ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE MEETING NO. 5 MARCH 7, 2019

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Savage.

All members present.

An Invocation was held, led by Mr. Rath, who offered a prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Dixon.

- Item 1 No tabled items.
- Item 2 No items for reconsideration from previous meeting.
- Item 3 MS. BASKIN moved for the approval of the minutes for Meeting Number 4 from 2019. MR. BRUSO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4 – No Public Hearings.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

- Item 5 MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS & MS. BASKIN presented a proclamation Honoring Extraordinary Buffalonian Eva M. Doyle Upon the 10th Anniversary of the Roses for Outstanding Women Awards.
- Item 6 MS. DIXON presented a proclamation Congratulating Ryan Johnson on Being Named the 2019 Saint Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal.
- Item 7 MR. BRUSO presented a proclamation Honoring Chief Stanley Carwile on His Retirement from the Depew Police Department.
- Item 8 MR. MEYERS presented a memorial proclamation Remembering Dolores H. Zakroczemski.
- Item 9 MR. RATH presented a proclamation Recognizing Firefighter Karl Bauer for 21 Years of Service as Executive Officer in the North Amherst Fire Company.
- Item 10 MR. RATH presented a proclamation Recognizing Firefighter William "Billy" Hitzges for 13 Years of Service as Chief and Firematic Officer in the North Amherst Fire Company.

- Item 11 MR. RATH presented a proclamation Recognizing Victor "Vic" Martucci for All of His Achievements and Contributions to the Clarence and WNY Community & for Being Named Clarence Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Citizen of the Year.
- Item 12 MR. RATH presented a proclamation Recognizing McDuffies Bakery for All of Its Achievements and for Being Named the Clarence Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Large Business of the Year.
- Item 13 MR. RATH presented a proclamation Recognizing the Meet in the Center Merchant's Association for All Their Achievements and for Being Named the Clarence Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Organization of the Year.
- Item 14 MR. RATH presented a proclamation Recognizing Carl Klingenschmitt and Sue Fay Allen for Their Commitment to the Arts and for Being Named the Clarence Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Volunteers of the Year.
- Item 15 MR. RATH presented a proclamation Recognizing Judge Robert G. Sillars for All His Achievements and for Being Named the Clarence Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Lifetime Achiever.
- Item 16 MR. RATH presented a proclamation Recognizing Reflections Hair Design of WNY for All Their Community Focused Initiatives and for Being Named the Clarence Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Small Business of the Year.
- Item 17 MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS & MS. BASKIN presented a proclamation Observing and Celebrating March 2019 as Women's History Month.
- Item 18 MR. HARDWICK & CHAIR SAVAGE presented a proclamation Recognizing Gowns for Prom and Paul and Cyndee Billoni for Their Commitment to the Young Women of Our Community.
- Item 19 MR. LORIGO, MR. BRUSO & MR. MEYERS presented a proclamation Recognizing and Congratulating Domino's on Opening Their 16,000th Store in the World, Located in WNY.
- Item 20 MR. RATH presented a proclamation Recognizing Firefighter Fred Pask for 55 Years of Service as a Member of the Akron Fire Company.
 - MS. BASKIN moved for consideration of the above sixteen items. MR. RATH seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MS. BASKIN moved to amend the above sixteen items by including Et Al Sponsorship. MR. BRUSO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MS. BASKIN moved for approval of the above sixteen items as amended. MR. BRUSO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LOCAL LAWS

Item 21 – CHAIR SAVAGE directed that Local Law No. 12 (Print #1) 2017 remain on the table and in the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 22 – CHAIR SAVAGE directed that Local Law No. 20 (Print #1) 2017 remain on the table and in the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 23 – CHAIR SAVAGE directed that Local Law No. 3 (Print #1) 2018 remain on the table and in the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 24 – CHAIR SAVAGE directed that Local Law No. 8 (Print #1) 2018 remain on the table and in the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 25 – CHAIR SAVAGE directed that Local Law No. 1 (Print #1) 2019 remain on the table and in the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 26 – CHAIR SAVAGE directed that Local Law No. 2 (Print #1) 2019 remain on the table and in the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 27 – MR. BRUSO presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. MILLS seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 58

February 28, 2019	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
	COMMITTEE
	REPORT NO. 4

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR SAVAGE PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

- 1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
- a. COMM. 2E-6 (2019)
 LORIGO: "Letter to Legislator Bruso Concerning the Rural Outreach Center" (Chair's ruling)
- 2. COMM. 4E-9 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Karen King, Jr. to the position of Commissioner of Public Advocacy effective February 11, 2019. (6-0)

3. COMM. 4E-16 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has declared opioid addiction a public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, neo-natal abstinence syndrome is one of the most profound consequences of the opioid academic, causing newborn babies to born addicted to opioids; and

WHEREAS, SBIRT training is a nationally recognized, evidence based process to screen for and intervene to assist individuals with opioid use disorder; and

WHEREAS, Positive Directions LLC, is a HHS licensed SBIRT trainer and current Erie county Vendor; and

WHEREAS, the University at Buffalo Medical Group Practice Plan employees expert OB/GYN's who are qualified to implement quality improvement programs to ensure successful implementation of new procedures; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Erie County Department of Health's leading role in creating the Erie County Opioid Epidemic Task Force, the U.S Department of Health and Human Services has decided to award Erie County with funding to implement SBIRT screening throughout local OB/GYN practices; and

WHEREAS, this grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 requires no local funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Department of Health is authorized to receive a grant award from the United States Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$100,000 to be budgeted as follows:

"Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)"
127SBIRT1819
7/1/18 - 6/30/19

SAP 414000	REVENUE Federal Aid TOTAL	BUDGET \$100,000 \$100,000
SAP	EXPENSES	BUDGET
505000	Office Supplies	\$ 16,588
510100	Out of Area Travel	4,712
516020	Professional Svcs Contracts & Fees	50,700
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	28,000
	TOTAL	100,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Positive Directions LLC for the purposes of fulfilling this grant contract; and be it further

RESOVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust grant appropriations and revenues in accordance with the final grantor funding levels or grantor authorized changes to award amounts, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels or county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Personnel, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner, in the Erie County Department of Health, 9th Floor, Rath Building. (6-0)

4. COMM. 4E-17 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health provides forensic medical services through the Office of the Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, the need for expert pathological skills is critical for the function of the Medical Examiner's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Medical Examiner's Office provides crucial support and determinations to the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Medical Examiner's Offices faces a critical staffing shortage due to the vacancies of two Associate Chief Medical Examiner positions; and

WHEREAS, the Division anticipates the final vacancy will be filled by the end of July 2019; and

WHEREAS, fee-for-service forensic pathology services are available to cover staffing shortages on an interim basis; and

WHEREAS, an RFP process was previously performed to solicit respondents willing to perform fee-for-service on a rotating basis in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$100,000 in funding will be required and is available through vacancy savings in the Full Time Salaries and less-than-anticipated Fringe Benefits costs in the Medical Examiner's Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby approve the following transactions within the General Fund accounts of the Department of Health:

Health Department - Medical Examiner's Division - Fund Center 12740

<u>Expense</u>		Increase	(Decrease)
500000 Full Time - Salaries		\$	(52,309)
502000 Fringe Benefits		\$	(47,691)
516020 Professional Svcs Contracts & Fees		<u>\$</u>	100,000
	Total Expense	\$	0

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner of Health.

(6-0)

5. COMM. 4E-22 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services issued an RFP in November 2017, to select a vendor to provide transportation dispatching software and staff training; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo Intelligent Technology Systems (BITS), an experienced, local agency with a strong background in transportation scheduling, was selected through the RFP process; and

WHEREAS, Legislative resolution 4E-19 (2018), dated March 1, 2018 authorized the County to contract with BITS, for an initial period through December 31, 2018, with the option for

the county to extend the agreement beyond its initial term for up to three additional one year periods; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has been able to improve ride scheduling in a manner by which we are able to use the most efficient routes and utilize the full capacity of the vans traveling to similar destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services now desires to extend the contract with BITS for the one year period, January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, at a cost not to exceed \$18,000; and

WHEREAS, appropriations to pay for the contract extension are available in the Department's IIIB-2019 grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account (acct# 516020).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to extend the contract with BITS for computerized scheduling and dispatching software, for the one year period, January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, at a cost not to exceed \$18,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that available appropriations in the Department's IIIB 2019, grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees accounts (acct# 516020) be utilized to pay for this contract extension; and be it further

RESOLVED, and if necessary the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute amendments to the contract to effectuate adjusted funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the: County Executive's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Comptroller's Office, and the Department of Senior Services.

