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GOVERNMENT OPERATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Location: Yates County Legislative Chambers

Date: April 6, 2026 at 2:45 p.m.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Pat Killen, Leigh MacKerchar, Nonie Flynn, Dick Harper, Ed Bronson, Sarah Purdy

- Pat & Dick will do the audit this month
- Zoom Attendees/Attendance
- Approve minutes of the March 2nd meeting
- Public Comment

HISTORIAN: Len Kataskas

- Report-2026 Q1 Goal Status
- Rushville's Lesser Known Famous Citizen

ELECTIONS: Robert Brechko & Sheila Burt

- Issues of significance
- March Objectives Achieved
- April Objectives Proposed
- 2026 Q1 Goal Status

SOIL & WATER: Colby Petersen

- Watershed Inspection/KWIC
- Agriculture Environmental Management
- Environmental Protection Fund
- Cover Crops
- Final Report Summary of the Finger Lakes Cover Crop Round 2 Project (sent via email)

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: Sandi Bastedo

Executive Session – if needed

- Announcement
- Collaborations
- Yates CCE Agriculture and Horticulture Program Report January/February
- Master Gardener Program Updates
- Upcoming Projects and Presentations
- Invasive Species/Water Quality/Forestry
- Money In Your Pocket – Vallie Castner
- 4H and Youth Development

IT: Chad Pierce

- Help Desk
- I.T. Project Update Summary
- 2026 Q1 Goal Status

COUNTY CLERK: Molly Linehan

- Records Management
- DMV
- County Clerk's Office

Resolution(s):

- Authorize the Chair of the Legislature to Sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hopdox, LLC for E-Recording
- Financial Reports-Year-to-Date Comparisons

HUMAN RESOURCES: Kerry Brennan

- Community Giving Update
- Employee Relations Initiatives
- 2026 Q1 Goal Status
- Law Enforcement Bargaining Units Labor Management Meetings
- NYS Retirement Consultations
- Blood Drive

Resolution(s):

- Grant Unpaid Leave of Absence (K. Vanaman)
- Appoint Information Technology Director (C. Pierce)
- March Recruitment and Turnover Report

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Jessica Mullins

- Congratulations! New Director of IT, Chad Pierce. Welcome.
- 2026 Q1 Goal Status
 - No Q1 updates at this time

LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS: Leslie Church

Resolution(s):

- Ratify Letter of Support for Cornell University's Grape Genetics Research Units (GGRU) Request for Funding to Expand their USDA Grape Improvement Center

LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Emilee Miller

- 2026 Q1 Goal Status
- Inter-County Meeting Hosted by Yates County

Executive Session – if needed

Historian's Report to Government Operations Committee April 6, 2026

- 1) The first goal to report is progress on Yates County Celebrates America 250. We have an established committee consisting of several Town Historians, the Chamber of Commerce, Yates History Center, Veterans Service Agency and other community members. We meet every 3 weeks. The major event will be the Fourth of July Parade in Branchport and have had meetings with both Fire Chiefs (2025 and 2026). We are planning 3-4 floats to represent different parts of the drive for American Independence. The committee is also planning on a "Historic Path through History" with banners to be displayed at local businesses on Main St, Penn Yan. In addition, all three school districts have been contacted regarding a coloring book of history for young students and an essay contest for older students with cash prizes offered. Small American flags have been ordered for hand-out at the Parade. Other plans include a cemetery clean-up, and a Veterans Recognition Ceremony in the Fall. State Funding, which was allocated for the County last October, has not yet been received, so we are in a balancing act for funding. The Chamber of Commerce has limited funds which can be made available to the committee.
- 2) Yates County to host the Association of Public Historians of New York State (APHNYS). This Conference was rescheduled from last May due to a lack of registrants. It was since rescheduled to April 18 of this year. To date, we have 5 times as many registrants as last year. There will be speakers in the morning and tours of the Yates History Center in the afternoon. Region 11 of APHNYS consists of the following counties: Monroe, Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, and Yates. We are looking forward to a great conference, which will include discussion on the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.
- 3) An essay written by the County Historian to be included in a forthcoming book on the American Revolution which is being written by the Town of Mendon Historian. This will include essays from several regional historians featuring local heroes of the American Revolution. Our local hero is John Blair of Rushville. The article will be distributed to the Government Operations Committee under separate cover.

Rushville's Lesser Known Famous Citizen

John Blair was born on April 23, 1743, near Murrayfield, Massachusetts . His was an era of discontent with British rule of Massachusetts Bay Colony and the other twelve colonies in this part of the world. As tensions mounted, John decided to join the fledgling American Army to end British rule and establish a new country. Private John Blair joined the Army shortly after the first shots of the Revolution were fired on April 22, 1775. John served his new country well and, when the war ended, he served his town well. While a resident of Murrayfield, John served his village as town warden, as a selectman, an assessor, and on several committees including those concerned with inspecting, road surveying, tithing and regulating the price of goods and labor. John also served Murrayfield in a religious capacity as deacon of the local church.

Prior to his military service, John married Elizabeth Halbert, in 1770. John and Elizabeth stayed in Murrayfield throughout the course of the Revolution. However, in 1788, John and Elizabeth decided to move westward, and purchased land in the Town of Whitestown, Montgomery County, New York. This followed a trend of many New Englanders who moved west from their homes. Some say the westward movement was due to higher taxes imposed by the newly independent Commonwealth of Massachusetts (some things don't change!) others say that land was more fertile in New York, still others claim to be moved by the spirit of adventure. After just three years of living in Montgomery County, The Blair's moved west again, to Herkimer County, then again, in 1795, when they bought 461 acres in the Town of Augusta, Ontario County. Augusta, in Ontario County became the Town of Middlesex, when in 1823, a new county, Yates County was formed. They lived in a village, called Federal Hollow, which then became Rushville, named for Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

It was in Rushville that the area's first school began—in John and Elizabeth's home. School was taught by headmaster William Bassett, who became John and Elizabeth's first son-in-law. It was while in Rushville that John and Elizabeth donated land for the first school building, known as Pine Corners School. John was elected as Town Assessor at the first Augusta Town meeting in 1797. The next year, John was qualified to serve the Town as a juror. His greatest contribution to the village of Rushville, however, was as a founding member of the Congregation Church, which is still an active church today.

John and Elizabeth were parents to 10 children: Mary, Solomon, James, Anna, John, Sarah, Betsey, Ezra, Nathan and Warren.

Elizabeth died in 1806. John died September 28, 1814. Both are buried in Pine Corners Cemetery, which is located south of Rushville off Rt. 245. A historical marker notes the burial place of 8 American Revolutionary War soldiers under the heading "Patriot Burials" but are not individually named.

Although John did much in the service to his country, and for his service to his community in Murrayfield, Montgomery County, and Rushville, and by serving as a deacon and a founder of the Congregation Church of Rushville, he is a lesser known person in Rushville history. Marcus Whitman, the doctor who travelled in the Lewis and Clark expedition is the more known and acclaimed citizen of that village.

To: Government Operations Committee
From: Bob Brechko, Sheila Burt
Date: 03/30/2031
Subject: Monthly Report to be reviewed at the April 2026 Meeting

Issues of significance:

- Annual report to the Legislature attached.
- First quarter goals update attached.

March Objectives achieved:

- Held the Penn Yan Village Election on March 18th. a manual recount was required for both races and was held on March 20th. There were no changes found and the election day results became official.
- Designating Petitions are being circulated. Filing dates start March 30 through April 6. Prepared several voter lists for candidates.
- Processed NCOA file updates (National Change of Address from the post office) and uploaded changes to the State data base on the 18th.
- Hart Voting system update will happen after the village election. Currently not scheduled.
- Elections data systems required backup and restoration by March 25th in preparation for the June primary. This is required by statute (6200.3 (a)(6)), 90 days before the primary and general election.
- Received reimbursement from State election grants. We received a total of \$33,554.40 during the months of February and March. We also received another \$47,863.83 in January from these grants. Most of this grant money was spent on new ePoll books, ballot on demand printers and spare ballot scanners (\$54,400).

April Objectives planned:

- Petition filings to take place between March 30th and April 6th. They will include county committee and several local offices, most as a result of the odd to even year law.
- Prepare and mail out Mail Check cards to active registered voters. This card reminds voters of the date and times of the elections scheduled during the year and where their polling site is.
- Updating Hart voting machines on April 21 and 22 to latest approved version.
- Primary ballot certification due April 29th (State) and 30th (County).

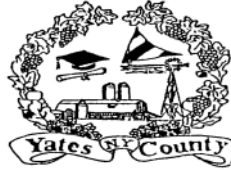
All members of the Legislature are welcome to stop in at any time to ask questions or offer concerns. We always have chocolate.

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Commissioners Goals for 2026 – first quarter

Review and Maintain our Voting System HART Verity

In 2025, Hart presented updates to their voting system to the State which would improve some aspects of reporting and ballot layout. We are not aware of what changes have been submitted as we are still waiting for the state's approval. The submission to the state was not in time to make changes for the 2025 General Election. We continue to review this system and work with the HART team to make any additional updates and modifications. We continue to work closely with their team for any reports we would like to see available to us, and to review any procedural changes we might feel are necessary. ***The 2025 upgrade received approval from the State after last year's General Election. Installation has to wait until after the Penn Yan Village Election. It is scheduled for April 21st.***

Evaluate Duties and Assignments within the BOE

We continue to review the staff job descriptions to reorganize our department staff responsibilities as needed. Research ways to improve employee retention. ***This is ongoing. We are looking at reducing the hours and or need for the Election Operations Assistants. The Deputies will be taking on most of their duties.***

Revise and Expand Procedures

As needed in accordance with changes to State Election Law, we will continue to revise procedures and supporting information on websites, IT connections and training. We plan to reach out to town boards and update them on any changes received in new laws. We continue to review and monitor Poll Sites as in the past as well as provide Community Voter Outreach. ***This is ongoing. Nothing scheduled in the first quarter.***

Prepare for, support or execute 3-4 elections

In 2026 we will hold and support the Penn Yan Village Election, a potential Primary Election and a General Election. We will assist and provide Voting Machines to the three schools (Dundee, Marcus Whitman, Penn Yan Central Schools). And provide any additional support if requested. We're unaware of any Special Elections at this time? ***The Penn Yan Village election was held on March 18th. Everything went well as far as our operation. Turnout was very low (18%).***

Prepare for the use of 2-page ballots

Because of the odd to even year elections, we need to look into using a two-page ballot for this year's General Election and develop procedures if we do start using them. ***Still doing research on this item.***



Soil and Water Conservation Districts in New York State

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Government Operations Report

April 2026

Watershed Inspection/KWIC:

District staff have conducted 44 inspections to date in the Towns of Barrington, Jerusalem, Milo, Starkey, Torrey and the Villages of Dresden, Dundee and Penn Yan. We anticipate completing 550 inspections in 2026. Staff have conducted 20 soils evaluations and reviewed 24 designs for new and replacement septic systems.

