB

READY MIX CONCRETE			
	<i>In Toto Price Bid per Cubic Yard of Product</i>		
Bidder Name:	<i>Northern Ready Mix, LLC</i>		
Plant Location		<i>Waterloo</i>	<i>Waterloo</i>
Product Description	Quadrant 1	Quadrant 2	Quadrant 3
Class A for Structures - 4,000 PSI	NB	\$ 198.00	\$ 198.00
Class D for Sidewalks - 4,000 PSI	NB	\$ 206.00	\$ 206.00
Class H for Structures - 4,000 PSI	NB	\$ 212.00	\$ 212.00
Controlled Low Strength Material (CLSM) < 150 PSI	NB	\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00
3000 PSI Concrete	NB	\$ 198.00	\$ 198.00
Add Heated Water (Nov 15th - April 15th)	NB	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00
Add Retarding Admixture	NB	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Add Accelerating Admixture	NB	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00
Short Load Charge (Less than 4 CY)	NB	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to reject all bids per the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent based on the absence of required documentation with the bid submission(s); and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all bidders, the Director of Finance, and the Highway Superintendent.

VOTE: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Mr. Bronson moved to enter into executive session on the basis of:

1. The employment history of a particular individual(s), attendees being members of the legislature, the Director of Finance, the Director of Human Resources, and the County Administrator; and
2. The employment history of a particular individual(s), attendees being members of the legislature, the Director of I.T., the Director of Human Resources, and the County Administrator; and

3. Conferring with legal counsel, attendees being members of the legislature, the county attorney, and the County Administrator.

Seconded by Ms. Flynn.

VOTE: Unanimous

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 3:30 p.m. with Mr. Jayne and Ms. Flynn absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 159-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Paddock.

AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO CREATE AND FILL A TEMPORARY PART-TIME SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST POSITION

WHEREAS, due to the recent resignation of the Principal Account Clerk, the Director of Finance has requested authorization to create and fill a temporary part-time Senior Account Clerk Typist position to support workload demands and maintain continuity of daily Finance Department operations during the recruitment, hiring, and training process; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to create and fill the temporary part-time Senior Account Clerk Typist position shall not exceed \$12,906;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective March 9, 2026, the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to create and fill a temporary part-time Senior Account Clerk Typist position for a period not to exceed six (6) months, unless ended sooner by the Director of Finance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Director of Finance, Director of Human Resources, and County Administrator.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 160-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO FILL A FULL-TIME PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST POSITION

WHEREAS, the Principal Account Clerk Typist position in the Finance Department became vacant on March 4, 2026, due to a resignation; and

WHEREAS, through the vacancy review process, the Director of Finance has identified the ongoing need for this function within the department; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to fill the Principal Account Clerk Typist position including fringe benefits, ranges from \$54,231 to \$84,707, depending on health insurance enrollment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective March 9, 2026, the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to fill a full-time Principal Account Clerk Typist position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 4 of the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, if an existing employee is promoted or reclassified into this position, they shall be placed at the same step in the new job title as they occupied in their previous position at the time of the personnel transaction; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance is authorized to hire at a higher hourly rate, not to exceed Step 2, if the selected candidate demonstrates the ability to perform essential job functions based on prior experience at the time of hire; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Director of Finance, Director of Human Resources, and County Administrator.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 161-26

Mr. Killen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Bronson.

AMEND RESOLUTION 46-26

ADOPT 2026 NON-UNION NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEE WAGE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, Resolution 46-26 was duly adopted on January 12, 2026 adopting the Non-Union Non-Exempt Employee Wage Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the resolution requires an amendment;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective March 9, 2026, “Senior Account Clerk Typist (Temporary Part-Time) ...\$22.70” be added to the wage schedule; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Sheriff, the Director of Human Resources, County Administrator and Director of Finance.

VOTE: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Emilee Miller

Yates County Clerk of the Legislature