(6-0)

JOHN BRUSO CHAIR

Item 28 – MS. BASKIN presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. MEYERS seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 59

February 28, 2019	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
	COMMITTEE
	REPORT NO. 4

CHAIR SAVAGE PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

- 1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
- a. COMM. 4M-1 (2019)
 BUFFALO NIAGARA CONVENTION CENTER: "2019 Operating Budget, Measurable Goals & Outcome included in 2019 Marketing Plan & Quarterly Reports - Pursuant to 2019 Budget Accountability Act" (Chair's ruling)
- b. COMM. 4M-3 (2019)
 NFTA: "17A Report & Capital Expenditure Reports for Third Quarter of Fiscal Year" (Chair's ruling)
- 2. COMM. 4E-18 (2019) COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the implementation of an energy efficient lighting system in the Exhibit Hall will allow the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center (BNCC) to maintain its competitiveness as a destination, provide energy savings for the building and preserve the building for a longer useful life; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works applied for and was awarded a \$16,000 National Grid Energy Initiative Rebate as a result of the implementation of the energy efficient lighting system; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to accept the rebate and apply the funds back to the approved, as amended 2017 capital budget for Project A.17003 – 2017 Buffalo Niagara Convention Center Rehabilitation to reduce Erie County's spending burden on BNCC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute any and all agreements to enter into a contract with National Grid to accept an \$16,000 Energy Initiative Rebate as a result of the implementation of the energy efficient lighting system; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management and the Comptroller's Office to accept the incentive award and allocate it to Project A.17003 – 2017 Buffalo Niagara Convention Center Rehabilitation, Fund 410, Funds Center 122; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all expenditures meet the requirements of the National Grid incentive guidelines and that the Director of the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any budget adjustments as required to comply with County funding requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner's Office, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Office of the Comptroller, and one copy to Buffalo Niagara Convention Center c/o Paul Murphy, and Financial Controller. (6-0)

3. COMM. 4E-21 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, it is desired to initiate a project for the reconstruction of a failed portion of Back Creek Road (CR438) (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Bergmann Associates was selected via the County's RFP process and approved via COMM. 6E-5 (April 26, 2019) for the provision of On-Call General Civil and Geotechnical Engineering Services; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to execute a contract with Bergmann Associates for the design phase only of the Project in the amount of \$179,014; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to also establish a design contingency in the amount of \$18,000; and

WHEREAS, the funding required is available from the SAP project hereinafter noted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby approves the subject actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to execute a contract for design phase engineering services for the Project with Bergmann Associates in the amount of \$179,014, as well as establish a design contingency in the amount of \$18,000, for a total project cost not to exceed \$197,014; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for this project be made available in Project B.16011 – 2016 Road Design Countywide, Fund 420, Funds Center 123; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be instructed to forward five (5) certified copies of this resolution to the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Office of the Comptroller.

(6-0)

4. COMM. 4E-23 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, it is desired to initiate a project for the rehabilitation of Alden-Crittenden Road (CR1) from Route 20 to just beyond Spring Creek and the rehabilitation of Bullis Road (CR330) from Shearing Drive to the Bullis Road/Two Rod Road intersection (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to retain a consultant to design the necessary remedial measures; and

WHEREAS, CPL Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architect and Surveyor, D.P.C. (dba CPL) was selected via the County's RFP process to provide engineering services for the design and construction phases of the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to execute a contract with CPL for the design phase of the project only in the amount of \$181,902.28; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to also establish a design contingency in the amount of \$18,200; and

WHEREAS, the funding required is available from the SAP projects hereinafter noted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby approves the subject actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to execute a contract for design phase engineering services for the Project with CPL in the amount of \$181,902.28 and to establish a design contingency in the amount of \$18,200 for a total project cost not to exceed \$200,102.28; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for this project be made available in Project B.16002 – 2016 Preservation of Roads Design, Fund 420, Funds Center 123; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be instructed to forward five (5) certified copies of this resolution to the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Office of the Comptroller.

(6-0)

APRIL N.M. BASKIN CHAIR

Item 29 – MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. MEYERS seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 60

February 28, 2019	FINANCE & MANAGEMENT
	COMMITTEE
	REPORT NO. 4

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MILLS. CHAIR SAVAGE PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

- 1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
- a. INTRO. 4-1 (2018)
 LORIGO, DIXON, RATH & MILLS: "Support for NYS Legislation to Require the State to Fully Fund the Cost of New Mandates Placed on Local Governments" (Chair's ruling)
- b. INTRO. 4-2 (2018)
 LORIGO, MILLS, DIXON, HARDWICK & RATH: "Opposition to Granting the Governor Authority to Suspend Budgeted Funds Mid-Year"
 (Chair's ruling)
- c. INTRO. 4-3 (2018)
 LORIGO & MILLS: "Request for Additional Information Relative to Settlements Entered Into by Erie County"
 (Chair's ruling)
- d. COMM. 6D-1 (2018)
 COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Revised Draft Policy Pursuant to INTRO 2-6 (2018)"
 (Chair's ruling)
- e. COMM. 19M-4 (2018)
 EC CITIZENS SALARY REVIEW COMMISSION: "2018 Citizens Salary Review Commission Final Report"
 (Chair's ruling)
- f. COMM. 4M-7 (2019)
 ORCHARD PARK TOWN BOARD: "Certified Resolution in Opposition of Proposed
 Cuts to State Revenue Sharing Aid & Incentives to Municipalities"
 (Chair's ruling)
- COMM. 3D-1 (2019)
 DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES AS AMENDED
 WHEREAS, the Erie County Director of Real Property Tax Services has received applications for corrected tax billings and / or refunds for taxes previously paid in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law sections 554 and 556; and

WHEREAS, the Director has investigated the validity of such applications (see attached listing).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that petitions numbered 219025 through 219035, inclusive be hereby approved or denied based upon the recommendation of the Director of Real Property Tax Services and be charged back to the applicable towns and/or cities.

FISCAL YEAR 2019 Petition No. 219,025.00

ASSESSOR Refund\$448.37

S-B-L 24.20-2-15 197 Windham Ln 144600 GRAND ISLAND

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County

Acct. No. 132 \$448.37 Town/SpecialDist/School Charge To: 144600 GRAND ISLAND \$448.37

RPTL 550(2): Incorrect land value

Refund to be issued to John & Kara Anderson

FISCAL YEAR 2019 Petition No. 219,026.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$3,760.72

S-B-L 83.00-5-2.121/B 80 Rotech Dr 145289 LANCASTER

Acct. No. 112 \$1,529.13 County

Acct. No. 132 \$2,231.59 Town/SpecialDist/School

52005 POLICE FUND \$371.81

Charge To: 145289 LANCASTER \$1,859.78

RPTL 550(2): Duplicate parcel

New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2019 Petition No. 219,027.00

ASSESSOR Refund\$317.90

S-B-L 172.00-1-17 4647 California Rd 146089 ORCHARD PARK

Acct. No. 112 \$182.57 County

Acct. No. 132 \$135.33 Town/SpecialDist/School

Charge To: 146089 ORCHARD PARK \$135.33

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply vet exemption Refund to be issued to Patricia A. Corcoran.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 Petition No. 219,028.00

ASSESSOR Refund\$318.77

S-B-L 172.00-1-17 4647 California Rd 146089 ORCHARD PARK

Acct. No. 112 \$187.08 County

Acct. No. 132 \$131.69 Town/SpecialDist/School Charge To: 146089 ORCHARD PARK \$131.69

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply vet exemption Refund to be issued to Patricia Corcoran.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 Petition No. 219,029.00

ASSESSOR Refund\$312.35 S-B-L 172.00-1-17 4647 California Rd 146089 ORCHARD PARK

Acct. No. 112 \$187.99 County

Acct. No. 132 \$124.36 Town/SpecialDist/School Charge To: 146089 ORCHARD PARK \$124.36

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply vet exemption Refund to be issued to Patricia Corcoran

FISCAL YEAR 2018 Petition No. 219,030.00

ASSESSOR Refund\$443.36

S-B-L 172.00-1-17 4647 California Rd 146089 ORCHARD PARK

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County

Acct. No. 132 \$443.36 Town/SpecialDist/School Charge To: 146089 ORCHARD PARK \$443.36

Relevy School \$443.36 146001 ORCH PARK CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply vet exemption Refund to be issued to Patricia Corcoran.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 Petition No. 219,031.00

ASSESSOR Refund\$440.99

S-B-L 172.00-1-17 4647 California Rd 146089 ORCHARD PARK

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County

Acct. No. 132 \$440.99 Town/SpecialDist/School Charge To: 146089 ORCHARD PARK \$440.99

Relevy School \$440.99 146001 ORCH PARK CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply vet exemption Refund to be issued to Patricia Corcoran

FISCAL YEAR 2016 Petition No. 219,032.00

ASSESSOR Refund\$447.55

S-B-L 172.00-1-17 4647 California Rd 146089 ORCHARD PARK

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County

Acct. No. 132 \$447.55 Town/SpecialDist/School Charge To: 146089 ORCHARD PARK \$447.55

Relevy School \$447.55 146001 ORCH PARK CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply vet exemption Refund to be issued to Patricia Corcoran.