Agriculture Environmental Management

District staff met with our Area Environmental Analyst from NYS Ag & Markets to close out 8 grants this winter totaling over 2.8 million dollars. 6 of the 8 close outs have been paid by NYS. One of the grants that was closed out was the Finger Lakes Cover Crop Round 2; the final report is attached.

The District received notification from NYS that we were awarded two new grants from Round 9 of the Climate Resilient Farming Program. The two applications ranked 3rd and 9th out of 36 applications total.

- \$154,000 for an erosion control project in the Kashong Creek Watershed of Seneca Lake

- \$600,000 for erosion control projects on 6 vineyard farms in the Keuka Lake Watershed

The District is a partner in a large cover cropping grant awarded to Seneca County SWCD. 14 farms will be implementing over 1,600 acres of cover cropping beginning this fall.

A new grant application for the Seneca Lake Watershed is being developed and is due April 20th. Projects in this application will be highlighted in next month's report.

Environmental Protection Fund

The Governor and the State Legislature have released their proposals for the EPF. The Assembly and Senate have proposed budgets that would increase funding to many of the line items Districts depend on. I have highlighted those areas in yellow:



Environmental Protection Fund

| <u>Open Space Account</u> | <u>FY25-26 Enacted</u> | <u>FY26-27 Executive Proposed</u> | <u>FY26-27 Assembly Proposed</u> | <u>FY26-27 Senate Proposed</u> |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Open Space / Land Conservation | 42,000 | 42,000 | 53,000 | 44,000 |
| LTA Conservation Partnership Grant Program | 3,000 | 3,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Urban Forestry (with suballocations) | 3,200 | 3,200 | 5,000 | 3,200 |
| Projects in DEC Regions 1-3 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| LTA Conservation Easement Program | 1,500 | 1,500 | 3,000 | 1,500 |
| Preacquisition costs for Open Space Grant Program | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Purchase of grassland bird habitat | 500 | 0 | 500 | 0 |
| Tug Hill Tomorrow for Ft. Drum ACUB | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Reimbursement to land trusts for site cleanup costs prior to transfer | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Farmland Protection | 25,000 | 25,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Cornell University Land Class/Master Soils List | 150 | 175 | 175 | 175 |
| Capacity grants | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Agricultural Waste Management | 1,900 | 1,900 | 2,000 | 1,900 |
| Cornell Dairy Acceleration Program | 700 | 700 | 700 | 700 |
| Municipal Non-point Source Pollution Control | 6,000 | 6,000 | 7,000 | 6,000 |
| Cornell Community Integrated Pest Management | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Agricultural Non-point Source Pollution Control | 18,500 | 18,700 | 19,500 | 18,700 |
| Cornell Pesticide Management Education Program | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Hudson River Estuary Program | 7,500 | 7,500 | 8,000 | 8,500 |
| Mohawk River Action Plan | 1,500 | 1,000 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Biodiversity / Landowner Habitat Conservation Program | 1,850 | 1,850 | 2,000 | 2,350 |
| Pollinator diversity research (incl. Cornell funding) | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies | 200 | 200 | 200 | 300 |
| Catskill Research | | | | |
| Paul Smith's College Adirondack Watershed Institute | 200 | 0 | 200 | 200 |
| SUNY Albany Atmospheric Sciences Research Center | 200 | 0 | 200 | 200 |
| Albany Pine Bush Commission | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,500 | 5,000 |
| Long Island Pine Barrens Commission | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Long Island South Shore Estuary Reserve | 2,000 | 2,100 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Finger Lakes/Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance | 3,500 | 3,500 | 5,000 | 6,000 |
| Lake Erie Watershed Protection / Erie Co. SWCD | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |

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| Lake George Park Commission | 900 | 900 | 950 | 950 |
| Invasive Species | 18,550 | 18,550 | 22,000 | 18,550 |
| Eradication Grants | 5,750 | 5,750 | 7,750 | 5,750 |
| Cornell Hemlock Woolly Adelgid project | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Cornell Plant Certification Program | 175 | 0 | 175 | 175 |
| Southern Pine Beetle incl. Rx Fire in Pine Barrens | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Ocean and Great Lakes Initiative | 24,600 | 24,600 | 27,500 | 24,850 |
| Peconic Estuary Program | 750 | 750 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Billion Oyster Project | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Water Quality Improvement Program | 25,300 | 25,100 | 31,000 | 28,000 |
| Suffolk County / DEC Nitrogen Reduction | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Suffolk County Sewer Improvement Projects | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Nassau County clean water infrastructure projects | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Source Water Assessment Plans | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Chautauqua Lake Partnership | 95 | 95 | 95 | 95 |
| Chatauqua Lake Association | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| Stony Brook wastewater and phosphorus pilots | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Allegheny River Watershed Program, incl. Chatauqua Lake projects | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Lake Erie -Niagara River watershed basin program | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| Cornell Research emerging contaminants in groundwater | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Cayuga County SWCD, Eastern Finger Lakes Watershed Basin Program | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Save the Great South Bay | 200 | 0 | 200 | 200 |
| Guilderland Watershed Evaluation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 |
| Great Swamp conservation study | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 |
| Bronx River Alliance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 650 |
| Finger Lakes Watershed Grants Program | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 |
| Hobart and William Smith Colleges | 0 | 0 | 0 | 610 |
| Soil and Water Conservation Districts | 18,000 | 18,650 | 22,000 | 18,650 |
| Urban Farm & Community Garden Grant Program | 2,325 | 2,325 | 3,000 | 2,325 |
| Cornell University | 325 | 325 | 325 | 325 |
| Sub-Total | 203,775 | 204,525 | 244,200 | 223,525 |
| <u>Parks and Recreation Account</u> | | | | |
| State Land Stewardship | 50,075 | 50,575 | 55,125 | 58,175 |
| Parks & Trails NY Grants Program | 2,500 | 2,650 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| NY Natural Heritage Program Protected Areas Database | 300 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adirondack & Catskill visitor safety, wilderness protect incl. ADK visitor centers | 10,000 | 8,000 | 10,000 | 12,000 |

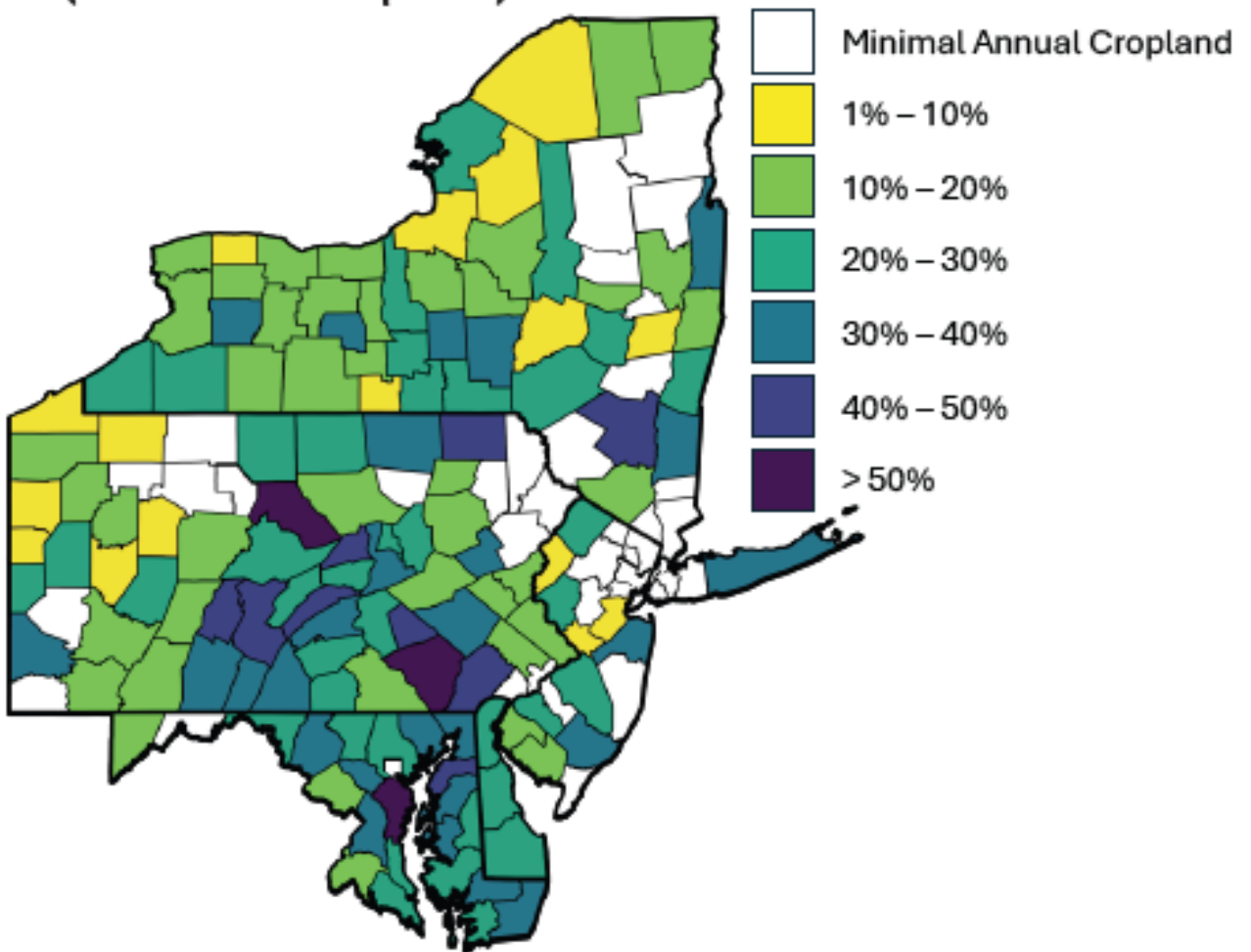
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| Ausable River Association for Adirondack Lake ecosystem study | 2,000 | 1,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Adirondack Architectural Heritage | 750 | 750 | 750 | 750 |
| Camp Santanoni Mngt | | | | |
| Carrying Capacity Study for Saranac Chain of Lakes | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 |
| \$300,000 to towns: Minerva, Long Lake, Indian Lake, N. Hudson, Newcomb | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Waterfront Revitalization Program | 14,275 | 14,275 | 15,000 | 14,275 |
| Inner City/Underserved | 10,500 | 10,500 | 10,500 | 10,500 |
| LWRP Updates to mitigate climate risks | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Niagara River Greenway Commission | 300 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Municipal Parks | 26,000 | 26,000 | 31,000 | 37,950 |
| City/Underserved areas | 13,000 | 13,000 | 15,000 | 13,000 |
| Tivoli Park | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Hudson River Valley Trail Grants | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| SUNY ESF for Adirondack VICs | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Paul Smiths for Adirondack VICs | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Catskill Center for Conservation and Development VIC | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Teatown Lake Reservation | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Village of Garden City Parks & Rec Program | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 |
| Alphonse Campbell/Powells Lane Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 |
| Hudson River Park | 4,400 | 4,100 | 4,400 | 4,100 |
| ZBGA | 21,500 | 21,500 | 25,000 | 23,800 |
| Navigation Law | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 |
| Sub-Total | 118,550 | 118,750 | 132,825 | 140,600 |
| <u>Solid Waste Account</u> | | | | |
| Municipal Recycling | 21,300 | 19,600 | 27,500 | 22,100 |
| Organics/Food Waste Programs | 2,500 | 2,500 | 6,000 | 5,000 |
| SUNY ESF Center for Sustainable Materials Management | 0 | 0 | 3,250 | 0 |
| Secondary Materials Markets | 650 | 650 | 1,000 | 650 |
| Pollution Prevention Institute | 4,600 | 4,600 | 5,600 | 4,600 |
| Interstate Chemical Clearinghouse | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Pesticide Program | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Long Island Pesticide Prevention | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Natural Resource Damage Assessment | 1,775 | 1,775 | 1,775 | 1,775 |
| Landfill Closure / Gas Management | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| Environmental Justice | 14,300 | 14,300 | 18,000 | 14,600 |
| Connect Kids Outdoor Recreation Program | 3,800 | 3,800 | 4,500 | 3,800 |
| Community Impact Grants Program | 4,000 | 4,000 | 5,000 | 4,000 |
| SUNY ESF Center for Native Peoples and the Environment | 1,142 | 1,142 | 1,142 | 1,142 |
| Newtown Creek Alliance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 |
| Environmental Health | 11,250 | 11,250 | 15,000 | 11,250 |