FISCAL YEAR 2019 Petition No. 219,033.00

ASSESSOR Refund\$1,128.53

S-B-L 144.09-5-32 107 Carnelite Dr 146800 WEST SENECA

Acct. No. 112 \$569.35 County

Acct. No. 132 \$559.18 Town/SpecialDist/School Charge To: 146800 WEST SENECA \$559.18

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply senior exemption Refund to be issued to Mary DiPirro (LE)

FISCAL YEAR 2018 Petition No. 219,034.00

ASSESSOR Refund\$1,162.33

S-B-L 144.09-5-32 107 Carmelite Dr 146800 WEST SENECA

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County

Acct. No. 132 \$1,162.33 Town/SpecialDist/School Charge To: 146800 WEST SENECA \$1,162.33 Relevy School \$1,162.33 146801 WEST SENECA CENT

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RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply senior exemption

Refund to be issued to Mary DiPirro (LE)

FISCAL YEAR 2019 Petition No. 219,035.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$200.00

S-B-L 133.27-4-11 135 Edson St 146800 WEST SENECA

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County

Acct. No. 132 \$200.00 Town/SpecialDist/School

68008 Grass Cutting Admin \$200.00 Charge To: 146800 WEST SENECA \$0.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Real Property Tax Services. (5-0)

BARBARA MILLER-WILLIAMS CHAIR

Item 30 – MR. HARDWICK presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. BRUSO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 61

February 28, 2019	GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
	COMMITTEE
	REPORT NO. 3

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR SAVAGE PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

- 1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
- a. INTRO. 16-3 (2017)
 MILLER-WILLIAMS: "Supporting Governor Cuomo's Legislation Amending the Criteria for Hate Crimes" (Chair's ruling)
- INTRO. 3-10 (2018)
 LORIGO, MILLS, DIXON & RATH: "Support for Proposed NYS Legislation to Extend FOIL to Government Non-Profit Organizations" (Chair's ruling)
- INTRO. 6-6 (2018)
 LORIGO, DIXON, MILLS & HARDWICK: "Support for State Legislation to Increase Protection of Statewide DMV Information for Private Residents" (Chair's ruling)
- d. INTRO. 10-2 (2018)
 LORIGO, DIXON, RATH, HARDWICK & MILLS: "Support for Constitutional Amendment to Prevent the Creation of New Unfunded Mandates" (Chair's ruling)
- e. INTRO. 2-5 (2019)
 RATH: "Urging NYS to Allow for Public Input for Election Law Reforms" (Chair's ruling)

f. INTRO. 2-7 (2019)

LORIGO: "Directing the Government Affairs Committee to Conduct Public Hearings on the Salary Review Commission's Recommendations" (Chair's ruling)

g. COMM. 3E-3 (2019)

LORIGO: "Letter to Government Affairs Committee Chair Hardwick - Requesting Committee Discussion Regarding NFTA Discount Program (Chair's ruling)

h. COMM. 3E-5 (2019)

SAVAGE: "Public Notice Concerning Citizens Salary Review Commission Report" (Chair's ruling)

i. COMM. 4E-2 (2019)

CLERK: "Written Testimony Concerning the Citizens Salary Review Commission Report" (Chair's ruling)

j. COMM. 4M-4 (2019)

CHRIS STONE, MEMBER, EC CITIZENS SALARY REVIEW COMMISSION: "Written Testimony Concerning the Citizens Salary Review Commission Report" (Chair's ruling)

KEVIN R. HARDWICK CHAIR

Item 31 – MS. BASKIN presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. BRUSO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 62

February 28, 2019	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
	REPORT NO. 4

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. COMM. 4E-3 (2019)

SHERIFF AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, currently the Erie County Sheriff's Office conducts multiple car seat inspection events throughout the county each year; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has six Deputies who are certified car seat technicians; and

WHEREAS, these Deputies inspect for proper car seat installation as well as examine the seat for any structural defects or damage; and

WHEREAS, in the event, a car seat is found with damages or defects, the Deputy will replace the car seat with the same style seat from an inventory of car seats purchased with the grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for \$1,500.00 will purchase up to twenty-five car seats; and

WHEREAS, this grant will not have any fiscal impact on the 2019 County Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the County Executive are hereby granted authorization to enter into an agreement with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to accept a child passenger safety grant for \$1,500.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding in the Grant Fund 281and budget those funds as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office Governor's Traffic Safety Committee

REVENUE

Increase

Account 409020 – NYS miscellaneous

\$1,500.00

TOTAL REVENUE

\$1,500.00

APPROPRIATIONS

Increase

Account 530000 – Other Expenses

\$1,500.00

TOTAL REVENUE

\$1,500.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate the two transfers should there be any unforeseen issues; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make payments as necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, Division of Budget and Management, Erie County Comptroller, Division of Purchasing, and the Sheriff's Office for implementation. (5-0)

2. COMM. 4E-5 (2019)

SHERIFF

WHEREAS, currently the Erie County Sheriff's Marine Unit uses a Gulfstream trailer, which is a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) asset, as its Unit headquarters which is located in the parking lot of the marina in which the boats are docked; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Marine Unit uses the trailer as an operations center and mobile substation, and the trailer, which has been utilized for the past 10-years, provides a location for Marine Unit Deputies process individuals arrested for navigational and other criminal violations as well as an office to complete reports; and

WHEREAS, the FBI desires to donate the trailer In Lieu of Abandonment and Destruction as authorized by 41 CFR 102-36.305-330; and

WHEREAS, the FBI has designated the Erie County Sheriff's Office as the benefactor of the donation in lieu of abandonment; and

WHEREAS, if the Sheriff's Office were unable to accept this donation, the agency would be forced to return the trailer and purchase a new trailer; and

WHEREAS, some initial costs for a replacement trailer is up to \$12,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this accepted donation will not have any fiscal impact on the 2019 County Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the County Executive are hereby granted authorization to enter into an agreement with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to accept Asset #202142; Property #F1059381 – Gulfstream Coach boat trailer; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, Division of Purchasing, and the Sheriff's Office for implementation. (5-0)

3. COMM. 4E-6 (2019)

SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Erie County Sheriff's Office (ECSO) have agreed to transfer ownership of two seized vehicles which the Sheriff's Office will utilize for official law enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, under the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS), the U.S. Department of Justice has reviewed the request to ensure the ECSO has a demonstrated need for the

item, is able to maintain the property for its intended use for the required two-year period, and is able to pay all liens and storage fees as well as the federal share; and

WHEREAS, these vehicles do not have any liens or other costs associated with the vehicles, therefore, the ECSO will not have to utilize any Asset Forfeiture Trust Account funds to complete the transfers; and

WHEREAS, these accepted transfers will not have any fiscal impact on the 2019 County Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the County Executive are hereby granted authorization to enter into an agreement with the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency to transfer Asset Identification Number 18-DEA-643268 and 18-DEA-645109 to the Sheriff's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, Division of Purchasing, and the Sheriff's Office for implementation. (5-0)

4. COMM. 4E-7 (2019)

SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Erie County Sheriff's Office (ECSO) have agreed to transfer ownership of two seized vehicles which the Sheriff's Office will utilize for official law enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, under the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS), the U.S. Department of Justice has reviewed the request to ensure the ECSO has a demonstrated need for the item, is able to maintain the property for its intended use for the required two-year period, and is able to pay all liens and storage fees as well as the federal share; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle does not have any liens or other costs associated with the vehicles, therefore, the ECSO will not have to utilize any Asset Forfeiture Trust Account funds to complete the transfers; and

WHEREAS, these accepted transfers will not have any fiscal impact on the 2019 County Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the County Executive are hereby granted authorization to enter into an agreement with the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency to transfer Asset Identification Number 18-DEA-645106 to the Sheriff's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, Division of Purchasing, and the Sheriff's Office for implementation.

(5-0)

5. COMM. 4E-8 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby confirms the reappointments and new appointments to the Erie County Disaster Preparedness Advisory Board, for a term ending December 31, 2020.

Reappointments:

Joseph Casper III 3074 Milford Terrace	Dominic Creamer 45 S. Parish Drive	Sean P. Crotty 5805 Cloverfield Drive
Hamburg, NY 14075	Amherst, NY 14228	Hamburg, NY 14075
Kelly E. Dodd	Nicole R. Gerber	Michael P. Rogowski
94 Greenwood Place	Roswell Park Cancer Institute	9100 Michael Douglas Drive
Buffalo, NY 14213	Elm & Carlton Streets Buffalo, NY 14263	Clarence Center, NY 14032
James A. Roorbach III	Russell J. Stoll	
215 Hamlin Avenue	271 Ruskin Road	
East Aurora, NY 14052	Amherst, NY 14226	

New Appointments:

Michael Fries	J. Scott Lycett	Michael Moskal
27 Horton Place	5450 Pebble Beach Drive	38 Rumford Street
Buffalo, NY 14209	Hamburg, NY 14075	Depew, NY 14043
(5-0)		

6. COMM. 4E-27 (2019)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(e) and 19 U.S.C. § 1616 the US Department of Justice's guidelines for expenditure of seized assets allows for the transfer of monies to non-profit agencies whose missions are consistent with those of a law enforcement effort, policy, and/or initiative up to \$25,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County District Attorney's Office has identified an organization as a valuable agency which aids law enforcement efforts and which meet the criteria necessary to receive said monies; and

WHEREAS, the source of funds for the above mentioned items will be paid from the District Attorney's asset forfeiture proceeds, and it is necessary to transfer funds from the Erie County District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund prior to their being expended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \$10,000 in available balances in the Erie County District Attorney's Assets Forfeiture Trust Fund are hereby transferred to the District Attorney's Assets Forfeiture Program, Funded Program "SAFDA"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following appropriations are hereby authorized:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ASSET FORFEITURE PROGRAM BUSINESS AREA: 114 COST CENTER: 1140010 FUNDED PROGRAM /WBS ELEMENT: SAFDA

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421550 Forfeiture Crime Proceeds	\$ 10,000
Total Revenue	\$ 10,000

Appropriation

516010 Contract Payments – Non-Profit	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 10,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes a direct payment of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to Crime Stoppers Buffalo to be paid from account 516010 Non-Profit Subsidy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Finance is hereby authorized to adjust SAFDA budgets as necessary during the year in order for the District Attorney's Office to enhance its investigative, surveillance and prosecutorial efforts, as the forfeiture regulations dictate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County District Attorney, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of Budget and Management. (5-0)