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| Children's Environmental Health Centers | 4,000 | 4,000 | 5,000 | 4,000 |
| Fresh Connect and programs to expand access to fresh food | 3,850 | 3,850 | 5,000 | 3,850 |
| Clean Sweep | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Stony Brook wastewater and 1,4 dioxane pilot projects | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Brownfield Opportunity Area Grants | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 3,000 |
| Technical Assistance for NYC Community Boards | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| PFAS Agricultural Response Program | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,000 |
| SUNY ESF Center for Sustainable Materials Management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,250 |
| Sub-Total | 57,675 | 55,975 | 72,675 | 73,025 |
| <u>Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Account</u> | | | | |
| Greenhouse Gas Reduction Outside Power Sector | 2,400 | 2,400 | 3,000 | 2,400 |
| Regenerate NY grant program | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Refrigeration Council pilot program | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Community Forests Program | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Vermont Energy Investment Corp. natural refrigerants | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Climate Adaptation | 6,600 | 6,600 | 9,000 | 7,850 |
| Wood Products Development Council | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Climate Coordinators | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Timbuctoo Pipeline Summer Climate and Careers Institute | 1,250 | 1,250 | 1,250 | 2,100 |
| Resilience Planting Program | 500 | 100 | 500 | 500 |
| Climate and Applied Forestry Research Institute | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| The Nature Conservancy Staying Connected Initiative | 25 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| SUNY Albany NYS Mesonet | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 0 |
| Smart Growth Grants | 3,800 | 3,900 | 4,000 | 3,900 |
| Climate Resilient Farms | 19,500 | 19,100 | 19,100 | 33,000 |
| Cornell Soil Health Program | 500 | 500 | 1,000 | 500 |
| Forest Preservation on Ag land for carbon sequestration | 500 | 0 | 500 | 500 |
| Cornell Agrivoltaics Study | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 0 |
| Cornell Satellite Research Farms and Forests | 0 | 0 | 5,000 | 0 |
| Climate Smart Communities Projects | 12,000 | 12,000 | 13,500 | 13,000 |
| Municipal pilot programs for public EV charging infrastructure | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Farmers' Market Resiliency Grant Program | 700 | 700 | 700 | 700 |
| DEC support for climate resilience and restoration program implementation | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Sub-Total | 45,000 | 45,700 | 50,300 | 61,850 |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL EPF | 425,000 | 425,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |

Cover Crops

A recent brief from New York Soil Health highlights how cover crop incentive programs are helping drive adoption across New York and the broader Northeast by reducing financial barriers for farmers. Drawing on a 2023 regional survey, the research found that these programs not only increase cover crop acreage during participation but can lead to continued use even after incentives end. In New York, adoption reached 19% of annual cropland in 2022, with Yates County ranking among the highest adopters at an estimated 30–40% (see figure below). Yates County Soil & Water Conservation District cost-shared over 1900 acres of cover cropping for 30 local farms in 2024-2025 and has secured grant funding for an additional 2400 acres in 2026-2028.

Cover Crop acreage in New York and Selected Northeastern States (% of annual cropland)



Cornell Cooperative Extension – Yates County
Government Operations Report – April 2026

Announcement

- Gardening Matters Day, Saturday, April 11th from 10am-noon
- Earth Day Extravaganza, April 18th, 1-4pm
- Farm Bureau Spring Has Sprung Celebration, April 18th, Doors Open at 4:30pm

Collaborations

- Yates County Public Health
- Office of the Aging
- Yates Food Access Coalition
- Penn Yan Academy
- Dundee Central School District
- CCE Wayne, Schuyler, Ontario, Monroe
- Living Well

Yates CCE Agriculture and Horticulture Program Report January/February

Caroline Boutard-Hunt, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Specialist

Shona Ort- Horticulture and Master Gardener Coordinator

Calls/Emails/in-person questions: 20 Visits: 3

Highlights:

- Rhododendron troubleshooting
- Allium leaf miner scouting
- Subsoiling
- Property dispute- land management
- Orchard pruning (2 visits)
- Pest identification

Building Strong and Vibrant New York Communities

Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities



Workshops, publications, events, and projects:

- High tunnel biomass sampling- 3/16 worked with CVP to collect data on biomass growth of overwintered cover crops in high tunnel along with soil samples for analysis
- Seed to Supper: A free multi-week gardening education program first developed by the Oregon Food Bank to help people on any budget grow a portion of their own food
 - 2 class locations:
 - Dundee: Saturdays 2/28-3/28, Our Town Rocks- 15 attendees
 - Penn Yan: Wednesdays 3/4-3/25, special class for Saint Mark's Terrace residents in Penn Yan- 7 attendees
- Good Agricultural Practices training in Wayne County- 3/10, 5 participants including 1 Yates County grower (gave a ride to them), this training is required for growers wishing to become GAP audited, a produce safety certification required to sell to many large buyers such as Wegmans.
- New York Farm to School Summit- attended on 2/24
- Cut flower monthly webinar 3/18, topic for March: Regenerative Agriculture 101: Connecting Core Principles to Cut-Flower Production
- Gardening Matters Newsletter- Produced monthly in a shorter, primarily digital format to allow CCE to provide more timely event notification and garden advice. 2 new sign-ups this month.
 - Topics covered in March- bats of the Finger Lakes, giving beneficial insects a “soft landing”, native perennial groundcover options

Trainings, meetings and webinars of note:

Ag Advisory Committee Meeting, 2/25

Master Gardener Program Updates

February 19, 2026 – Master Gardeners, Celeste Lewis and Beverly Barnwell, assisted Shona in providing recommendations on raised bed gardening to Andrea Bunn at Rainbow Junction Childcare in Penn Yan.

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February 28, 2026 – Shona and Master Gardeners, Anita Lane and Perry Snyderman, attended the Seed to Supper Training at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schuyler County. They also brought back with them another bag of garden seeds donated by the CCE Schuyler Master Gardner program to ours.

March 10, 2026 - Ten of the Yates County Master Gardeners met for their monthly group meeting. In that meeting they discussed and planned out their participation in the Seed to Supper Hands-on Day (March 28th), Gardening Matters Day (April 11th), Earth Day Extravaganza (April 18th), Office of the Aging Container Gardening Workshop (April 28th), Dundee Fresh Plant Swap (May), Dundee Fiber Arts Festival (May), and Keuka Lakes Arts Festival (June).

March 13, 2026 - Shona taught 9 participants at the Penn Yan Academy Wellness Day about drying flowers and led them through a hands-on activity of making their own small arrangements to take home.

Upcoming Projects and Presentations

March:

Seed to Supper in Dundee and Penn Yan continues

Fairy Tale Festival in Dundee- 3/21, Master Gardeners tabling and providing a hands-on activity

FSMA-PSR training- 3/27, Ontario Produce Auction 24 growers registered

Garden planning workshop at Saint Michael School, 3/23

April

Gardening Matters Day- 4/11, Annual Master Gardener Symposium covering topics relevant to Yates County gardeners and beyond. 10-12pm

Earth Day Extravaganza- 4/18, MG volunteers tabling and providing hands on garden activity focused on native plants.

Penn Yan Elementary School Extended School Programming April-June 2026

Yates County Office of the Aging Container Gardening Workshop- 4/28, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

May

Dundee Plant Swap 5/9

Forest walk 5/13 with Lydia Williams- agroforestry and forest management workshop

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Seed to Supper food preservation hands on workshop for current S2S participants 5/16

NYS IPM lepidopteran trapping project begins

Invasive Species/Water Quality/Forestry

MFO

- Training started March 17th
 - 11 trainees in the region
 - 4 in Yates
 - Agroforestry presentation 4/7
 - Field Training Date TBD
- 6 visits requests around region since March 1st

Climate Stewards

- Covering Yates, Steuben, and Ontario Counties
- Information session 3/5
 - 4 attendees
- 7 trainees
- Training starts April 2nd

Science and Homeschool Outreach

- Tour at Wild Wings – 2/24
 - 12 attendees including a new family
- Endangered animals – 3/3
 - 13 attendees
- Wildlife around town with DEC wildlife tech – 3/17
 - 18 attendees
- How Plants Grow – 3/31
- Propagating Plants – 4/21

General Natural Resources

- Earth Day Extravaganza
 - Waiting for confirmation from PY Elementary as location
 - Rise & Thrive Coffee Co and Finger Lakes Hots will be attending
 - 14 local organizations/groups will be tabling
 - Confirmed presentations: DEC will be discussing “Living with Black Bears”
- Forestry Day in May – 5/13
 - ³/₄ speakers confirmed
 - Reached out to NYFOA to partner
 - Looking for location
- Home visits/Requests
 - Hemlock Wholly Adelgid infestation
 - Assisted Yates Soil and Water with forestry questions and grant advice

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- Invasive Presentation to Env Ed class at PYA – 3/11
 - 13 students, 1 adult
- Soil Test demonstration at Seed to Supper Class – 3/28

Money In Your Pocket – Vallie Castner

- Programming Inquiries
 - Assisted an individual who reached out needing energy information on NYSERDA/EMPOWER
 - Had a past program participant reach out to see if visits would be happening again at the Recovery Center. There has been a leadership transition and Vallie is working to begin regular visits again, but no date is set currently.
- New Families 2026
 - #1 – Started 1/17, a past program participant whose husband’s daughter and 3 young grandchildren moved in with them for an unspecified amount of time. Focus: Community resources: food pantries, clothing opportunities, and agency services. Communication is via phone calls and texts, with Vallie sharing information this month on Feb 5th community dinner in Dundee.
 - #2 – Started 2/12. Referred to by Community Services. Employed individual. Goals – Develop financial literacy skills, payback owed restitution, strive for financial independence, and save money for a car. Focus – Establish a budget. 3 face-to-face meetings to date.
 - 3 additional referrals received, just waiting on a good time to start meeting.
- Current Families from 2025
 - #3 – Employed mother with 2 children. Started April 22. 8 meetings to date. She reaches out with questions as needed and is interested in resuming meetings in late March/April.
 - #7 – Unemployed mother and 2 sons that both live at home. 14 phone calls and numerous text conversations. Moved to new housing in Nov and again in Dec and as of Feb 5th, they have secured an apartment in PY. Communication in February was that the mother was still in need of employment.
- Status of 2025 families, not currently meeting
 - #1 – No longer meeting.
 - #2 - Retired individual. Reaches out as needed.
 - #4 – No longer meeting.
 - #5 – Individual employed with 4 children. Started in May. 9 meetings in total. Reported at the end of Feb that she is doing “very good” and knows she can reach back out if she needs assistance.
 - #6 – Started July 2025. 1 meeting and no additional contact.
 - #8 – Widowed female. Started Aug 20th. 2 meetings to date. Focus – Establishing a budget, community resources, tracking expenses. New this month - she is adjusting her budget to correspond to their recent move to an apartment complex and reported as of Jan 2026, that her daughter will move into an apartment in late spring.

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- #9 - Part-time mother in emergency housing with a toddler son. Referred by The Living Well. Goal – Learn about budgeting and develop budgeting skills. 2 meetings to date but no longer responding to communication.
- #10 – Started Sept 16. Employed individual. 1 meeting to date. Goal – Learn more ways to save money. Numerous texts since the first meeting and reports that he is doing well. Still has interest in meeting, but no response to scheduling a time.
- #11 – Started Sept 25. No longer interested in participation.
- Workshops
 - 2/20: KAT, 8 youth. Topic – wants vs needs, choices, and shopping at convenience stores.
 - 3/25: Workshop planned with Dundee Well Station
- Community Outreach
 - 2/19: Dropped into the Recovery Center and met with their new supervisor regarding interest in financial literacy programming. They are interested but need to coordinate who they have to take part to determine a good start time.
 - 2/24: Communication with Keuka Advocacy Services with plans to start programming in the near future.
 - Program information shared for the PY youth festival sponsored by Rotary
 - 3/10: Donation of items and program information are being organized for Community Baby Shower
- Funding Update - Looking at a Greater Rochester Health Foundation Grant for program support. It would be a multi-year grant.

4-H and Youth/ Development

Past Programming

- 2/22: Public Presentation Practice – 6 youth, 3 adults
- 2/22: Beginner Fishing Workshop – Postponed due to few families bring able to attend
- 2/23: TRAILS – Friendship bracelets – 7 youth
- 3/2: TRAILS – Friendship Bracelets – 4 youth
- 3/7 and 3/8: Public Presentations – 17 youth
- 3/7: District Dairy Bowl – 1 YC youth
- 3/7: District Livestock Skillathon – 1 YC youth
- 3/9: TRAILS – Blueberry Muffins in a Mug – 5 youth
- 3/16: TRAILS – Pancake in a Mug with homemade butter and whipped cream – 5 youth

Upcoming Events

- 3/18: Dundee Ag Lit visits – 2 classrooms
- 3/19: Dundee Ag Lit visits – 3 classrooms
- 3/23 – 3/27: PY Ag Lit visits – done by FFA members
- 3/23: Final winter TRAILS session

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- 3/29: Sugar Swap Baking Workshop
- 3/30: 4-H Teen Bowling Meeting (tentative)
- 3/31: 4-H at Rainbow Junction
- 3/31: Archery Open Shoot
- 4/2: Jen to present at YC SCOPE meeting
- 4/6 – 5/18 – Jen will continue with a Spring TRAILS session on Mondays – Geo-Caching
- 4/11: District 4-H Public Presentations
- 4/12: Spring 4-H Paint and Sip Workshop
- 4/17: Spring Paper Clover Starts
- 4/17: 4-H will be at CCE Earth Day event
- 4/19: Rabbit/Cavy Breed Workshop
- 4/26: Celebrate Service, Celebrate Yates

Funding Update

- Submitted a \$5,000 Yates Endowment Grant for increased support for animal science resources and programming
- Submitted a \$5,000 Auburn Theater Company Grant for an in-depth beginner and intermediate clay series with The Art Studio 126 Main

Working on a RACF Grant for additional art programming opportunities

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MEMORANDUM

To: Government Operations Committee

From: Chad Pierce
Deputy I.T. Director

Date: March 31, 2026

Re: Report for March 2026

SUMMARY

- **Help-Desk requests**
 - In the month of February, the I.T. Help Desk took in 318 tickets

- **I.T. Project Update Summary**
 - Email and Exchange project work
 - Network Access Control project
 - Virtual Server Host Replacements and VMware upgrade
 - AI Envisioning Workshop
 - NYSAC GovAI Trustmark Dashboard
 - CrowdStrike Identity Module

- **Resolutions**
 - None

- **2026 Q1 Goals for IT**

Project Updates

- **Email and Exchange project work**

We've procured the necessary licensing to move into the next phase. We will be finalizing setup of our server and cloud tenant connection in early April. Internal testing will happen by mid-April, with smaller department testing end of April. Our goal is to be in full production by the end of May.

- **Network Access Control project**

We're in the internal testing phase and have seen positive results. We can see in real time when a rogue device becomes quarantined, to when it moves to its correct location on the network. This will greatly reduce unintended devices from accessing data. Our department is actively identifying all devices by type, with procedures in place for all new devices. We have three more sessions before project completion in May.

- **Virtual Server Host Replacements and VMware upgrade**

This project is completed and we're very satisfied with the results. By moving to new hosts we've been able to reduce the total amount of servers by one and improve performance by six times.

- **AI Envisioning Workshop**

The AI Envisioning Workshop took place on March 23rd. We've taken the feedback from the session and we will assess the data collected to begin shaping the future and goals of AI in Yates County.

- **NYSAC GovAI Trustmark Dashboard**

IT attended the NYSAC Conference and Special IT Task Force meeting March 16th and 17th. We discussed several key topics on the new GovAI Dashboard that the County AI (CAI) team is building for our state. This will be a tremendous resource available for us to utilize and share how AI is being used and what to watch for. <https://www.nysac.org/issues/artificial-intelligence/>

- **CrowdStrike Identity Module**

We've completed the scope of work on this project and will continue to monitor how services and accounts are used within the network. If a risk is detected, we are alerted immediately and can act upon it either actively or passively, depending on the rule set. This tool along with assistance from CrowdStrike continues to be a benefit to the County by quickly identifying underlying issues. We use this service daily.

2026 Q1 GOALS
CHAD PIERCE - DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IT

1) EMAIL MIGRATION TO MICROSOFT OFFICE O365 – IN PROGRESS

We will be finalizing setup of our server and cloud tenant connection in early April. Internal testing will happen by mid-April, with smaller department testing end of April. Our goal is to be in full production by the end of May.

2) CREATING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND CLEARER DOCUMENTATION - IN PROGRESS

We've outgrown the "institutional knowledge" in our department and it's time to put it all on paper. Our department is currently evaluating products that will help us easily write step-by-step procedures for our department, as well as clear how-to's for all employees to reference with screenshots and more. This will be an on-going endeavor and we're really excited about where it will lead us.

3) PROJECT MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION - NOT STARTED

A key struggle of mine is not having a clear path and vision to move towards. Unexpected projects and set-backs happen all the time and it's really easy to lose track when that happens. I am a visual learner and having a project and time management solution for the IT department will greatly improve not only our processes but other departments as a whole. My goal is to use real-time data to show our department where we need to shift our focus and circle back without fear of losing our place.



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Government Operations Report April 2026

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

April is National Records and Information Management Month. NYS Archives reminds us it's a great time to reevaluate our record keeping and information management. This month also helps emphasize the importance of having organized records. It's spring cleaning for your records.

DMV

STATISTICAL REPORT:

In February 2026, a total of 1248 in-office registration transactions were processed, with a total of 248 license type transactions processed prior to the software conversion. (At this time, there is no report available showing the number of license transactions processed in DRIVES.) Fees for retention collected totaled \$10,319.37. A total of \$21,585.64 in sales tax was collected.