APRIL N.M. BASKIN CHAIR

Item 32 – MR. BRUSO presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. MEYERS seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 63

February 28, 2019	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
	COMMITTEE
	REPORT NO. 4

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MILLS. CHAIR SAVAGE PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

- 1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
- a. COMM. 4E-19 (2019)
 COUNTY EXECUTIVE: "ECSD No. 3 Engineer Term Contract Agreement" (Chair's Ruling)
- b. COMM. 4M-5 (2019)
 NYSDEC: "Invitation for Public Comment Proposal to Address Contamination at Brownfield Site on Fillmore Ave., Buffalo" (Chair's Ruling)
- COMM. 4M-6 (2019)
 CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: "Budget Plan for 2019 County Appropriation Pursuant to 2019 Budget Accountability Act"
 (Chair's Ruling)
- d. COMM. 4M-8 (2019)
 NYSDEC: "Invitation for Public Comment Proposal to Address Contamination at Nearby Brownfield Sites on Wilkeson Way & La Riviere Dr., Buffalo" (Chair's Ruling)
- e. COMM. 4M-10 (2019)
 EC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT: "2019 Budget Submission Pursuant to 2019 Budget Accountability Act"
 (Chair's Ruling)
- 2. COMM. 4E-20 (2019) COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) has played a crucial role in pollution prevention and sustainability issues throughout the region for decades and has more recently played an important role in the formation of the Western New York Sustainable Business Roundtable (WNYSBR); and

WHEREAS, DEP is committed to provide staff support and conduct work to assist and expand the WNYSBR so that it can become a stand-alone organization; and

WHEREAS, the United States Protection Agency (USEPA) awarded a grant to DEP in 2016 to provide staff and other support for the WNYSBR; and

WHEREAS, Erie County and the USEPA entered into a contract (SAP Account #162WNYSBR1618) authorized by COMM. 20E-7 (2016); and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature authorized a no-cost extension (COMM 23E-15 (2018); and

WHEREAS, the WNY Sustainable Business Roundtable Coordinator position (JG-12 Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist) was recently vacated and the remaining budget is not sufficient to replace the position; and

WHEREAS, the USEPA and DEP wish to make budget adjustments that will allow for successful completion of the grant work scope by moving the WNYSBR coordinator position to be employed directly by the WNYSBR, instead of by the County; and

WHEREAS, the WNYSBR is considered a sole source for this contract for a Coordinator because they manage and exclusively use the services of the Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, such a revision requires a contract between WNYSBR and Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the grant budget for the WNYSBR Grant is hereby revised in the DEP, Business Area 162, as follows:

Western New York Sustainable Business Roundtable Project (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2019), SAP Grant Account #162WNYSBR1618

Account	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Budget</u>	Revision	Revised Budget
41400	Federal Aid	\$259,963	\$0	\$259,963
TOTAL REVENUE				\$259,963
APPROPRI	<u>IATIONS</u>			
500000	Full Time Salaries	\$111,352	(\$12,732)	\$98,620
502000	Fringe Benefits	\$78,081	(\$11,841)	\$66,240
510100	Out of Area Travel	\$500	(\$500)	\$0
516020	Professional Services	\$70,030	\$25,073	\$95,103
	Contract			
TOTAL AF	PPROPRIATIONS	\$259,963	\$0	\$259,963

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist (JG-12) position is eliminated from Western New York Sustainable Business Roundtable Project (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2019), SAP Grant Account #162WNYSBR1618; and be it further

RESOLVED, that County Executive is authorized to execute a contract with WNYSBR not to exceed \$25,073 to finish the remaining grant deliverables; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any budget adjustments as required to comply with Federal and local funding requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the County Attorney; the County Comptroller; Thomas R. Hersey, Jr., Commissioner of Environment and Planning; and Bonnie Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner of Environment and Planning. (5-0)

3. COMM. 4E-24 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Erie County DEP (DEP) has an award from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to carry out a Project entitled, "Western New York Stormwater Coalition: MS4 Gap Analysis and Mapping Project" (hereafter the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the afore-noted award provides that the County shall subcontract a portion of the work for student intern services to be provided in connection with the award; and

WHEREAS, the County executed a contract with the Research Foundation of SUNY at Buffalo State in 2018 for the project with a term of March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019 as authorized by Comm. 13E-18; and

WHEREAS, DEP has determined that project outcomes will be best achieved by executing a no-cost extension to the contract extending it to June 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to extend this project; and

WHEREAS, legislative approval is required to execute a no-cost extension for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the Deputy County Executive to execute the necessary agreements to extend the Research Foundation of SUNY at Buffalo State College agreement for student intern services (February 28, 2019 to June 1, 2019); and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be furnished to the Office of the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the County Attorney; the County Comptroller; Thomas R. Hersey, Jr., Commissioner of Environment and Planning; and Bonnie Lawrence, Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Environmental Compliance Services. (5-0)

4. COMM. 4E-25 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has received the following lowest responsible bids for Erie County Sewer District No. 6, Contract Nos. 57R-A (General), 57R-B (Heating and Ventilation) and 57R-D (Electrical) at 3:00 p.m. on February 12, 2019:

<u>Contract</u>	Lowest Responsible Bidder	Amount
Contract No. 57R-A General	STC Construction, Inc . 63 Zoar Valley Road P.O. Box 459 Springville, NY 14141-0459	\$543,000.00
Contract No. 57R-B Heating and Ventilation	Quackenbush Co., Inc. 495 Kennedy Road Buffalo, NY 14227	\$91,900.00
Contract No. 57R-D Electrical	CIR Electrical Construction Corporation 400 Ingham Avenue Buffalo, NY 14218	\$453,500.00

and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned lowest responsible bidders have been recognized in the past as contractors capable of performing the specified work; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management has determined that this project is a Type II action in accordance with 6NYCRR Section 617.5(c) and therefore is not subject to State Environmental Quality Review Act review under New York State Environmental Conservation Law; and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient authorization within Capital Account C.00064 to fund the total project cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Well Street and Wilmuth Avenue Pumping Station Electrical Upgrades Project, Erie County Sewer District No. 6, Contract Nos. 57R-A (General), 57R-B (Heating and Ventilation) and 57R-D (Electrical) be awarded as follows:

Contract	Lowest Responsible Bidder	<u>Amount</u>
Contract No. 57R-A General	STC Construction, Inc 63 Zoar Valley Road P.O. Box 459 Springville, NY 14141-0459	\$543,000.00

Contract No. 57R-B Quackenbush Co., Inc. \$91,900.00

Heating and Ventilation 495 Kennedy Road

Buffalo, NY 14227

Contract No. 57R-D CIR Electrical Construction Corporation \$453,500.00

Electrical 400 Ingham Avenue

Buffalo, NY 14218

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the Contracts with the aforementioned lowest responsible bidders, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney's office and approval as to content by the Commissioner of Environment and Planning; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Comptroller is authorized and directed to allocate \$1,088,400.00 from Erie County Sewer District No. 6, Capital Account C.00064 for Contract Nos. 57R- A (General), 57R- B (Heating and Ventilation) and 57R- D (Electrical); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send one (1) certified copy each of this resolution to the County Executive, the Director of Budget and Management, the County Comptroller, and Kristen Walder, Assistant County Attorney; and two (2) certified copies to Joseph L. Fiegl, P.E., Department of Environment and Planning, Rath Building, 10th Floor. (5-0)

JOHN BRUSO CHAIR

LEGISLATOR RESOLUTIONS

Item 33 – MS. BASKIN presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. MR. MILLS seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 64 RE: Transfer of Surplus Property to

the Collins Fire Department

(INTRO. 5-1)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR MILLS

WHEREAS, members of the Collins Fire Company, Inc. visited the Erie County Surplus Warehouse to select items to furnish newly constructed offices and a conference room at the Collins Fire Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Collins Fire Company identified several items, currently unused by Erie County, that would be of great value to the fire company; and

WHEREAS, because these items are no longer serving a purpose for the County of Erie, I am pleased to sponsor this resolution to transfer the following items to the Collins Fire Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that ownership of the following items:

<u>Description</u>	EC ID Number
3 Black four drawer letter size file cabinets	FM00 913 to FM100 915
3 Beige four drawer legal size file cabinets	FM00 910 to FM00 912
4 grey desk chairs on wheels	FM00 913 to FM00 916
14 stackable chairs	FM00 896 to FM00 909
1 - 3' table	FM00 932
1 - 4' desk	FM00 933
2 - 5' desks	FM00 935 to FM00 936
1 - 5.5' computer station	FM00 934
10 desk organizers	FM00 917 to FM00 926
1 rolodex	FM00 927
1 HD stapler	FM00 928
1 - 2-hole punch	FM00 929
1 conference room door sign	FM00 930
1 Scotch C-38	FM00 931

are hereby transferred from the County of Erie to the Collins Fire Company for the purpose of furnishing offices and a conference room; and be it further

RESOLVED, that none of these items are to be used for a purpose other than official business by the Collins Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Purchasing and the Collins Fire Company, Inc.

MS. BASKIN moved to amend the resolution. MR. MILLS seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Amend the resolution to reflect the Transfer of Surplus Property to the Collins Fire Department.