In comparison, fees collected for retention by the DMV in February 2025 totaled \$10,011.74 with in-office DMV transactions totaling 1,378. A total of \$35,441.71 in sales tax was collected.

Shared revenue from COPRS internet fees collected year to date totaled \$9,529.64. Transactions processed online in February 2026 totaled 456, with the total amount of \$3,896.59 in shared revenue to Yates County for the month. The online year to date total collected is \$88,648.50. (*The report submitted contains all information prior to the implementation of the DRIVES software and all registration information after the switch. No license information is currently available after the implementation.)

Shared revenue from COPRS internet fees collected year to date in February 2025 totaled \$10,375.57. Transactions processed online in February 2025 totaled 587, with the total amount of \$4,500.93 in shared revenue to Yates County for the month. The year to date total collected was \$96,517.75.

Donate Life month is in full swing in the Yates County DMV. Staff members have decorated the office using this year's theme of "Leave a Legacy" and will be hosting a coloring contest. Other activities have been planned in an effort to raise awareness and increase the number of visitors signing up to become organ and tissue donors.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

STATISTICAL REPORT:

In February 2026, County Clerk transactions totaled 2,395 with fees collected totaling \$258,415.97

Total fees collected in the County Clerk's Office in February 2025 equaled \$143,862.35 and transactions totaled 1,911.

The mortgage tax amount collected in February 2026 totaled \$83,710.50. In February 2025, the total amount collected was \$61,638.87.

The 2026 County Officials booklet is currently proofed and will be sent out for print. Once complete, copies will be distributed to each County Legislator, department and area businesses.

Included with this report:
Hopdox E-Recording Resolution
Financial reports with YTD comparisons

AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH HOPDOX, LLC FOR E-RECORDING

WHEREAS, the Yates County Clerk offers voluntary recording of real property documents by electronic transmission in substitution for conventional paper based documents; and

WHEREAS, electronic recording (e-recording) requires the services of one or more third party providers for the submission of real property records for the purpose of electronic recording; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has received an MOU from one or more companies offering to submit documents via electronic transmission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, pending the approval of the County Attorney, the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to sign the MOU agreement with the following vendor: Hopdox, LLC 497 Quail Hollow Lane, Alpine, UT 84004; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the County Clerk and the County Attorney.

| 2025 | 2025 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----|-------|-----|------|------|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|
| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APRIL | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUGUST | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
| VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS | 884 | 743 | | | | | | | | | | | 1627 |
| 2 YR ORIGINAL | 147 | 112 | | | | | | | | | | | 259 |
| 2 YEAR RENEWAL | 331 | 387 | | | | | | | | | | | 718 |
| BOATS | 15 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | 29 |
| SNOWMOBILES | 60 | 29 | | | | | | | | | | | 89 |
| MISC | 67 | 37 | | | | | | | | | | | 104 |
| INTRANSIT PERMIT | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| DUP TITLE | 24 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | 33 |
| TITLE ONLY IRP | 25 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | 36 |
| LICENSES | 250 | 245 | | | | | | | | | | | 495 |
| PHOTO ID | 57 | 34 | | | | | | | | | | | 91 |
| LICENSE ABSTRACTS | 13 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | 22 |
| PERMITS | 35 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | 66 |
| PLATE SURRENDER | 192 | 189 | | | | | | | | | | | 381 |
| DUPLICATE SURRENDERS | 8 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 13 |
| PLATES SURRENDER FS | 58 | 37 | | | | | | | | | | | 95 |
| FS CIVIL PENALTY | 9 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | 19 |
| AMOUNT | \$2,512.00 | \$1,416.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$3,928.00 |
| INQUIRY LETTER NO LAPSE | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| FS RECISSION | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| DRA | 11 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | 20 |
| AMOUNT | \$3,775.00 | \$3,050.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$6,825.00 |
| ESCORT CERTIFICATION | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| ESCORT CERT FEES | \$40.00 | \$0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 40.00 |
| CIVIL PENALTY | 1 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| AMOUNT | \$750.00 | \$2,750.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$3,500.00 |
| LICENSE COMPLIANCE | 5 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | 13 |
| \$50.00 SUSPENSION TERM FEE | \$325.00 | \$500.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$825.00 |
| DDP PROGRAM | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| CONDITIONAL LICENSE ISSUED | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| RESTRICTED LICENSE ISSUED | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| FULL LICENSE RESTORED* | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| *CONDITIONAL LICENSE | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| *RESTRICTED LICENSE | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 4 |
| SALES TAX RECEIPTS | 203 | 139 | | | | | | | | | | | 342 |
| SALES TAX ONLY RECEIPTS | 29 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | 43 |
| VOTER REGISTRATION - YES | 48 | 40 | | | | | | | | | | | 88 |
| FEE PAYMENT RECEIPTS | 53 | 23 | | | | | | | | | | | 76 |
| FEEES TO STATE (DMV) | -\$2,030.58 | \$10,240.55 | | | | | | | | | | | \$8,209.97 |
| SALES TAX | \$78,806.23 | \$35,441.71 | | | | | | | | | | | \$114,247.94 |
| CREDIT CARD PAYMENT | \$104,165.73 | \$76,108.21 | | | | | | | | | | | \$180,273.94 |
| FEEES TO COUNTY (DMV) | \$11,849.85 | \$9,873.24 | | | | | | | | | | | \$21,723.09 |
| FEEES TO COUNTY (ST) | \$184.50 | \$138.50 | | | | | | | | | | | \$323.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$192,975.73 | \$131,802.21 | | | | | | | | | | | \$324,777.94 |

| | REVENUES TO COUNTY 2026 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | YTD | BUDGET 2025 |
| CLERK'S FEES -A1255 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Receipts (inc. DMV) | \$ 36,916.41 | \$ 26,813.47 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 63,729.88 | |
| RETT receipts | \$ 92.00 | \$ 80.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 172.00 | |
| Court receipts | \$ 775.00 | \$ 825.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 1,600.00 | |
| R/M receipts | \$ 272.00 | \$ 245.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 517.00 | |
| E/A receipts | \$ 735.00 | \$ 630.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 1,365.00 | |
| Mtg. Tax Expense | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 59,040.00 | |
| Sub-total | \$ 43,710.41 | \$ 33,513.47 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 126,423.88 | \$ 570,000.00 |
| Notary/Corp Electronic | \$ 640.00 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 462.00 | | | | | | | | | | \$ 1,202.00 | |
| DMV Internet Revenue credited | \$ 6,229.59 | | \$ 5,633.05 | | | | | | | | | | \$ 11,862.64 | |
| SUB-TOTAL | \$ 6,869.59 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 6,095.05 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 139,488.52 | |
| PISTOL PERMITS A2545 | \$ 334.00 | \$ 433.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 767.00 | \$ 4,500.00 |
| LOCAL MTG TAX A3005 | \$ 111,329.39 | \$ 20,946.99 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 132,276.38 | \$ 250,000.00 |
| DMV AUTO TAX A1136 | \$ 11,213.28 | | \$ 11,554.96 | | | | | | | | | | \$ 22,768.24 | \$ 145,000.00 |
| RENT A2410 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| SUB-TOTAL | \$ 123,126.67 | \$ 21,629.99 | \$ 11,804.96 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 298,300.14 | \$ 972,500.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 173,706.67 | \$ 55,243.46 | \$ 22,820.01 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 298,300.14 | |
| | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | YTD | |
| DMV Fees to Cty. Inc.Vol.Surr. | \$ 13,892.56 | \$ 10,319.37 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 24,211.93 | |
| DMV Fees Sales Tax | \$ 36,316.77 | \$ 21,585.64 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 57,902.41 | |
| TOTAL | \$ 50,209.33 | \$ 31,905.01 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 82,114.34 | |
| *Information FOR REPORT only included above | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | YTD | |
| Mtg. Tax to Treasurer for REPORT | \$ 222,658.76 | \$ 41,893.96 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 264,552.72 | |
| Mortgage Tax Expense | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 59,040.00 | |
| Mtg. Tax to SONYMA | \$ 106,542.35 | \$ 15,949.55 | | | | | | | | | | \$ 43,641.93 | \$ 166,133.83 | |
| Local Mtg. Tax | \$ 111,329.39 | \$ 20,949.99 | | | | | | | | | | \$ 49,111.28 | \$ 181,390.66 | |
| TOTAL MTG. TAX COLLECTED | \$ 445,450.50 | \$ 83,713.50 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 97,673.21 | \$ 671,117.21 | |
| County Maps | \$ - | \$ - | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - | |

| | REVENUES TO COUNTY 2025 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | Dec | YTD | BUDGET 2025 |
| CLERK'S FEES -A1255 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Receipts inc. DMV | \$ 33,932.33 | \$ 22,692.86 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 56,625.19 | |
| RETT receipts | \$ 77.00 | \$ 56.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 133.00 | |
| Court receipts | \$ 800.00 | \$ 575.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 1,375.00 | |
| R/M receipts | \$ 270.00 | \$ 193.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 463.00 | |
| E/A receipts | \$ 585.00 | \$ 468.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 1,053.00 | |
| Mtg. Tax Expense | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 59,040.00 | |
| Sub-total | \$ 40,584.33 | \$ 28,904.86 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 118,689.19 | \$ 565,000.00 |
| Notary/Corp Electronic | \$ 920.00 | \$ 573.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 1,493.00 | |
| Tax Redemptions credited | \$ - | \$ - | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - | |
| DMV Internet Revenue credited | \$ 5,874.64 | \$ 4,500.93 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 10,375.57 | |
| SUB-TOTAL | \$ 6,794.64 | \$ 5,073.93 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 130,557.76 | |
| PISTOL PERMITS A2545 | \$ 395.00 | \$ 387.00 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 782.00 | \$ 4,500.00 |
| LOCAL MTG TAX A3005 | \$ 31,210.93 | \$ 14,857.57 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 46,068.50 | \$ 250,000.00 |
| DMV AUTO TAX A1136 | \$ 11,780.80 | \$ 12,466.84 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 24,247.64 | \$ 145,000.00 |
| RENT A2410 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| SUB-TOTAL | \$ 43,636.73 | \$ 27,961.41 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 204,655.90 | \$ 967,500.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 91,015.70 | \$ 61,940.20 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 5,170.00 | \$ 204,655.90 | |
| | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | October | Nov | Dec | | |
| DMV Fees to Cty. Inc.Vol.Surr. | \$ 11,849.85 | \$ 9,873.24 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 21,723.09 | |
| DMV Fees Sales Tax | \$ 184.50 | \$ 138.50 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 323.00 | |
| TOTAL | \$ 12,034.35 | \$ 10,011.74 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 22,046.09 | |
| *Information FOR REPORT only included above | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | Nov | Dec | | |
| Mtg. Tax to Treasurer for REPORT | \$ 62,421.85 | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 62,421.85 | |
| Mortgage Tax Expense | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 59,040.00 | |
| Mtg. Tax to SONYMA | \$ 26,417.38 | \$ 13,146.04 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 39,563.42 | |
| Local Mtg. Tax | \$ 31,210.93 | \$ 14,857.57 | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 46,068.50 | |
| TOTAL MTG. TAX COLLECTED | \$ 124,970.16 | \$ 32,923.61 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 4,920.00 | \$ 207,093.77 | |
| County Maps | \$ - | \$ - | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - | |

County: YATE

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|-----------------|---|-------------|--------------|
| RECEIPTS (YTD) | : | \$96,517.75 | |
| RECEIPTS (MTD) | : | \$41,869.50 | |
| PERCENTAGE | : | 10.75 | |
| ONLINE COUNT | : | 587 | |
| ONLINE REVENUE | : | \$4,111.72 | |
| PARTNER COUNT | : | 38 | |
| PARTNER REVENUE | : | \$389.21 | |
| | | THIS PERIOD | YEAR TO DATE |
| SHARED REVENUE | : | \$4,500.93 | \$10,375.57 |

| Transaction | Online Count | Shared Revenue | Partner Count | Shared Revenue | Total Count | Shared Revenue |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| DAB | 4 | \$3.01 | 0 | \$0.00 | 4 | \$3.01 |
| FSP | 5 | \$109.22 | 0 | \$0.00 | 5 | \$109.22 |
| LDP | 12 | \$20.74 | 0 | \$0.00 | 12 | \$20.74 |
| LRN | 8 | \$53.69 | 0 | \$0.00 | 8 | \$53.69 |
| PMT | 14 | \$290.25 | 0 | \$0.00 | 14 | \$290.25 |
| RAC | 3 | \$16.66 | 19 | \$133.97 | 22 | \$150.63 |
| RDP | 9 | \$2.90 | 0 | \$0.00 | 9 | \$2.90 |
| ROR | 0 | \$0.00 | 11 | \$186.96 | 11 | \$186.96 |
| RRN | 524 | \$3,598.05 | 4 | \$59.68 | 528 | \$3,657.73 |
| TDP | 8 | \$17.20 | 4 | \$8.60 | 12 | \$25.80 |
| Total | 587 | \$4,111.72 | 38 | \$389.21 | 625 | \$4,500.93 |

County: YATE

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|-----------------|---|-------------|--------------|
| RECEIPTS (YTD) | : | \$88,648.50 | |
| RECEIPTS (MTD) | : | \$36,247.75 | |
| PERCENTAGE | : | 10.75 | |
| ONLINE COUNT | : | 456 | |
| ONLINE REVENUE | : | \$3,218.87 | |
| PARTNER COUNT | : | 57 | |
| PARTNER REVENUE | : | \$677.72 | |
| | | THIS PERIOD | YEAR TO DATE |
| SHARED REVENUE | : | \$3,896.59 | \$9,529.64 |

| Transaction | Online Count | Shared Revenue | Partner Count | Shared Revenue | Total Count | Shared Revenue |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| DAB | 5 | \$3.76 | 0 | \$.00 | 5 | \$3.76 |
| FSP | 5 | \$61.27 | 0 | \$.00 | 5 | \$61.27 |
| LDP | 3 | \$5.64 | 0 | \$.00 | 3 | \$5.64 |
| LRN | 2 | \$13.97 | 0 | \$.00 | 2 | \$13.97 |
| PMT | 9 | \$95.67 | 0 | \$.00 | 9 | \$95.67 |
| RAC | 2 | \$12.90 | 25 | \$182.99 | 27 | \$195.89 |
| RDP | 8 | \$2.58 | 0 | \$.00 | 8 | \$2.58 |
| ROR | 0 | \$.00 | 26 | \$432.01 | 26 | \$432.01 |
| RRN | 412 | \$3,001.58 | 5 | \$60.57 | 417 | \$3,062.15 |
| TDP | 10 | \$21.50 | 1 | \$2.15 | 11 | \$23.65 |
| Total | 456 | \$3,218.87 | 57 | \$677.72 | 513 | \$3,896.59 |



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GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA APRIL 2026

This is to update you on the recent activity of the Human Resources Department.

Community Giving Update –

IN APRIL WE WILL BE COLLECTING: Personal Care Products for Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes

Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes is currently in need of new/full size: shampoo and conditioner, body wash, loofah or wash cloth, razors, shaving gel or cream, face wash, face lotion, body lotion, deodorant, hand soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, mouth wash, hair spray, hair gel, hair ties, clips, hair brush, comb, tampons, pads, nail files, nail clippers, diapers (all sizes), wipes, diaper cream, baby shampoo, baby body wash. **Donations must be new and unopened in order to be accepted.**

****DONATIONS FOR SAFE HARBORS OF THE FINGER LAKES CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BY APRIL 30TH ****

****Participation is optional****

Employee Relations Initiatives –

1. **Have you Met** – Our “Have You Met” featured employee for the month of March was Jessica Covell.
2. **Spirit Days** –
 - a. April 3 – Favorite Spring color day
 - b. April 22 – Go green for Earth Day (wear green)
 - c. May 1 – College Apparel Day
3. **Employee of the Quarter** – Recognition to be conducted on Monday April 13, at the beginning of the Legislature Meeting.

2026 Goal's Quarterly Progress Report –

1. Digitize and Standardize HR Forms and Workflows

Goal: Reduce paper-based processing and improve accuracy by digitizing key HR forms and implementing consistent workflows for onboarding and exit interviews.

Specific Objectives:

- **Onboarding Workflow Digitization:**
Convert onboarding packet forms to fillable digital forms with a defined checklist/approval workflow by July 31, 2026. **[In progress. HR established the workflow and we are waiting on IT to complete their portion.]**
- **Exit Interview Digitization:**
Implement a standardized digital exit interview form (and optional survey link) and establish a process to review themes by September 31, 2026. **[Completed, implemented and in use since February 2026.]**
- **Central Forms Library:**
Create a single, version-controlled forms repository with naming conventions and assigned owners by October 31, 2026. **[Not started.]**
- **Department Rollout + Training:**

Train appointing-authority designees on the new digital processes and publish quick-reference instructions by December 31, 2026. **[Not started.]**

2. Develop Internal Paid Family Leave with Sick Bank Committees/Unions

Goal: Work with Sick Bank Committees and unions to develop an internal paid family leave approach and expand maternity/paternity support in a fiscally responsible, contract-compliant manner.

Specific Objectives:

- **Baseline Review + Design Requirements:**
Compile current, sick bank rules, and contractual considerations by January 31, 2026. **[Completed January 2026.]**
- **Draft Program Models:**
Develop internal options, including eligibility, duration, and administrative rules by February 28, 2026. **[In process.]**
- **Stakeholder Engagement:**
Meet with Sick Bank Committees, union leadership, and County Administration to refine feasibility and impact by March 30, 2026. **[Meetings and discussions with bargaining unit Presidents and representatives completed February and March 2026.]**
- **Policy Draft + Implementation Plan:**
Deliver draft policy language, administrative procedures, and an implementation/communication plan by July 31, 2026. **[In process.]**

3. Establish Procedures for General Liability Insurance

Goal: Create clear internal procedures for general liability incidents, documentation, and coordination with the County's insurer to improve response consistency and reduce risk.

Specific Objectives:

- **Process Definition + Roles:**
Define reporting requirements, internal roles (department, HR, administration, insurer liaison), documentation standards, and escalation thresholds by March 31, 2026. **[In process.]**
- **Standard Incident Report Templates:**
Create standardized templates/checklists for general liability incidents (property damage, third-party injury, etc.) by April 30, 2026. **[In process.]**
- **Insurer/Carrier Coordination Protocol:**
Establish insurer contact list, notification timelines, and a secure documentation transfer process by May 31, 2026. **[Not started.]**
- **Training + Communication:**
Train Department Heads/Supervising Authorities and publish a one-page procedure guide by June 30, 2026. **[Not started.]**

Law Enforcement Bargaining Units Labor Management Meetings –

Successfully completed Labor Management Team meetings with all three law enforcement unions in coordination with the Sheriff, union presidents, and the union representative. Overall, discussions were constructive and collaborative. A number of concerns were addressed and resolved during the meetings, and a path forward was established for remaining issues. Second quarter meetings are scheduled for June 24.

NYS Retirement Consultations –

We will be facilitating virtual NYS Retirement Consultation meetings for eligible County, Town, Village, School, Library employees, for April 15 and 22. Contact Jane.Hartman@yatescountyny.gov, if you are within 5 years of retirement and would like to schedule a consultation.

Blood Drive – Wednesday, May 6 – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Resolutions –

**GRANT UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE
(K. VANAMAN)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an employee of the Community Services Department is hereby granted an unpaid leave of absence on a consecutive basis, retroactive from February 11, 2026 through February 24, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said employee is hereby granted an unpaid leave of absence on an intermittent basis from February 26, 2026 through March 3, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be provided to Ms. Vanaman, the Director of Community Services, the Director of Human Resources, and the County Administrator.