MS. BASKIN moved to approve the resolution as amended. MR. MILLS seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 34 – MS. BASKIN presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. BRUSO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 65

RE: Transitional Supportive Services

for Formerly Incarcerated

Individuals (INTRO. 5-2)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS BASKIN, SAVAGE, HARDWICK & MEYERS

WHEREAS, Erie County is committed to supporting, empowering, and fully integrating into our community those persons who were formerly incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, Erie County recognizes that in order to help prevent recidivism and societal problems, it is important that those persons obtain housing and other support services prior to being released from incarceration; and

WHEREAS, former prisoners who are indigent have an immediate need for access to housing, transportation and food and many have problems with transitioning and will never successfully transition back to society without support; and

WHEREAS, New York State law requires counties to provide emergency housing for individuals who do not have housing; and

WHEREAS, although incarcerated individuals cannot receive public assistance, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance allows local Departments of Social Services to accept applications from incarcerated individuals so that public assistance supports are in place upon release from custody; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services does not currently accept applications for future assistance from incarcerated individuals; and

WHEREAS, while New York State allows for those incarcerated to apply for Social Security and Medicaid prior to release, in Erie County, individuals released from incarceration must apply and then wait for up to 45 days to receive financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, homelessness can be reduced if those formerly incarcerated are able to secure housing and other social services prior to being released; and

WHEREAS, because the County is obligated to provide emergency housing to homeless individuals, many individuals released from incarceration who apply to the Erie County Department of Social Services would be eligible for emergency housing, but at a greater cost to the County than the shelter allowance available in a public assistance grant; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Bar Association had previously recommended that the New York State Legislature add a new section to the Social Services Law that recognizes applications for

Safety Net Assistance from incarcerated individuals shall be accepted beginning forty-five days before their release dates; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has already committed to a comprehensive plan for dealing with homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Reentry Task Force, administered by the Erie County Department of Mental Health and the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and in partnership with the State Division of Criminal Justice Services, works with persons released from state prison and returning to Erie County communities with a stated commitment of helping its participants become stabilized by meeting basic living needs and providing essential services that foster independence, encourage positive personal growth and a change to non-criminal behavior.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature expresses its support for new measures and processes by the Erie County Department of Social Services and other County departments and partners under which the County will accept public assistance applications from incarcerated people who are within 45 days of their release date; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body expresses its support for legislation by the New York State Legislature amending the Social Services Law to direct county Social Services Districts to accept applications for Safety Net Assistance from incarcerated individuals beginning forty-five days before their release dates and in such a way that the interim period between application and release shall count toward the forty-five day waiting period for Safety Net Assistance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor, Western New York Delegation of the New York State Legislature, County Executive, Commissioner of Social Services, and the New York State Public Welfare Association.

Item 35 – MS. BASKIN presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. MR. BRUSO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 66

RE: Urging NYS to Fund Purchase of

Electronic Poll Books & Related

Election Expenses Under Election Law Reforms

(INTRO. 5-3)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS MEYERS, BRUSO, BASKIN, MILLER-WILLIAMS, SAVAGE, HARDWICK & LOUGHRAN WHEREAS, Erie County is responsible for managing election operations and paying for the costs of elections while operating under regulations and laws established by New York State; and

WHEREAS, in January 2019, the New York State Legislature adopted and the Governor signed into law a series of voting reforms to the New York State Election Law; and

WHEREAS, these reforms include early voting, voter registration transfers, same day voter registrations, and pre-registering 16 and 17 year olds to vote; and

WHEREAS, implementing these reforms will require counties to purchase and use electronic polling books, at some expense to the County which has not yet been quantified; and

WHEREAS, while these reforms are laudable, the uncertain nature of the cost to county governments has caused concern about the expense to counties of this State mandate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature respectfully requests that the State of New York provide state funds for the costs of acquiring electronic poll books that counties will have to purchase to effectively implement many of the state's new voting reforms; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body requests that the State fund the costs associated with the new election law reforms, including include equipment, education and training for poll workers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, the New York State Board of Elections, the Erie County Executive, and the Erie County Commissioners of Elections.

MS. BASKIN moved to amend the resolution by including Et Al Sponsorship. MR. BRUSO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MS. BASKIN moved to approve the resolution as amended. MR. BRUSO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 36 – MS. BASKIN presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 67

RE: Approving the Merger of the Lancaster Rural Cemetery

Association Into the Buffalo City Cemetery, Inc. (Forest Lawn

Group) (INTRO. 5-4)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR BRUSO

WHEREAS, the Buffalo City Cemetery, Inc. d/b/a the 'Forest Lawn Group,' a New York cemetery corporation ("Forest Lawn") has agreed to merge with the Lancaster Rural Cemetery Association (the "Association"), a New York cemetery corporation consisting of what is commonly known as the "Lancaster Rural Cemetery," which includes approximately 21 acres located at 70 Cemetery Road and approximately 18 acres located at 5856 Broadway Street in the Town of Lancaster, County of Erie, State of New York, designated as SBL #105.03-1-20 and 116.00-1-12 (the "Cemetery") pursuant to a written agreement between Forest Lawn and the Association (referred to as the "Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Transaction, Forest Lawn has requested the County Legislature's consent as required by New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law Section 1506(c); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1506(c), notice of the application for consent has been published, once a week, for six weeks, in two newspapers published in the County as the Legislature has designated; and

WHEREAS, the Association wishes to merge with and into Forest Lawn to improve the quality and efficiency with which the ongoing capital and maintenance needs of the Cemetery are met; and

WHEREAS, Forest Lawn is ready and equipped to assume such responsibilities at the Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the merger of the Association with and into Forest Lawn will be beneficial to the lot owners of the Cemetery and the public health and welfare of the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature wishes to approve the Transaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Erie County Legislature that the Transaction is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is further authorized to take any and all additional actions necessary to execute any required documents in connection with the matters contemplated above: and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works; the Erie County Attorney; the Erie County Comptroller, and the New York State Cemetery Board.

Item 37 - MR. LORIGO presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. RATH seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 68

RE: Approving the Merger of the

Oakwood Cemetery Association Into the Buffalo City Cemetery,

Inc. (Forest Lawn Group)

(INTRO. 5-5)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR LORIGO

WHEREAS, the Buffalo City Cemetery, Inc. d/b/a the 'Forest Lawn Group,' a New York cemetery corporation ("Forest Lawn") has agreed to merge with the Oakwood Cemetery Association (the "Association"), a New York cemetery corporation consisting of what is commonly known as the "Oakwood Cemetery," which includes a parcel located at 202 Oakwood Avenue (SBL #164.19-6-29), an approximately 16.5 acre parcel located at Oakwood Avenue (SBL #175.07-2-2), and a parcel located at 197 South Willow Street (SBL #175.07-2-3), all located in the Village of East Aurora, County of Erie, State of New York (collectively, the "Cemetery") pursuant to a written agreement between Forest Lawn and the Association (referred to as the "Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Transaction, Forest Lawn has requested the County Legislature's consent as required by New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law Section 1506(c); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1506(c), notice of the application for consent has been published, once a week, for six weeks, in two newspapers published in the County as the Legislature has designated; and

WHEREAS, the Association wishes to merge with and into Forest Lawn to improve the quality and efficiency with which the ongoing capital and maintenance needs of the Cemetery are met; and

WHEREAS, Forest Lawn is ready and equipped to assume such responsibilities at the Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the merger of the Association with and into Forest Lawn will be beneficial to the lot owners of the Cemetery and the public health and welfare of the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature wishes to approve the Transaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Erie County Legislature that Transaction is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is further authorized to take any and all additional actions necessary to execute any required documents in connection with the matters contemplated above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works; the Erie County Attorney; the Erie County Comptroller, and the New York State Cemetery Board.

Item 38 – MS. BASKIN presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. BRUSO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 69

RE: Support for Establishment of

Broadband Internet Access

Across EC (INTRO. 5-6)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR MEYERS

WHEREAS, for many years, there have been vast areas of Erie County that are considered to be "digital deserts" in that people living or working in these areas have no access to residential broadband Internet access; and

WHEREAS, former Erie County Legislator Patrick Burke vociferously advocated for the establishment of an Erie County broadband network; and

WHEREAS, his advocacy and partnership with the Poloncarz Administration led to the retention of a vendor, ECC Technologies, Inc. in April 2016, which issued an "Erie County Broadband Feasibility Study Final Report" on March 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, that broadband feasibility study reported that "The purpose of the study was to provide analysis and guidance for the planning and development of broadband improvement strategies. The study methodology was to gather and document broadband infrastructure and services information and to provide analysis and initiatives for moving forward, which will be used to support economic development and County broadband planning"; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Research Service issued a report in January 2019 entitled "Broadband Internet Access and the Digital Divide: Federal Assistance Programs" that stated:

The "digital divide" is a term that has been used to characterize a gap between "information haves and have-nots," or in other words, between those Americans who use or have access to telecommunications and information technologies and those who do not. One important subset of the digital divide debate concerns high-speed internet access and advanced telecommunications services, also known as broadband.

Broadband is provided by a series of technologies (e.g., cable, telephone wire, fiber, satellite, mobile and fixed wireless) that give users the ability to send and receive data at volumes and speeds necessary to support a number of applications including voice communications, entertainment, telemedicine, distance education, telework, ecommerce, civic engagement, public safety, and energy conservation. Broadband technologies are currently being deployed primarily by the private sector throughout the United States. While the numbers of new broadband subscribers continue to grow, studies and data suggest that the rate of broadband deployment in urban/suburban and high-income areas is outpacing deployment in rural and low-income areas. Some policymakers, believing that disparities in broadband access across American society could have adverse economic and social consequences on those left behind, assert that the federal government should play a more active role to address the "digital divide" in broadband access.

WHEREAS, in January and February 2019, the Buffalo News printed in-depth articles discussing how there are many pockets in Erie County and Western New York where residents and households have no access to high speed Internet or broadband Internet access; and

WHEREAS, these disparities, whether in some urban neighborhoods in Buffalo or western Cheektowaga, or in rural areas of Erie County, helps perpetuate inequality, poverty, and a lack of educational and job opportunities for residents who simply cannot access the Internet at the necessary speeds to facilitate downloading of content; and

WHEREAS, in some cases, even when residents can theoretically purchase high-speed Internet access from local providers such as Spectrum (Charter) or Verizon, the cost of such packages is prohibitive to residents who have to make difficult choices such as paying for heat or food for their family as opposed to purchasing Internet access; and

WHEREAS, in many instances, media accounts have noted that providers of Internet access have failed to provide Internet at the speeds marketed, or have failed to meet their promises to expand high speed Internet access to communities and households, leading to state regulatory action against at least one provider; and

WHEREAS, as noted in a February 2019 Buffalo News article, (1) local Internet speeds rank among the country's slowest, and (2) a Buffalo News analysis of Federal Communications Commission records found that of the 10 wired internet providers that operate in the Buffalo Niagara region, only Spectrum offers broadband throughout Buffalo and its average speeds fall below benchmarks elsewhere, according to speed-testing services; and

WHEREAS, in modern society, access to the Internet and its resources is critically important for learning, growing and attaining employment; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of industry action, some advocates have called for the government to become involved in subsidizing or creating free, high speed public Wi-Fi systems for local residents to access; and

WHEREAS, at the County level, we have heard stories from representatives of the Poloncarz Administration and administrators of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library system who have spoken of how people not only use the computers at branch libraries to access the Internet, but also who sit outside of the Central Library in downtown Buffalo to use the Wi-Fi system after library hours; and

WHEREAS, according to the Buffalo News, the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus has begun meeting with business and city leaders to discuss a city-owned internet solution due to the growing consensus that Buffalo's Internet does not meet the community's needs; and

WHEREAS, while this is laudable, there is also a need to connect other localities in Erie County to high speed Internet access, which offers an opportunity for Erie County to play a role with our local partners; and

WHEREAS, this can take the form of building out a fiber network with "land lines" and cables, or wireless Wi-Fi networks; and

WHEREAS, in its "GAP Analysis", the Erie County Broadband Feasibility Study by ECC Technologies stated: "The essential infrastructure missing is a competitive choice of fiber optic service providers to our city, town, and village neighborhoods, besides Spectrum and Verizon FiOSTM. There is a fair amount of fiber optic cabling supporting the larger businesses of metropolitan Buffalo, but these providers either do not target residential or small business, or price their fiber optic services in such a way that it is prohibitively expensive to residential users or small business. This lack of infrastructure is only going to become more apparent as the number of devices requiring Internet access and bandwidth continue to increase in all aspects of our lives"; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Broadband Feasibility Study "found that while the urban and suburban areas of the County are for the most part served in terms of access and competition, many of the rural areas of the County, which are towns and villages to the south and east, are lacking and expected to fall further behind. There is a municipal consortia of fiber optic networks that have successfully collaborated in the past to build out their public infrastructure and are agreeable to future collaborative endeavors. The challenge that the County faces are that the two major infrastructure providers for the region, Verizon and Charter Spectrum (formerly Time Warner Cable), are not significantly expanding their infrastructure nor replacing aging copper and coaxial cable plant with fiber optics. For much of Erie County, Charter Spectrum is the only provider that can offer a true broadband service to small businesses and residents"; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Broadband Feasibility Study stated five recommendations moving forward to advance Broadband Internet access across the community:

- 1. "The Broadband Committee should continue to meet, perhaps on a quarterly or semiannual basis, to review County broadband goals and objectives";
- 2. "Similar to the County's Broadband Committee, the County should continue to communicate with its municipal and community partners to identify opportunities for broadband collaboration. Today, this is an informal consortium of municipal partners that meets infrequently, if at all. The County may want to formalize this consortium

- and take a leadership role in convening an annual meeting to review opportunities and goals."
- 3. "County and other local governments should adopt a "dig once" policy requiring the installation of municipal conduit or duct whenever a private or public works project opens up the earth along public Right-of-Way. Over time this has the potential of creating pathway for broadband infrastructure whenever street, water, sewer, lighting, and/or telecom projects can provide pathway for conduit burial."
- 4. "The broadband committee and County agencies could evaluate funding opportunities to include broadband infrastructure for economic development zones or targeted ECIDA sites. Opportunities can include broadband conduit or duct bank providing access to multiple carriers into the site and buildings."
- 5. "A more proactive broadband strategy is for the County to view broadband infrastructure as a utility necessary to maintain quality of life and keep our communities competitive within the region, state, nation and the world. This is sometimes referred to as a "Technology Led" economic development strategy. The County, through several potential funding streams, would build-out, control, and maintain the broadband infrastructure for both public and private customers. This type of municipal network model for broadband development is often described as an Open Access Network (OAN). The OAN concept is for government to not compete directly with private broadband providers, but rather provide a not-for-profit broadband infrastructure that is accessible by public and private organizations, including the broadband providers"; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2018, after hearing committee testimony from utility representatives, the Erie County Legislature approved Intro. 2-5 (2017), a resolution entitled "Support for an Erie County 'Dig Once' Policy", which called for the establishment of a "Dig Once" policy by the Department of Environment and Planning in which any time the County government or its contractors digs/excavates on a road or right-of-way, they will coordinate with telecommunications, electrical, natural gas or water/sewer utility providers to, among other things, allow for the laying of fiber optic or high speed telecommunications cables.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature expresses its support for the recommendations outlined in the Erie County Broadband Feasibility Study and urges the County Executive to reimpanel the County Broadband Committee and to take measures to address the digital divide and digital deserts in Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body expresses our support for efforts shepherded by the County's Department of Environment and Planning and Division of Information and Support Services, working in conjunction with our city, town and village municipal partners, the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, the University of Buffalo, Buffalo State College, the New York State Department of Transportation and other state agencies, and others such as the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, to (1) participate in the broadband committee, (2) collaborate on broadband expansion, (3) similarly adopt a dig once policy, (4) work together on funding opportunities from federal, state and non-profit foundation sources, and

(5) pursue an Open Access Network so that all people in Erie County can enjoy the benefits of both Internet access and high speed Internet access; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor, the Commissioners of the New York State Public Service Commission, the County Executive, the Presidents of the University of Buffalo and Buffalo State College, the Executive Director of the NFTA, the Acting Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation, the Executive Director of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, and the mayors of the cities and villages in Erie County and the supervisors of the towns in Erie County.

Item 39 – CHAIR SAVAGE directed that the following resolution be referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE COMMITTEE.

MR. LORIGO challenged the ruling of the Chair. MR. MILLS seconded.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MS. DIXON, MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS and MR. RATH. NOES: MS. BASKIN, MR. BRUSO, MR. HARDWICK, MR. LOUGHRAN, MR. MEYERS, MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS and CHAIR SAVAGE. (AYES: 4; NOES: 7)

FAILED.

INTRO. 5-7 from LORIGO, MILLS, DIXON & RATH. RFP to Combat Rural Poverty.

Item 40 – CHAIR SAVAGE directed that the following resolution be referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 5-8 from LORIGO. Directing the Auction of New Era Field's Astroturf for Charitable Causes.

Item 41 - MR. LORIGO presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. RATH seconded.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MS. DIXON, MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. RATH and MR. LOUGHRAN. NOES: MS. BASKIN, MR. BRUSO, MR. HARDWICK, MR. MEYERS, MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS and CHAIR SAVAGE. (AYES: 5; NOES: 6)

FAILED.

INTRO. 5-9 from LORIGO, LOUGHRAN, MILLS, DIXON & RATH. Moratorium on Voting for Commissioner of the ECWA & Reopening of the Application Period.

Item 42 – MR. LORIGO presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. MR. MILLS seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RE: ECWA Commissioner Salary

Reform

(INTRO. 5-10)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR LORIGO

MR. LORIGO moved to amend the item. MR. MILLS seconded.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MS. DIXON, MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. RATH and MR. LOUGHRAN. NOES: MS. BASKIN, MR. BRUSO, MR. HARDWICK, MR. MEYERS, MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS and CHAIR SAVAGE. (AYES: 5; NOES: 6)

FAILED.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that the item be received and filed.

GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE

Item 43 – MS. BASKIN moved to discharge the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE of further consideration of COMM. 4E-15 (2019). MR. MEYERS seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 70 RE: Authorization to Contract with Home

Delivered Meals & Congregate Dining

Programs Food Vendors (COMM. 4E-15, 2019)

WHEREAS, the Home Delivered Meal program assists high risk homebound elderly persons maintain their independence by providing them with nutritious meals; and

WHEREAS, the Congregate Dining program helps elderly persons maintain their nutritional well-being and social independence by providing a hot noon meal at currently 48 meal sites throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services conducted an RFP process to obtain proposals from entities desiring to prepare and deliver meals for the Home Delivered Meals and Congregate Dining Programs and now desires to enter into multi-year contracts with the selected agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has selected Meals on Wheels of Western New York, Inc., Town of Amherst by and through the Amherst Center for Senior Services, Kenmore Tonawanda Meals on Wheels, Inc., and the Salvation Army, a New York Corporation, to prepare congregate meals for dining sites; and

WHEREAS, the Department has selected, Meals on Wheels of Western New York, Inc., Amherst Meals on Wheels, Inc., Kenmore Tonawanda Meals on Wheels, Inc., and Mom's Meals Nourish Care, Inc. to prepare and deliver meals to eligible homebound elderly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to contract for the three year period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021 (the County may in its sole discretion may extend the contracts beyond the initial term for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods) for food preparation and delivery to approved homebound clients of the County's Home Delivered Meal program with Meals on Wheels of Western New York, Inc., Amherst Meals on Wheels, Inc., Kenmore Tonawanda Meals on Wheels, Inc., d/b/a Ken-ton Meals on Wheels, and Mom's Meals Nourish Care, Inc., in amounts not to exceed the appropriations in each contract year's County budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to contract for the three year period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021 (the County may in its sole discretion may extend the Contracts beyond the initial term for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods) for food preparation and delivery to congregate dining sites for the County's Congregate Dining program with Meals on Wheels of Western New York, Inc., Town of Amherst by and through the Amherst Center for Senior Services, the Salvation Army, a New York Corporation, and Kenmore Tonawanda Meals on Wheels, Inc., d/b/a Ken-ton Meals on Wheels, in amounts not to exceed the appropriations in each contract year's County budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the appropriation amounts for the first contract year (January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019), shall not exceed the amount appropriated in the 2019 adopted County budget for the Home Delivered Meals and Congregate Dining Program, with amounts for subsequent contract years to be determined by appropriations available in each of those contract year's County budgets; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to amend the contracts to reflect changes in the amount of Federal, State and non-County funds available in each contract year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues, including contractual agency amounts, based on grantor

requirements or county share adjustments, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the: County Executive's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Comptroller's Office, and the Department of Senior Services.

MS. BASKIN moved to approve the item. MR. BRUSO seconded. MS. DIXON abstained.

CARRIED. (10-0-1)

Item 44 – MS. BASKIN moved to discharge the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of further consideration of COMM. 4E-26 (2019). MR. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 71

RE: 2019 Consolidated Bond Resolution (COMM. 4E-26, 2019)

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE 2019 CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE COUNTY, STATING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF SUCH PROJECTS IS \$22,300,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$22,300,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

(Introduced) March 7, 2019

(Adopted) March 7, 2019

RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK (by the affirmative vote of not less than two thirds of the voting strength of said Legislature), AS FOLLOWS:

The County of Erie, New York (herein called "County"), is hereby authorized to undertake the various capital projects as described in column A of the attached schedule, each as more fully described in column I of the attached schedule and the duly adopted 2019 Capital Budget for the County. To the extent that the details set forth in this resolution are inconsistent with any details set forth in the 2019 Capital Budget of the County, such Budget shall be deemed and is hereby amended. For each of the specific objects or purposes, classes of objects or purposes and combinations of objects or purposes, as specified in column B of the attached schedule, the respective estimated maximum costs, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, are set forth in column C of the attached schedule, and said respective amounts are hereby appropriated therefor pursuant to the duly adopted 2019 Capital Budget for the County.

The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$22,300,000 aggregate principal amount of bonds of the County and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds to finance said appropriations, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of said bonds and notes and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Bonds of the County in the respective principal amounts set forth in column D of the attached schedule are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law") to finance said appropriations.

The respective periods of probable usefulness for said specific objects or purposes, classes of objects or purposes and combinations of objects or purposes for which said \$22,300,000 bonds herein authorized are to be issued, within the limitations of \$11.00 a. of the Law, is set forth in column G of the attached schedule.

The County intends to finance, and the Comptroller of the County is hereby authorized to advance such amounts as are necessary to pay the costs of the respective specific objects or purposes, classes of objects or purposes and combinations of objects or purposes described in Section 1 hereof, prior to the issuance of the bonds or bond anticipation notes herein authorized, out of any available funds of the County on an interim basis, which respective amounts are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County pursuant to this Resolution, in the respective maximum amounts of bonds herein authorized. This Resolution is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Subject to the provisions of this Resolution and of the Law, and pursuant to the provisions of \$21.00 relative to the issuance of bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service, \$30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and of \$\$50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of said Law, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing the issuance of any notes in anticipation of the sale of the respective amounts of bonds herein authorized, or the renewals thereof, relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, relative to prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the respective amounts of bonds herein authorized, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and relative to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Comptroller of the County, as the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Each of the bonds authorized by this Resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale thereof shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by §52.00 of said Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general

obligations of the County of Erie, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and provision shall be made annually in the budgets of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the notes and bonds to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

The validity of the bonds authorized by this Resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval by the County Executive.

**** 2019 Capital Bond Chart of Components.

MS. BASKIN moved to approve the item. MR. BRUSO seconded.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MS. DIXON, MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. RATH, MS. BASKIN, MR. BRUSO, MR. HARDWICK, MR. LOUGHRAN, MR. MEYERS, MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS and CHAIR SAVAGE. NOES: None. (AYES: 11: NOES: 0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Item 45 – MS. BASKIN moved for a Suspension of the Rules to include an item not on the agenda.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 5-11 from LORIGO Re: Support for Initiatives to Combat Rural Poverty

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR LORIGO

WHEREAS, Rural Outreach Center (ROC) provides services to rural residents in Erie County, which is a subset of the population often ignored by traditional social welfare programs; and

WHEREAS, the ROC provides services to the rural poor that assist, empower, and elevate their clients as they work to achieve self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, New York State requires all service providers to achieve certification pursuant to State Education Department regulations in order to receive reimbursement for services rendered to New York State residents; and

WHEREAS, the ROC has submitted an application for certification under the State Education Department in 2016 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, the ROC has already provided services for Code Blue assistance in cold weather and is seeking reimbursement from the county for the provision of those services; and

WHEREAS, it is a finding of this body that Erie County has residents living in poverty in all communities and that no matter where residents are located in Erie County they are all equally deserving of County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby issues its support to the application of the Rural Outreach Center for state certifications to allow the Rural Outreach Center to contract with New York State and the Erie County Department of Social Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the New York State Education Department, the Rural Outreach Center, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

MR. LORIGO moved for immediate consideration. MR. RATH seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. LORIGO moved to amend the resolution. MR. RATH seconded

MR. LOUGHRAN moved to send the amendment to committee for further consideration. MR. MEYERS seconded.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MS. DIXON, MR. HARDWICK, MR. LOUGHRAN, MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS and CHAIR SAVAGE. NOES: MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. RATH, MS. BASKIN, MR. BRUSO and MR. MEYERS. (AYES: 5; NOES: 6)

FAILED.

CHAIR SAVAGE moved the previous question (the motion to amend), and directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS and MR. RATH. NOES: MS. DIXON, MS. BASKIN, MR. BRUSO, MR. HARDWICK, MR. LOUGHRAN, MR. MEYERS, MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS and CHAIR SAVAGE. (AYES: 3; NOES: 8)

FAILED.

MR. LORIGO moved to approve the resolution. MR. RATH seconded

MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS moved to send the resolution to committee for further consideration. MS. BASKIN seconded.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MS. DIXON, MS. BASKIN, MR. BRUSO, MR. LOUGHRAN, MR. MEYERS and MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS. NOES: MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. RATH, MR. HARDWICK and CHAIR SAVAGE. (AYES: 6; NOES: 5)

CARRIED.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that the resolution be referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

FROM LEGISLATOR BRUSO

Item 46 – (COMM. 5E-1) Letter to Health Commissioner Regarding Restaurant Inspections

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR DIXON

Item 47 – (COMM. 5E-2) Letter to Chair of Health & Human Services Committee Concerning Health Inspections

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR LORIGO

Item 48 – (COMM. 5E-3) Letter to Comptroller Requesting Review of Enrollment Numbers for SUNY Erie

Received and referred to the COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

- Item 49 (COMM. 5E-4) Personnel Department Audit of Vendor Payment Process 1/1/18 8/31/18
- Item 50 (COMM. 5E-5) Real Property Tax Services Audit of In Rem Foreclosure Proceedings 1/1/17 12/31/17
- Item 51 (COMM. 5E-6) Probation Department Audit of Restitution Collection & Disbursement 1/1/17 12/31/17
- Item 52 (COMM. 5E-7) Central Police Services Department Audit of Encumbered Contracts Payment Process 1/1/18 8/31/18
- Item 53 (COMM. 5E-8) DISS Audit of Encumbered Contracts Payment Process 1/1/18 8/31/18

The above five items were received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR LORIGO

Item 54 – (COMM. 5E-9) Submission to the Public Record - Buffalo News Article Titled, "Another Voice: Rural Poverty Remains a Largely Invisible Problem"

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Item 55 – (COMM. 5E-10) Submission to the Public Record - Statement from Buffalo Niagara Coalition for Open Government, Regarding ECWA Board Appointment

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

- Item 56 (COMM. 5E-11) Contract with Roycroft Campus Corporation for Restoration of Copper Shop Building
- Item 57 (COMM. 5E-12) SUNY Erie Campus-Wide 2019 Replacement of Emergency Generators

Item 58 – (COMM. 5E-13) Engineering Services for Design Phase of Trevett Rd. Slide Remediation

Item 59 – (COMM. 5E-14) Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance Coordinator Budget Revision & Contract Extension

The above four items were received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY CLERK

Item 60 – (COMM. 5E-15) EC Clerk 2018 Annual Report

Item 61 – (COMM. 5E-16) RFP to Provide Zombie Property Outreach Services

The above two items were received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR MILLER-WILLIAMS

Item 62 – MS. BASKIN presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. BRUSO seconded. MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS abstained.