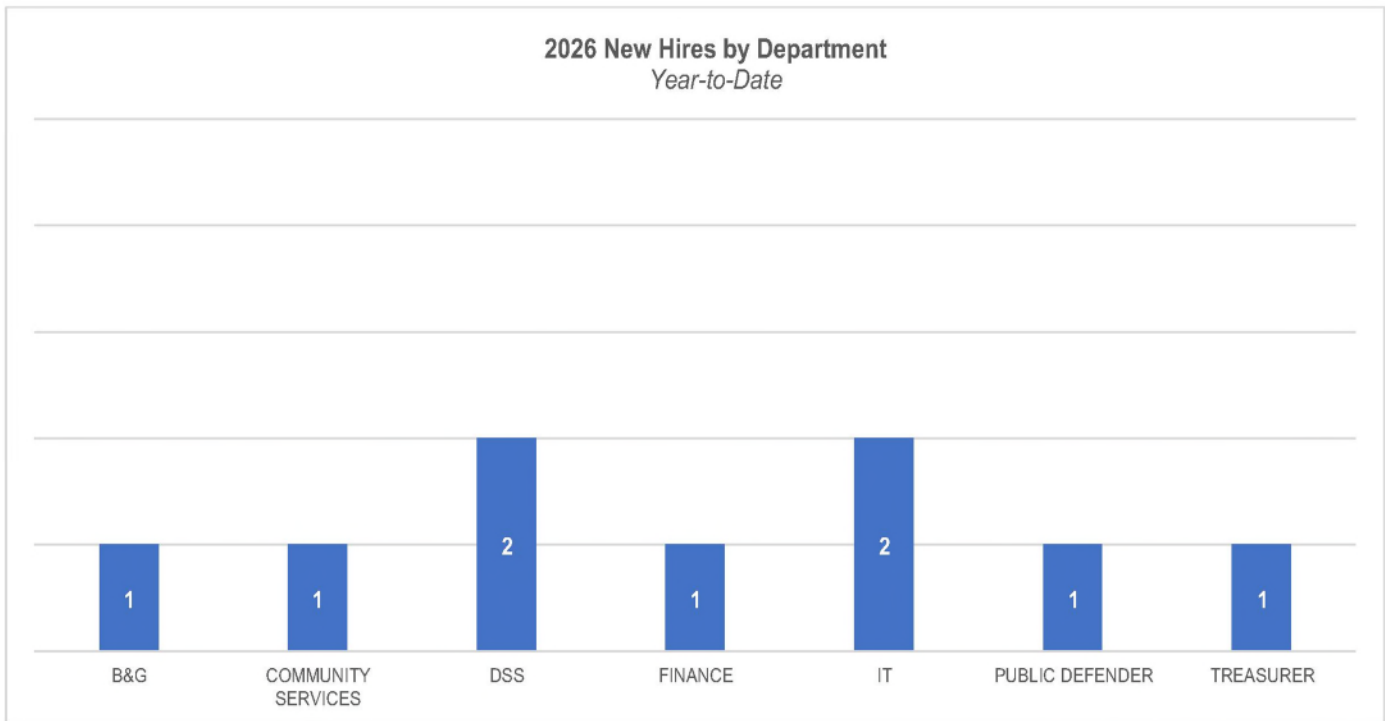
**APPOINT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR
(C. PIERCE)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Chad E. Pierce is hereby appointed to the position of Information Technology Director effective April 13, 2026; and be it further

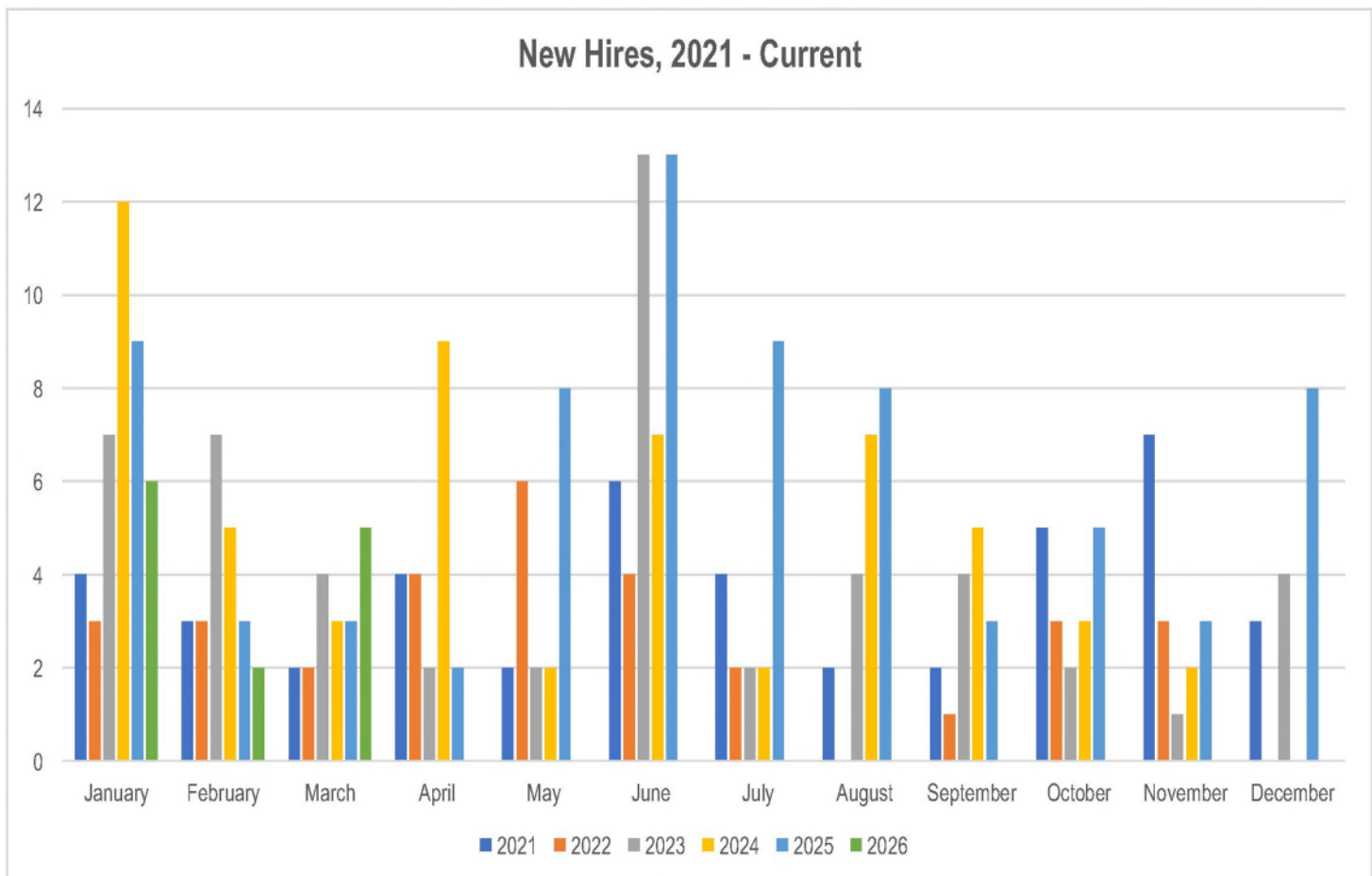
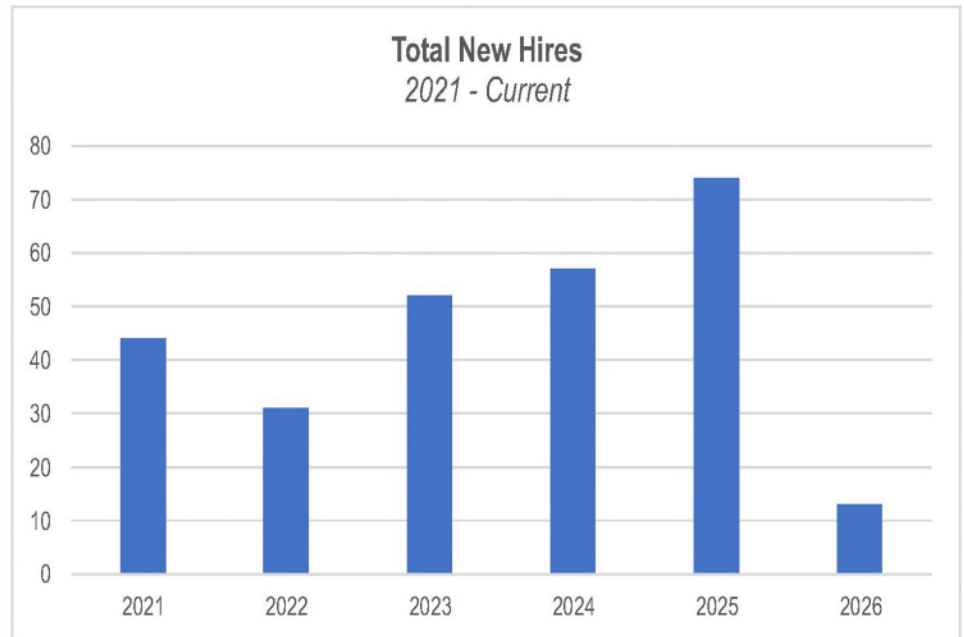
RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be furnished to Mr. Pierce, the Director of Human Resources, the County Administrator, and the Director of Finance.

TOTAL NEW HIRES: 5

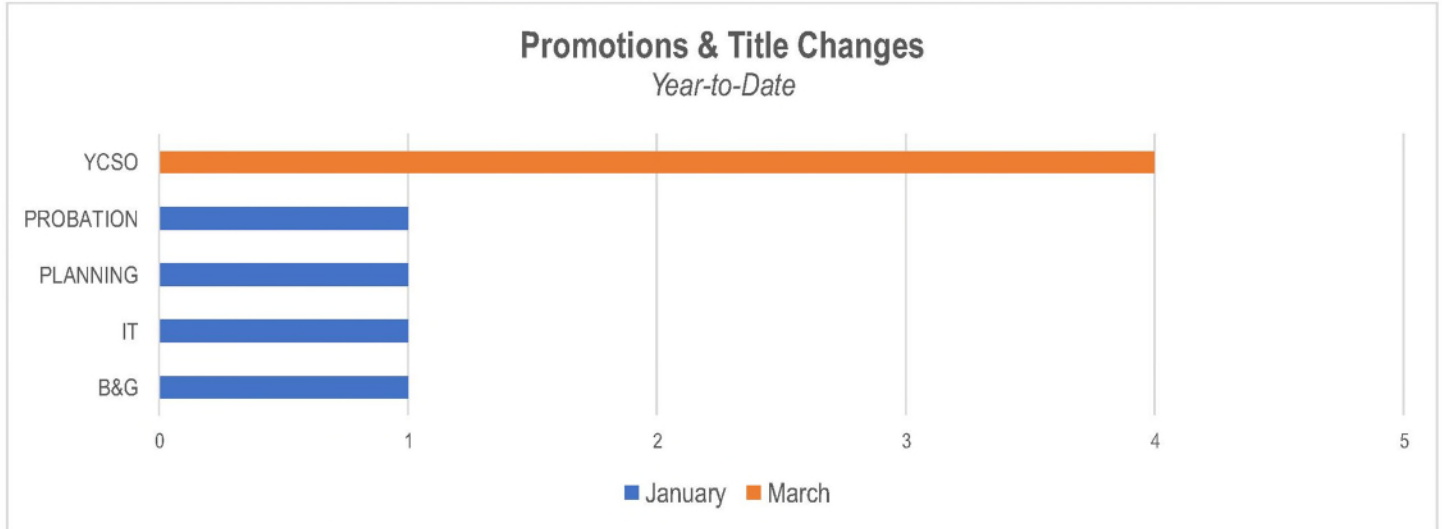
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| <p>FINANCE</p> <p>1 – Senior Account Clerk Typist (PT – Temp)</p> | <p>IT</p> <p>1 – Systems Administrator</p> | <p>SOCIAL SERVICES</p> <p>1 – Caseworker</p> | <p>YCSO</p> <p>1 – Correction Officer Part Time 1 – Deputy Sheriff</p> |
|--|---|---|---|



| Year | Total New Hires |
|------------|-----------------|
| 2021 | 44 |
| 2022 | 31 |
| 2023 | 52 |
| 2024 | 57 |
| 2025 | 74 |
| 2026 (YTD) | 13 |



Promotions & Title Changes (including transfers to new Departments):



**No promotions or title changes for February 2026.*

VACANCIES (Positions in active recruitment status as of 3/31/2026)

| TITLE | DEPARTMENT |
|--|------------------------------|
| Correction Officer (Part Time) * | YCSO |
| Laborers (Seasonal) | Highway |
| Motor Equipment Operator | Highway |
| Paramedic (Part Time) * | Office of Emergency Services |
| Principal Account Clerk Typist | Finance |
| Public Health Nurse OR Registered Nurse <i>(vacancy to be filled with one of the above titles)</i> | Public Health |
| Social Services Program Examiner | Social Services |

** Ongoing/Continuous Recruitment*

TOTAL SEPARATIONS: 4

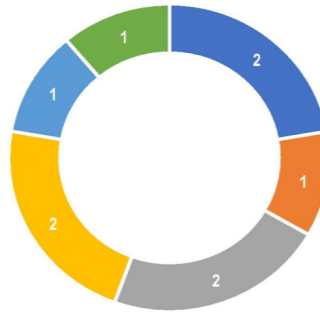
TITLES OF SEPARATED EMPLOYEES

- Emergency Services Dispatcher
- Motor Equipment Operator
- Principal Account Clerk Typist
- Social Services Program Examiner

REASONS FOR SEPARATIONS

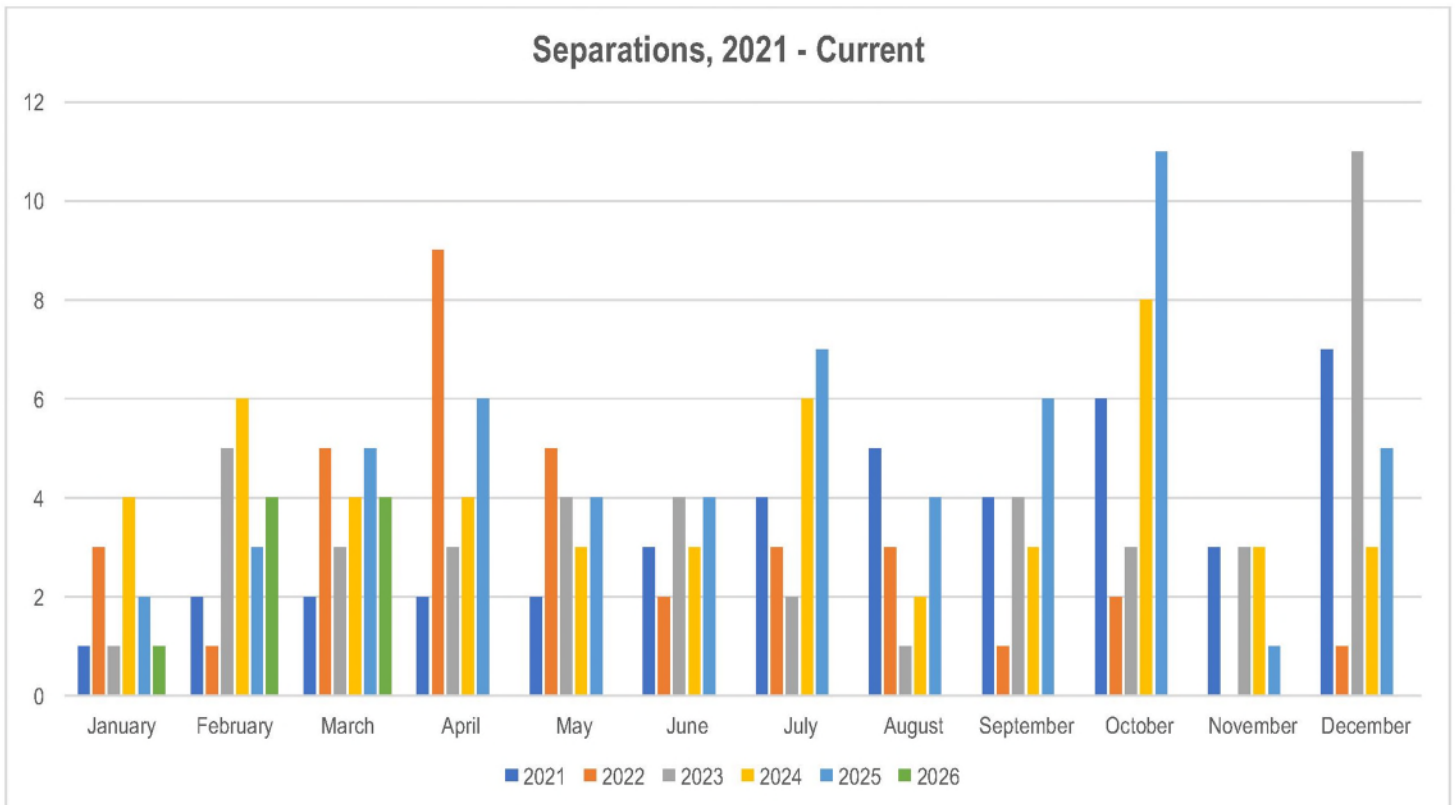
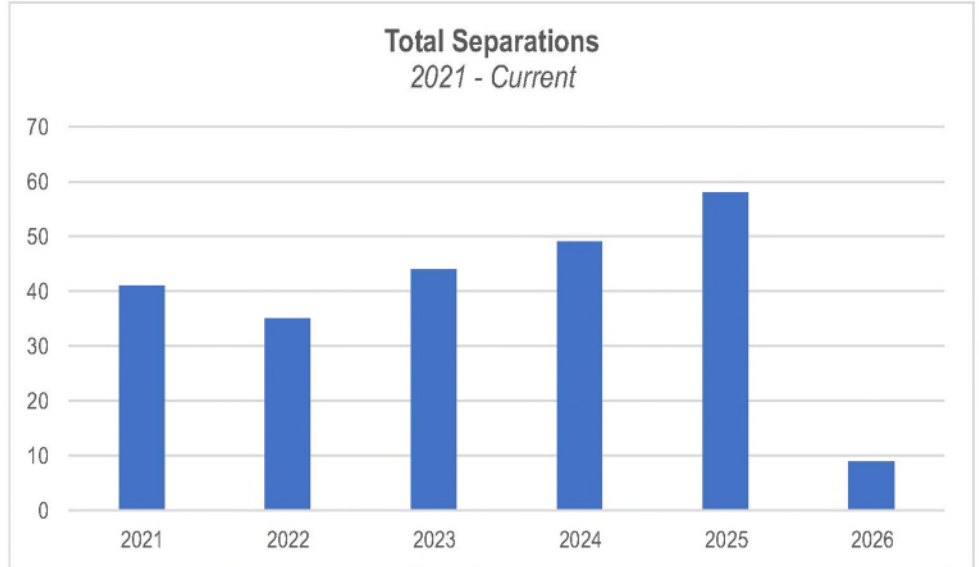
- Retirement – 0
- New Job – 0
- Termination – 0
- Other/Unknown – 4

2026 Separations by Department
Year-to-Date



■ DSS ■ PUBLIC HEALTH ■ YCSO ■ OES ■ FINANCE ■ HIGHWAY

| Year | Total Separations |
|------------|-------------------|
| 2021 | 41 |
| 2022 | 35 |
| 2023 | 44 |
| 2024 | 49 |
| 2025 | 58 |
| 2026 (YTD) | 9 |



RATIFY LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CORNELL UNIVERSITY'S GRAPE GENETICS RESEARCH UNITS (GGRU) REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO EXPAND THEIR USDA GRAPE IMPROVEMENT CENTER

WHEREAS, Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' requested \$7 million in FY27 Community Project Funding from the USDA-ARS Buildings & Facilities program for the ARS National Grape Improvement Center in Geneva, NY; and

WHEREAS, Grape research conducted at Cornell is critically important to the New York and National grape and wine industry, as well as, the Finger Lakes wine industry; and

WHEREAS, Grapes are among the highest value crops grown in the US and are especially important in New York with an estimation that the NY grape & wine industries generate over \$6.5 billion in economic activity annually; and

WHEREAS, The Finger Lakes, as the leading grape- and wine-producing region in New York State, will especially benefit from having a state-of-the-art research lab centrally located within the region; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2026, the Chair of the Yates County Legislature signed a letter of support on behalf of the legislature due to time constraint;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Yates County Legislature hereby ratifies the letter of support, that was executed by the Chair of the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Claudia Tenney's Office be provided with a copy of this resolution.



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Leslie Church
Chairwoman

Emilee D. Miller
Clerk

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: Yates County Legislature
FROM: Emilee Miller, Clerk of the Legislature
DATE: April 2, 2026
RE: 2026 Q1 Goal Status & Inter-County Meeting

2026 Goals Status

1. Sort/organize at least one to two full drawers in the filing cabinet labeled A-Z-**In Progress**
2. Continue updating the Clerk's Guide (at least 3-4 sections)- **Not Started**
3. Update the appointment list and initiate any reappointments/appointments needed-**In Progress**

Inter-County Meeting April 17th

- Please let me know if you are attending the Inter-County Meeting by April 10th as we will be responsible for the \$25 per attendee
- Will be located at the Benton Highway Facility
- Tour to be provided
- I plan to get everything needed from Tops, except maybe the coffee