CARRIED. (10-0-1)

RESOLUTION NO. 72

RE: Lease Agreement for Legislative Office Space

(COMM. 5E-17)

RESOLVED, the Eric County Executive is hereby authorized to sign a Twelve (12) Month Lease Agreement with Towne Gardens LLC. for Legislative office space for Barbara Miller-Williams, located at 427 William Street, Buffalo, NY 14202 for a monthly rate of \$925.97.

FROM CHAIR SAVAGE

Item 63 – MS. BASKIN presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. MR. BRUSO seconded.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MS. BASKIN, MR. BRUSO, MR. HARDWICK, MR. MEYERS, MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS and CHAIR SAVAGE. NOES: MS. DIXON, MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. RATH and MR. LOUGHRAN. (AYES: 6; NOES: 5)

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 73

RE: Appointment of Commissioner of

the ECWA (COMM. 5E-18)

MR. LOUGHRAN moved to send the item to committee for further consideration. MR. LORIGO seconded.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MS. DIXON, MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. RATH and MR. LOUGHRAN. NOES: MS. BASKIN, MR. BRUSO, MR. HARDWICK, MR. MEYERS, MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS and CHAIR SAVAGE. (AYES: 5; NOES: 6)

FAILED.

CHAIR SAVAGE called for nominations for Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority.

MS. BASKIN, pursuant to law, presented a petition nominating Jerome D. Schad for appointment as Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority.

We, the undersigned, representing the Majority Caucus members of the Erie County Legislature, do hereby nominate Jerome D. Schad for appointment as Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority to fill a three (3) year term commencing April 28, 2019 and ending April 27, 2022:

Barbara Miller-Williams April N.M. Baskin

District 1 District 2

Peter J. Savage, III Timothy Meyers

District 3 District 7

John Bruso District 8

MR. LORIGO moved to enter the Legislature into recess. MR. RATH seconded.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MS. DIXON, MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. RATH, MR. LOUGHRAN and MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS. NOES: MS. BASKIN, MR. BRUSO, MR. HARDWICK, MR. MEYERS and CHAIR SAVAGE. (AYES: 6; NOES: 5)

CARRIED.

CHAIR SAVAGE entered the Legislature into recess at 2:56 p.m., for five minutes.

CHAIR SAVAGE reconvened the Legislature at 3:02 p.m.

All members present.

CHAIR SAVAGE called for nominations for Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority.

MR. LORIGO, pursuant to law, presented a petition nominating Peter Reese for appointment as Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority.

I, the undersigned, representing the Conservative party within the Erie County Legislature, do hereby nominate Peter Reese, to fill a three (3) year term commencing April 27th, 2019 and expiring April 27th, 2022:

Joseph C. Lorigo District 10

MS. BASKIN moved to close nominations. MR. MEYERS seconded.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MS. DIXON, MS. BASKIN, MR. BRUSO, MR. HARDWICK, MR. MEYERS, MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS and CHAIR SAVAGE. NOES: MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. RATH and MR. LOUGHRAN. (AYES: 7; NOES: 4)

CARRIED.

MS. BASKIN moved to amend the item. MR. BRUSO seconded.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MS. BASKIN, MR. BRUSO, MR. HARDWICK, MR. MEYERS, MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS and CHAIR SAVAGE. NOES: MS. DIXON, MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. RATH and MR. LOUGHRAN. (AYES: 6; NOES: 5)

CARRIED.

Insert the following:

March 5, 2019

Robert M. Graber Clerk of the Erie County Legislature 92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Appointment of Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority

Dear Clerk Graber:

Pursuant to Section 5.01 of the Erie County Legislature Rules of Order, I have previously requested that notice be provided to the public, legislators, media and interested candidates for the position of Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority. You provided proper notice and interviews were conducted by the Legislature's Energy and Environment Committee on February 28, 2019.

Therefore, I am prepared to appoint a candidate for Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority as required by Section 1053 of the New York Public Authorities Law. I hereby appoint Jerome D. Schad, 199 Meadowview Lane, Williamsville, NY 14221 to fill a three (3) year term commencing April 28, 2019 and ending April 27, 2022.

I have attached a Nominating Petition as required by Section 1053 of the New York Public Authorities Law and request legislative confirmation of this appointment.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Peter J. Savage, III, Chair Erie County Legislature

MS. BASKIN moved to approve the item as amended. MR. MEYERS seconded.

CHAIR SAVAGE directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MS. BASKIN, MR. BRUSO, MR. HARDWICK, MR. MEYERS, MS. MILLER-WILLIAMS and CHAIR SAVAGE. NOES: MS. DIXON, MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. RATH and MR. LOUGHRAN. (AYES: 6; NOES: 5)

CARRIED.

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby confirm the appointment of JEROME D. SCHAD, 199 Meadowbrook Lane, Williamsville, NY 14221, as Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority for a three (3) year term commencing April 28, 2019 and expiring April 27, 2022.

FROM LEGISLATOR LORIGO

Item 64 – (COMM. 5E-19) Letter to Commissioner of Department of Social Services Regarding Surplus Property

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Item 65– (COMM. 5D-1) Letter from County Attorney Regarding Requests from Legislators

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Item 66 - (COMM. 5D-2) Letter from Social Services Commissioner Re: Rural Outreach Center Funding

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

Item 67 – (COMM. 5D-3) Letter to Commissioner of Senior Services - Commencement of Audit on the DSS Congregate Dining Nutrition Grant

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Item 68 – (COMM. 5D-4) Letter to Commissioner of DPW - Commencement of Audit on the ECDPW Consolidated Local Street & Highway Improvement Program

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Item 69 – (COMM. 5D-5) Letter to Commissioner of DSS - Commencement of Audit on ECDSS Administration of Bus Passes & Tokens

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Item 70 – (COMM. 5D-6) Transmittal of New Claims Against EC

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Item 71 – (COMM. 5D-7) CPS Statistical Report - February 2019

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES

FROM THE NORTH COLLINS TOWN BOARD

Item 72 – (COMM. 5M-1) Resolution Opposing the Elimination of AIM Funding

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE NYSDEC

Item 73 – (COMM. 5M-2) Invitation for Public Comment - Proposal to Address Contamination at Brownfield Site on Elmwood Ave., Buffalo

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE ALDEN TOWN BOARD

Item 74 – (COMM. 5M-3) Resolution Opposing the Elimination of AIM Funding

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE EDEN TOWN BOARD

Item 75 – (COMM. 5M-4) Resolution Opposing the Elimination of AIM Funding

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Item 76 – (COMM. 5M-5) Resolution Calling for NYS to Classify Fentanyl "Analogues" that are Responsible for Opioid Overdose Deaths as Controlled Substances

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE CONCORD TOWN BOARD

Item 77 – (COMM. 5M-6) Resolution Opposing the Elimination of AIM Funding

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE ECWA

Item 78 – (COMM. 5M-7) Requirements for Position of Executive Director of ECWA

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM PAUL W. WOLF, ESQ.

Item 79 – (COMM. 5M-8) Press Release Regarding Buffalo Niagara Coalition for Open Government Concerning Speaking Request at Legislative Committee Meeting

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE EVANS TOWN BOARD

Item 80 – (COMM. 5M-9) Resolution Opposing the Elimination of AIM Funding

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE NYSDOT

Item 81 – (COMM. 5M-10) Discontinuance of Maintenance of Bridge Over Cattaraugus Creek

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Item 82 Clerk of Legislature announced that on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., the Legislature will conduct a public hearing on Local Law Intro. 2-1 (2019), "THE FELINE (CAT) ADOPTION PROMOTION ACT OF 2019." Clerk further announced that the schedule for committee meetings to be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019, has been distributed.
- Item 83 Legislator Lorigo announced that, in conjunction with Veterans One Stop, that a "Toiletries for Veterans" drive has been initiated, seeking new full size and travel size toiletries to be collected and dispersed to veterans and service members in need. Items can be donated at various locations throughout the community.
- Item 84 Legislator Miller-Williams announced that on Saturday, March 30, 2019, she will host a workshop concerning accessing Erie County funding, to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Downtown Central Library. All are invited to attend.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Item 85 Legislator Hardwick requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Francis Irwin, and Valerie Colatarci.
- Item 86 Legislator Miller-Williams requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Francisco A. Vega-Rosario.
- Item 87 Legislator Rath requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Matthew V. Pragel.
- Item 88 Legislator Dixon requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Alice Monckton, Mary D. Coakley, Karl Kluckhohn, Margaret Graber, and Daniel Gallagher.

ADJOURNMENT

Item 89 - At this time, there being no further business to transact, CHAIR SAVAGE announced that the Chair would entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MS. BASKIN moved that the Legislature adjourn until Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. MR. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR SAVAGE declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ROBERT M. GRABER CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE