## ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE MEETING NO. 11 JUNE 5, 2025

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Meyers.

All members present.

An Invocation was held, led by Mr. Greene, who requested a moment of silence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kooshoian.

Item 1 - No tabled items.

Item 2 – No items for reconsideration from previous meeting.

Item 3 – MR. GILMOUR moved for the approval of the minutes for Meeting Number 10 from 2025. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4 – No Public Hearings.

#### MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Item 5 – Miscellaneous Resolutions were offered, as follows:

MAJORITY Acknowledging National Gun Violence Awareness Day

CAUCUS

MAJORITY Acknowledging National Homeownership Month

CAUCUS

MEYERS, Recognizing Men's Mental Health Awareness Month

GILMOUR, DUPRE,

KOOSHOIAN, & BARGNESI

DUPRE Recognizing Sunshine Vegan Eats during National Veggie Burger Day

DUPRE Recognizing Strong Hearts during National Veggie Burger Day

DUPRE Recognizing Paulas Donuts (Larkinville Location) during National Doughnut

Day

DUPRE Honoring Brothers Restaurant & Bar during National Soul Food Month

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DUPRE	Honoring Sugga D's during National Soul Food Month
DUPRE	Honoring A Taste of Soul during National Soul Food Month
DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD	Recognizing the Juneteenth Festival in the City of Buffalo
ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring James Cichocki
ST. JEAN TARD	Recognizing Public Espresso during National Doughnut Day
ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring Park Vue Soul Food during National Soul Food Month
KOOSHOIAN	Recognizing Café on the Avenue during National Doughnut Day
BARGNESI	Recognizing Paulas Donuts (Tonawanda Location) during National Doughnut Day
BARGNESI	Recognizing National CPR and AED Awareness Week
BARGNESI	Recognizing Famous Doughnuts during National Doughnut Day
BARGNESI	Recognizing Guud and Evul Vegan Eats during National Veggie Burger Day
VINAL	Recognizing DiCamillo Bakery during National Doughnut Day
VINAL	Recognizing National Rescue Dog Day
GREENE	Recognizing Sports America Kids Month in Erie County
GREENE	Congratulating Sue Fay Ellen and Carl Klingenschimitt on Receiving the Leadership in Music Education Award from the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra
GREENE	Celebrating the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village's 50th Anniversary at Its location in the Town of Amherst
GREENE	Celebrating World Softball Day and Recognizing the Youth Athletes, Coaches, and Parents Who Advance and Grow the Game in Erie County
MEYERS	Recognizing Donut Craze during National Doughnut Day
TODARO	Congratulating Blackwater Tap and Tavern for Being Named Alden Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year
TODARO	Congratulating the Alden Advertiser for Being Awarded Alden Chamber of Commerce Business Life Time Achievement

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TODARO	Congratulating Girl Scout Troop 31905 for Being Selected as Alden Chamber of Commerce Organization of the Year Award
TODARO	Congratulating Nancy Hughes for Receiving the Alden Chamber of Commerce Citizen Lifetime Achievement Award
TODARO	Congratulating Christine Wojcik for Being Named the Alden Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year
GILMOUR	Recognizing The Silly Yak during National Doughnut Day
GILMOUR	Honoring Nikki's Family Diner during National Soul Food Month
LORIGO	Recognizing the Aurora Theatre on Its 100th Anniversary
LORIGO	Proclaiming June 2025 as "National Dairy Month" in Erie County
LORIGO	Recognizing the Kiwanis Club of East Aurora on Its 100th Anniversary
LORIGO	Recognizing R. Anthony Rupp for Receiving the Silver Beaver Award from Scouting America, Great Falls Council
LORIGO	Recognizing Rusty Nickel Brewing Company of West Seneca on Its 10th Anniversary
MILLS	Congratulating Lori Love on the Opening of Love's Jewelry Boutique
MILLS	Celebrating Orchard Park High School Girls Flag Football Team Section VI Champions
MILLS	Recognizing the Hamburg Dawgs Softball and Baseball League and Celebrating World Softball Day
MILLS	Recognizing Evans Youth Baseball and Softball and Celebrating World Softball Day

MR. GILMOUR moved for consideration of the above forty-one items. MS. VINAL seconded.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved to amend the above forty-one items by including Et Al Sponsorship. MS. VINAL seconded.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved for approval of the above forty-one items as amended. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **LOCAL LAWS**

Item 6 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 2 (Print #1) 2024 remain on the table and in the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 7 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 5 (Print #2) 2024 remain on the table and in the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 8 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 7 (Print #1) 2024 remain on the table and in the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 9 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 1 (Print #1) 2025 be laid on the table and in the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Item 10 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION NO. 86** 

May 29, 2025	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
	REPORT NO. 6

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

1. COMM. 10E-13 (2025) COUNTY EXECUTIVE WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services previously provided a grant totaling \$48,961,972.83 to the County for the provision of indigent defense services; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has contracted with the Erie County Bar Association's Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society and the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo (Legal Aid) to deliver the services required through the grant; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to allow for a no-cost extension to expend the grant funding awarded under the Hurrell-Harring settlement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with the State of New York Office of Indigent Legal Services to implement a no-cost extension of the ILS Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring grant funding within the Department of Law (Fund 281, Funds Center 1601040, Grant 160HHEXPILS1823) through March 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into subcontracts with the Erie County Bar Association Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society and the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo to deliver said services from the original grant start date of April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to adjust grant appropriations and revenues including those required to comply with the grantor funding changes provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels or county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into any further no-cost contract extensions and amendments related to the underlying grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Law and Division of Budget and Management. (6-0)

#### 2. COMM. 10E-32 (2025)

SHERIFF - AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to provide quality public safety services to our community by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office seeks to reorganize its Correctional Health Division, Civil Division, Police/Patrol Support Division, Administrative Division and Professional Standards Division by adding and deleting several positions; and

WHEREAS, these personnel adjustments would allow each of the aforementioned divisions to properly assign staff to perform duties required of them; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office proposes adding ten (10) full-time jobs to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office further proposes deleting nine (9) full-time jobs to make this cost neutral on the 2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, these personnel adjustments would save an estimated \$1,615.00 in full-time salary costs.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Personnel Department are authorized to create the following positions:

Cost Center	Add
1151010	30,712
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1151020	22,069
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1165020	32,968
1151040	53,336.50
1151040	41,607.50
1151040	50,163.50
1151040	47,312.50
1151090	52,064.50
	383,014.50
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and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Personnel Department are authorized to delete the following positions:

Full-Time Positions	Cost Center	Delete
Senior Nurse Practitioner-51018064	1165020	63,917.50
Pistol Permit Liaison (Sheriff)-51018017	1151020	30,859
CF Medical Aide-51018880	1165030	30,187
Receptionist-51009204	1151020	25,708
Lieutenant-51017828	1151040	49,206.50
Sergeant-51017768	1151040	44,500.50
Deputy Sheriff-Criminal-51017774	1151030	37,026
Senior Tactical Flight Officer-9556	1151040	54,356.50
Sergeant-51016358	1151090	48,868.50
TOTAL DELETE		384,629.50

and be it further

RESOLVED, the Director of Budget and Management is authorized to reduce 500000-Full Time - Salaries in the Erie County Sheriff's Office, Correctional Health Services Division budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 11650) and increase 500000-Full Time – Salaries in the Erie County Sheriff's Office, Police Services Division budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 11510) pursuant to the personnel adjustments in this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Director of Budget and Management and the Commissioner of Personnel are authorized to make any technical changes to effectuate the implementation of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the County Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Finance, the Personnel Department and the Sheriff's Office for implementation.

(6-0)

#### 3. COMM.10E-33 (2025)

**SHERIFF** 

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit is responsible for patrolling parts of Lake Erie, the Niagara River, the Erie Barge Canal and other waterways along more than 90 miles of Erie County shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Unit is instrumental in maintaining safe waterways by enforcing navigation laws and educating the boating public; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Canal Corporation has awarded the Erie County Sheriffs Office Marine Unit \$40,000 in funding; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires review and approval by the Canal Corporation, Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the State Comptroller for all submitted requisitions; and

WHEREAS, this grant will provide the Erie County Sheriff's Office with additional resources to increase patrols along the Erie Barge Canal; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will have no impact on county tax dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and Sheriff to enter into a contract with the New York State Canal Corporation to accept \$40,000.00 for increased marine patrols on and near the Erie Barge Canal; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding in Funds Center 11510 as follows:

## FY 25-26 NYS Canal Corp. Grant April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

REVENUE INCREASE Account 409020 - Miscellaneous State Aid \$40,000

APPROPRIATIONS INCREASE Account 501000-Overtime \$40,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is authorized to make the necessary transfers and any technical adjustments required to effectuate these transfers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the County Attorney, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller and the Sheriffs Office.

(6-0)

#### 4. COMM. 10E-34 (2025)

SHERIFF & COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Probation Department and the Sheriff's Office jointly seek to engage University Psychiatric Practice dba UBMD Psychiatry for the purpose of conducting psychological evaluations for individuals being considered for hire as Probation Officers, Deputy Sheriff Officers and Correctional Officers; and

WHEREAS, the civil service job posting for Probation Officer Trainee includes as a special requirement the successful completion of a psychological evaluation: applicants will be subject to an extensive pre-employment background investigation and psychological evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department will henceforth require every new Probation Officer to have successfully completed a psychological Evaluation prior to hire; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office in its responsibility to provide quality public safety services to the community also considers psychological evaluation results when hiring sworn Officers; and

WHEREAS, both the Probation Department and Sheriff's Office agree that using the same standards, methodologies, and evaluative instruments for both departments is in the best interest of the county; and

WHEREAS, University Psychiatric Practice dba UBMD Psychiatry has experience performing psychological evaluations for law enforcement using standards, methodologies and evaluative instruments that are preferred by both departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contracts with University Psychiatric Practice dba UBMD Psychiatry 462 Grider Street, 11th Floor, Buffalo, NY 14215-3098 for the purpose of conducting psychological evaluations on new hire Probation Officers and sworn Officers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given and hereby waives the procedures, as impractical, provided for in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code for purposes of securing the services of University Psychiatric Practice dba UBMD Psychiatry to be retained to provide psychological evaluation services associated with the hiring of new Probation Officers and sworn Officers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding exist within the 2025 Operating Budgets for Department of Probation (Fund 110, Funds Center 12610) and Sheriff's Office (Fund 110, Funds Centers 11510 & 11610) Account 516020 – Professional Services, Contracts & Fees to cover the costs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, Sheriff's Office, Department of Law, Department of Personnel, Department of Probation, Division of Purchasing and Division of Budget & Management. (6-0)

#### 5. COMM. 10E-36 (2025) DISTRICT ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the Erie County District Attorney, Sheriff's Office and Probation Departments are committed to providing the resources necessary to assist survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services has awarded County agencies funds through the Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) initiative for the period of April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026:

- Erie County District Attorney's Office's \$954,964, which includes \$100,000 awarded to ECMC BRAVE Trauma Recovery Center
- Erie County Sheriff's Office \$168,974
- Erie County Probation Department \$423,238; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required by the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into grant contracts and accept grant funding; and

WHEREAS, no county contribution is required to accept this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept funding through the Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence Initiative (STRIVE); and be it further

RESOLVED, authorization is provided to create the following positions in the District Attorney's Office in fund 281, fund center 11400:

- Two positions of Assistant District Attorney V (JG 16)
- One position of Victim Witness Case Manager (JG 9)
- One position of Victim Advocate (JG 7)
- One position of Discovery Analyst (JG 13)
- One position of Assistant Project Coordinator Victim/Witness Program (JG 9); and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to establish the District Attorney's STRIVE Grant as follows:

Erie County District Attorney's Office

Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence Initiative (STRIVE)

April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

Fund: 281, Cost Center: 1140050, Grant: 114STRIVE2526

REVENUE 409000 – State Aid Revenues TOTAL	\$954,964 \$954,964
APPROPRIATIONS	
500000 – Full Time Salaries	\$470,525
502000 – Fringe Benefits	235,261
516010 – Contracts Non-Profit Services	100,000
510100 – Out of Area Travel	3,000
510200 – Employee Training	8,000
561410 – Lab & Technical Equipment	138,178
TOTAL	\$954,964

#### and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a sub-contract with ECMCC's BRAVE Trauma Recovery Center as per state authorized funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County District Attorney's Office is authorized to purchase CELLEBRITE equipment/software, a forensic tool used by law enforcement to analyze data from various digital sources; and be it further

RESOLVED, authorization is provided to create one position of Detective Deputy in the Sheriff's Office in fund 281, fund center 11510; and be it further

DEVENITE

RESOLVED, the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to establish the Sheriff's Office STRIVE grant as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence Initiative (STRIVE) April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 Fund 281, Funds Center 11510, 115STRIVE2526

REVENUE	
409000 – State Aid Revenues	\$168,974
TOTAL	\$168,974
APPROPRIATIONS	
500000 – Full Time Salaries	\$98,663
501000 – Overtime	\$20,000
500300 – Shift Differential	\$1,400
500320 – Uniform Allowance	\$1,500
500330 – Holiday Worked	\$1,250
500340 – Lineup Pay	\$4,500
500350 – Other Employee Payments	\$5,600
502000 – Fringe Benefits	\$35,081
510100 – Out of Area Travel	\$980
TOTAL	\$168,974

and be it further

RESOLVED, authorization is provided to create the following positions within the Department of Probation in fund 281, fund center 12610:

• One position of Probation Officer (JG 11)

501000 - Overtime

• One position of Assistant Crime Analyst (JG 12); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the Division of Budget and Management to establish the grant as follows:

# Erie County Probation Department Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence Initiative (STRIVE) April 1, 2025– March 31, 2026 Fund 281, Cost Center: 1261020, Grant: 126STRIVE2526

\$31,838

REVENUE 409000 – State Aid Revenue 479000 – County Share Contribution TOTAL	\$423,238 \$8,270 \$431,508
APPROPRIATIONS 500000 – Full Time Salaries	\$178 783

502000 – Fringe Benefits	\$95,901
506200 – Maintenance & Repair	\$4,000
510000 – Mileage	\$1,760
510100 – Out of area Travel	\$5,186
510200 – Training and Education	\$5,000
516030 – Maintenance Contracts	\$109,040
TOTAL	\$431,508

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is authorized to adjust grant appropriations and revenues in accordance with the final grant or funding levels or grant or authorized changes to award amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County District Attorney, Erie County Executive, Erie County Comptroller, Department of Personnel, Director of Budget and Management, Probation Department (c/o Jeff Lipman, Room 112, 1 Niagara Plaza), and Sheriff's Office.

(6-0)

#### 6. COMM. 10M-1 (2025) EC RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COALITION May 6, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to recommend Kelly Dumas to serve on the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board. Kelly has vast experience helping individuals and families as a Social Worker and as a Counselor. She also has been trained in Restorative Practices and is currently supporting a Restorative Diversion program the Erie County Restorative Practices is offering to court involved youth. I believe she would be an excellent candidate to serve on your advisory board.

Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition's LORE program (Leading with Our Resilience Everyday) is an 8 week program that helps individuals become more resilient. Over eight weeks, the LORE program covers discovering one's core-self, risky behavior, understanding triggers and de-escalation, understanding healthy relationships, grief and loss, navigating shame, taking accountability for harmful behavior, and forgiveness. In 2025, we will serve 75 people in the program. Kelly is providing 1:1 counseling services to people as part of the LORE Program. She has also provided additional support in our classes.

Within the criminal justice system, we have numerous opportunities to help those incarcerated and those who work within the system. Kelly's experience as a community member and as a Clinical Social Worker will bring a healing focus lens to conversations around program development and program assessment. Her understanding of Restorative

Practices along with her professional experience will make her a formidable member of the Erie County Corrections Specialist Advisory Board.

Sincerely,
Andrew Prinzing
Director of Training
Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition 567 Hertel Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14214

(6-0)

#### JOHN J. GILMOUR CHAIR

Item 11 - MS. ST. JEAN TARD presented the following report and moved to separate Item No. 2 and approve the balance. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MS. ST. JEAN TARD moved to approve Item No. 2 from the report. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CHAIR MEYERS directed that a roll call vote be taken.

AYES: MR. BARGNESI, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, MR. KOOSHOIAN, CHAIR MEYERS, MS. ST. JEAN TARD and MS. VINAL. NOES: MR. GREENE, MS. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, and MR. TODARO. (AYES: 7; NOES: 4)

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. 87** 

May 29, 2025	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
	COMMITTEE
	REPORT NO. 8

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR VINAL. CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

- 1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
- a. COMM. 10E-2 (2025)
  COUNTY CLERK "COMM. 6E-9 Requested Supplemental Material"
  (Chair's Ruling)
- INTRO 10-1 (2025)
   ST. JEAN TARD
   WHEREAS, the Bailey Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project is a transformative transportation

initiative designed to deliver efficient, reliable, and necessary transit service along one of Buffalo's most heavily used corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Bailey Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project is in urgent need of this investment to strengthen and support Buffalo's East Side, as the corridor runs south to north and will provide East Side residents with improved access to higher-paying industrial jobs, higher education institutions, and healthcare services, as many of which are located outside the immediate area; and

WHEREAS, Senator Charles Schumer and Congressman Timothy Kennedy have been consistent champions of federal investment in regional infrastructure, and I have joined in this effort by allocating \$500,000 in County Urban Infrastructure Funds to support a complementary project aligned with the Bailey Avenue BRT initiative; and

WHEREAS, a provision in the transportation section of the Trump Administration's proposed tax legislation would claw back previously awarded grants from the Neighborhood Access and Equity Program, jeopardizing the funding for Buffalo's Bailey Avenue transformation project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature strongly supports the full allocation of the \$103 million in federal funding for the Bailey Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature urges the Federal Transit Administration and all relevant agencies to expedite the release of these funds to advance both the planning and implementation phases of the project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature calls on all members of the Western New York Congressional delegation to oppose the Trump Administration's tax legislation and any provisions that threaten to rescind funding for the Bailey Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature condemns any support for the Trump Administration's Tax Bill as doing so would further economically disenfranchise Buffalo's East Side and erode trust within the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall send copies to Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Representative Timothy Kennedy, Representative Nick Langworthy, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) to affirm our full support for this critical infrastructure investment. (3-2)

#### 3. COMM. 10E-3 (2025)

**COUNTY CLERK** 

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office has long recognized the invaluable sacrifice of the men and women of the anned forces of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office offers services in gratitude of local veterans including the Clerk's "S.A.L.U.T.E.S." Program; "Thank A Vet" Discount Program; the Gold Star

Families Discount Programs; and recording in the William J. Donovan Purple Heart Recipients Book of Merit; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office proudly collaborates with multiple veterans organizations throughout Western New York, including the Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park created a "Wall of Honor" in 2011 to allow Western New Yorkers the opportunity to pay tribute and remembrance to those veterans they hold dear; and

WHEREAS, those on the Wall of Honor need not be military heroes- although some certainly qualify- they simply need to have answered the call when our country needed them and served honorably; and

WHEREAS, the Wall of Honor was originally displayed on the second floor of the Naval Park's Museum Building, before being moved to the Naval Park's Hangar Building in 2015 due to its massive popularity; and

WHEREAS, over the years, dozens of ceremonies have been held honoring the names and legacies that the Wall of Honor holds; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Naval Park made plans to renovate the Hangar Building with construction slated to begin in the spring of 2019, requiring a new home for the Wall of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns generously offered a temporary home for the Wall of Honor in the lobby of Old County Hall during the construction period; and

WHEREAS, an agreement was signed in January 2019 between the Erie County Clerk's Office, the Erie County Department of Public Works, and the Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park for the free, temporary loan of the Wall .of Honor for display in the lobby of Old County Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park is exploring new ways of honoring veterans and has graciously offered to donate the Wall of Honor to the Erie County Clerk's Office permanently; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office is deeply honored and privileged to have the opportunity to make the Wall of Honor a permanent fixture in Old County Hall, where it has proudly been displayed since 2019, and to continue to honor the men and women that have served and sacrificed for our country; and

WHEREAS, there are no new fiscal considerations at issue as the Wall of Honor is being donated, and it is already on display in Old County Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Clerk's Office is hereby authorized to accept the donation of

the Wall of Honor for continued public viewing in Old County Hall; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Clerk's Office is hereby authorized to continue to work with the Erie County Department of Public Works as necessary to preserve the Wall of Honor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Erie County Executive; the Erie County Department of Public Works; and the Erie County Clerk. (5-0)

#### 4. COMM. 10E-20 (2025)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE** 

WHEREAS, it is critical that the Department of Public Works accomplish as many highway rehabilitation projects as possible and commence projects as soon as possible, including taking advantage of the short construction season and the availability of lower pricing by contractors by early bidding; and

WHEREAS, due to the condition of County facilities, every effort must be made to expedite this work, which includes seeking pre-approval from the Erie County Legislature to award highway, bridge and culvert construction, construction engineering services, design, and testing contracts and to appropriate funds for 2025 highway road program and related work; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie desires to advance the Construction phase of Federal Aid Projects by making a commitment for the Federal and non-Federal share of the costs of the project and execute New York State and local fed aid agreements to obtain Federal and State reimbursement funds.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby pre-authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter in to contracts for 2025 Highway Division construction, construction engineering services, design, and testing contracts as designated by the Commissioner of Public Works for projects listed in Exhibit A and any other necessary projects added to the 2025 road list by the Commissioner of Public Works; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pre-approval is contingent upon the advertisement and award of all 2025 highway construction projects pursuant to applicable Local and New York State public bidding laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Works shall determine the lowest responsible construction bidders and submit recommendations to the County Executive; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into Agreements with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for the Federal Aid projects in Exhibit A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Erie to pay in the first instance 100% of Federal and non-Federal shares of the cost of construction and construction

inspection phases of the Projects or portions thereof with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for federal-aid and or state-aid reimbursement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Erie is hereby authorized to accept any Federal, New York State Marchiselli or other revenue that is available and to increase the budgets in the capital projects in Fund 420, Funds Center 123 accordingly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the pre-approved contract authorization shall apply to the 2025 highway project contracts, as designated by the Commissioner of Public Works and noted on the attached Exhibit A document, and shall not exceed an aggregate total of \$61,196,187 from the following fund sources:

2019, 2022, 2023, and 2024 Bond Proceeds, Federal Aid, and Pay-As-You-Go	\$ 27,446,187
2025 Pay-As-You-Go and Consolidated bond	\$ 33,750,000
Total Funding	\$ 61,196,187

and be it further

RESOLVED, the authorization is hereby given for the expenditures of the funding provided for the above pre-approved projects be extended into 2026 if construction work is unable to be completed in 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Director of Budget and Management to make any necessary adjustments to the revenues and expenses to the projects included in Exhibit A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office is directed to effectuate the release of funds for road projects based on requests from the Department of Public Works from the above-noted funding sources or related sources of funds made available in 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that periodic informational reports shall be filed with the Legislature by the Department of Public Works indicating awarded 2025 highway project contracts and contractors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner, and Division of Budget and Management.

(5-0)

#### 5. COMM. 10E-21 (2025)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE** 

WHEREAS, the Erie County Parks system contains nearly 10,000 acres of land on 38 sites throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Parks system includes a variety of types of parks including heritage parks, beaches, recreational trails, urban, and forestry sites; and

WHEREAS, within the Parks system there are numerous different signs which lack a cohesive Erie County Park identity, are difficult to re-create, not context sensitive and outdated; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Erie County Parks Master Plan recommended the County develop a signage and wayfinding manual to guide the future development of signage in a consistent and comprehensive manner; and

WHEREAS, in the approved 2019, 2023 and 2024 Erie County Capital Budgets, funding for the construction of Park Signage was allocated for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Erie County wishes to procure construction services for Phase 2 of the County Parks Exterior Signage Capital Project; and

WHEREAS, Erie County wishes to accept a Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee (BECGFSC) grant in the amount of \$165,000 to offset the cost of design, construction engineering, construction inspection, construction; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Erie County Administrative Code a construction bidding process was undertaken for Phase 2 Erie County Parks Signage and Wayfinding construction project; and

WHEREAS, McLaughlin Construction Corp DBA Edbauer Construction was the lowest responsible bidder in the total amount of \$488,597.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to acceptance \$165,000 in grant funding from the Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Standing Committee and/or Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo, Inc., into the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry account (Fund 410, Funds Center 164) Capital Project A.19023 – Exterior Park Signage Project as follows:

Project A.19023 2019 Exterior Park Signage Fund 410, Funds Center 164

REVENUES	BUDGET	CHANGE	REVISED
		BUDGET	
420499 Other Local Source Revenue	\$0	\$165,000	\$165,000
475000 General Obligation Bond	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
486000 Interfund Revenue Subsidy	\$264,000	\$0	\$264,000
	\$664,000	\$165,000	\$829,000
APPROPRIATIONS			
Capital Project Expense	\$664,000	\$165,000	\$829,000
TOTAL	\$664,000	\$165,000	\$829,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorized is hereby given to the County Executive to execute contracts for construction and construction administration with the responsible low bidder, McLaughlin Construction Corp DBA Edbauer Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$488,597; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive to execute change orders as necessary for design, construction engineering, construction inspection, and construction with McLaughlin Construction Corp DBA Edbauer Construction or Wendel Companies in a total amount not to exceed \$48,859; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding in the total amount of \$537,456 is available for the Project from the following Parks capital projects in:

#### Fund 410, Fund Center 164

TOTAL	\$537,456
A.24005 - 2024 Countywide Park Improvements	\$35,245
A.23059 - 2023 Exterior Signage Project	\$300,000
A.19023 - 2019 Exterior Park Signage Project	\$202,211

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute all agreements necessary to implement this project related to the installation of signs in public right of ways owned or operated by Federal, State, or municipal governments and utilities; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office; the Comptroller's Office; Division of Budget and Management; Department of Law; Department of Environment and Planning, Department of Public Works and Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry.

(5-0)

#### 6. COMM. 10E-22 (2025)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE** 

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry maintains over 10,000 acres of park and forest land; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks was awarded \$44,454. grant from the Western New York Land Conservancy, Inc; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to survey and treat Erie County Parks – Chestnut Ridge, Emery and Franklin Gulf from the invasive and highly destructive hemlock woolly pest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$44,454 from the Western New York Land Conservancy, Inc. and amend the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry's 2025 Operating Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 16410) as follows:

#### Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Fund 110, Funds Center 16410

REVENUES	CHANGE
4141010 Federal Aid - Other	\$44,454
TOTAL	\$44,454
APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGE
516020 Professional Services, Contracts & Fees	\$44,454
TOTAL	\$44,454

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Department of Law, Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry and Division of Budget and Management. (5-0)

#### TAISHA ST. JEAN TARD CHAIR

Item 12 – MR. DUPRE presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION NO. 88** 

May 29, 2025	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
	COMMITTEE
	REPORT NO. 6

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR VINAL. CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:

- a. COMM. 10D-1 (2025) ECDSS COMMISSIONER "COMM. 12E-24 Compliance Report" (Chair's Ruling)
- COMM. 10E-12 (2025)
   COUNTY EXECUTIVE
   WHEREAS, Erie County continues its response to the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, Erie County's Office of Harm Reduction, with UB's PCRI, was awarded \$1,600,000; and

WHEREAS, these funds will help 450 at risk individuals and their families navigate the justice system, and increase their connection to treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, the program will include law enforcement, pretrial and probation agencies, prosecutor-led programs, legal defense agencies, child welfare agencies, courts, and jails to support community reentry to assist these individuals; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used for marketing and targeted outreach approach with extensive data collection with goals of improving food systems, support future initiatives, and assist the expansion of food markets into underserved areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to accept \$1,600,0000 from U.S. Department of Justice for the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSUP) to be made available as a multi-year grant to the Department of Health (Fund 281, Funds Center 1271215) as follows:

#### Department of Health Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant, Substance Use Site Based Program 127COSSUP2427 10/1/2024-9/30/2027

REVENUES	CHANGE
414000 Federal Aid	\$1,600,000
TOTAL	\$1,600,000

APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGE
516020 Professional Services, Contracts & Fees	\$1,600,000
TOTAL	\$1,600,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with University at Buffalo's Primary Care Research Institute

(PCRI), waiving the procedures in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to adjust grant appropriations and revenues including those required to comply with the grantor funding changes provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels or county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to amend contracts as necessary to implement any no-cost extension that may be permitted by the grantor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to implement any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Health, and Division of Budget and Management. (5-0)

#### 3. COMM. 10E-14 (2025)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE** 

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services has been awarded an amount of \$3,874,658 in 100% State Aid funds to provide Outreach and Application Assistance for the New York State Rental Supplement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) on February 14, 2022 to qualified agencies interested in providing Outreach and Application Assistance Services to customers in Erie County applying for New York State Rental Supplement Program funding; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the RFP the Erie County Department of Social Services has identified Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers as the recipient of this funding to provide administrative services in the amount of \$569,575 and rental supplements in the amount of \$3,227,590 to the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services requires legislative approval to accept the State funds and to amend the Adopted 2025 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this State Aid to serve individuals residing in Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$3,874,658 in State funds for the Outreach and Application

Assistance for the New York State Rental Supplement Program and amend the Department of Social Service's 2025 Operating Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 120) as follows:

#### Erie County Department of Social Services Fund 110, Fund Center 120

REVENUES	CHANGE
409010 State Aid - Other	\$3,874,658
TOTAL	\$3,874,658

APPROPRIATIONS CHANGE 502000 Fringe Benefits \$77,493 516010 Contract Payments Nonprofit Purchasing Services \$3,797,165 TOTAL \$3,874,658

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to establish a contract with Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers in the amount of \$3,797,165 to provide administrative services in the amount of \$569,575 and rental supplements in the amount of \$3,227,590 to residents of Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Social Services, and Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0)

#### 4. COMM. 10E-15 (2025) COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services was awarded \$12,250,000 in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding to support child poverty reduction; and

WHEREAS, the funds awarded are to provide locally driven anti-poverty initiatives aimed at assisting children and families while reducing what are some of the highest child poverty rates nationwide; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal (RFP) #2025-005VF was issued seeking proposals from qualified agencies interested in collaborating with Erie County Department of Social Services with the capacity and experience in providing workforce development services; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services assembled a Proposal Selection Committee, which has conducted a review and selection process for the proposals that have been received; and

WHEREAS, considering the scope of specified services, and the results from the tallied matrices, it was the unanimous recommendations of the Committee members to award the contract to the Community Action Organization of WNY in an amount not to exceed \$11,750,000.

CHANGE

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

REVENUES

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$12,250,000 in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding to support child poverty reduction and amend the Department of Social Services 2025 Operating Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 120) be amended as follows:

#### Department of Social Services Fund 110, Funds Center 1206030

RE VENCES	CHANGE
414000 Federal Aid	\$12,250,000
TOTAL	\$12,250,000
APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGE
500000 Full Time - Salaries	\$75,226
502000 Fringe Benefits	37,613
504992 Salary Reserve	387,160
516345 Child Poverty Reduction Initiative	\$11,750,000
TOTAL	\$12,250,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to create two (2) new full-time Workforce Development Specialist positions, Job Group 10, CSEA within the Department of Social Services' 2025 Operating Budget (B100# 14991) as part of the Child Poverty Reduction Initiative, effective June 28, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or the Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with the Community Action Organization of WNY in an amount not to exceed \$11,750,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Director of Budget and Management to make any additional budget adjustments which may be required in order to match expenses with federal funding allocation adjustments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Department of Social Services, and Division of Budget and Management. (5-0)

#### 5. COMM. 10E-16 (2025) COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has made available reimbursable grants to municipalities through counties; and

WHEREAS, the NYS SWIMS Lifeguard Grant Program is intended to address a critical shortage of staff lifeguards available at public locations, including pools and beaches in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services will solicit applications from municipalities located in Erie County for funding up to \$400 per training and certification of lifeguards; and

WHEREAS, grant awards will be issued in a fair and equitable manner based on the number of applications that are received; and

WHEREAS, there is no additional local share necessary for this award, and there is no fiscal impact based on this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$124,800 in State Aid to provide reimbursable grants to municipalities located in Erie County and amend the Department of Social Service's 2025 Operating Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 120) as follows:

#### Department of Social Services Fund 110, Funds Center 120

REVENUES	$\mathbf{S}$	CHANGE
409000	State Aid Revenue	\$124,800
TOTAL		\$124,800
APPROPRIA	ATIONS	CHANGE
516020	Professional Services, Contracts & Fees	\$124,800
TOTAL		\$124,800

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or the Deputy County Executive to enter into agreements with municipalities located in Erie County that have public locations requiring lifeguards, including pools and beaches; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Social Services, and Division of Budget and Management. (5-0)

#### 6. COMM. 10E-17 (2025)

#### **COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) has recently awarded the Department of Senior Services \$148,184 of Seniors' Health Improvement and Education (SHINE) grant funds and requires no additional County funds as it is 100% grantor funded; and

WHEREAS, the SHINE grant funds are to be utilized to help address the nutritional needs, increase nutrition education, and promote healthy behaviors among the County's low-income older adult population; and

WHEREAS, the grant period runs from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to contract with NYSOFA to accept \$148,184 to be made available as a grant within the Department of Senior Services (Fund 281, Funds Center 1632010) for the period October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 as follows:

## Department of Senior Services Seniors' Health Improvement and Nutrition Education 163SHINE2425 10/1/24 – 9/30/25

BUDGET \$148,184
\$148,184
DUDGET
BUDGET
\$150
4,000
1,050
17,718
120,266
\$5,000
\$148,184

#### and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to adjust grant appropriations and revenues including those required to comply with the grantor funding changes provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels or county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to amend contracts as necessary to implement any no-cost extension that may be permitted by the grantor; and be it further

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

(5-0)

#### 7. COMM. 10E-18 (2025) COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services Going Places Transportation Program provides older adults, who have no other means of transportation, with rides to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and senior centers for congregate meals, along with performing the central dispatch function for vehicles operated by partner Erie County municipalities and subcontracted transportation service providers; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services applied in the Spring of 2024 to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities federal grant funding for the operation of the Going Places Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT recently awarded the Department of Senior Services \$253,987.20 of Federal Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility funds for the purchase of four replacement mini-buses for the Department's fleet; and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT will retain the \$253,987.20 awarded for the vehicles and use the monies to purchase the four mini-buses through a NY State Office of General Services purchasing contract; and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT requires upon contract execution, a check payable to the NYSDOT for \$69,846, which represents the required 20% local share of the vehicles plus a 10% contingency amount to cover possible price increases; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to contract with the NYSDOT to accept the Federal Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility funds for the purchase of the four mini-buses; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to acquire the four mini-buses and upon passage of this resolution to pay the NYSDOT the 20% local share plus the 10% contingency for possible cost changes by issuing a check for the required \$69,846; and be it further

RESOLVED, sufficient funding exists within the Department of Senior Services Grant Fund (Fund 281, Funds Center 1632010) 163CSE2526 Account 561440 - Motor Vehicle's to fund the \$69,846 local share of the vehicles; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Division of Budget and Management, and the Department Senior Services. (5-0)

#### 8. COMM. 10E-19 (2025) COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services operates the Going Places transportation program, with its contract agencies and municipal partners, to provide van rides for older adults in Erie County to medical appointments, congregate dining sites, grocery stores, and for necessary personal business and social activities. In 2024, the Going Places Transportation Program provided 42,387 rides to 1,620 residents; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services applied for and was awarded \$20,200 of funding by the New York State Department of Transportation's (NYSDOT) Rural Transportation Assistance Program to hold a network-wide training for Going Places transportation program drivers and staff, addressing defensive driving, Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, and proper techniques for transporting clients who use wheelchairs; and

WHEREAS, a Department of Senior Services RFP process selected Beacon Mobility Intermediate, Corp. dba TransAction Associates, Inc., a regional Rural Transit Assistance Program administrator in Massachusetts, and an expert in the field to conduct the training at a cost of \$18,200 and provide other costs associated with this training including catered food and beverages; and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are required for this training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$20,200 in funding from NYSDOT to be budgeted within the Erie County Department of Senior Services 2025 Operating Budget (Fund 110 Funds Center 1632020) for Going Places training as follows:

#### Department of Senior Services Transportation Unit Fund 110, Funds Center 1632020

REVENUES	CHANGE
414000 Federal Aid	\$20,200
TOTAL	\$20,200

APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGE
516020 Professional Services, Contracts & Fees	\$20,200
TOTAL	\$20,200

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County executive to contract with Beacon Mobility Intermediate, Corp. dba TransAction Associates, Inc. to provide the Going Places training during the period of June 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$18,200; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to adjust appropriations and revenues including those required to comply with the grantor funding changes provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels or county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

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

(5-0)

#### LAWRENCE J. DUPRE CHAIR

Item 13 – MR. BARGNESI presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION NO. 89** 

May 29, 2025	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT
	COMMITTEE
	REPORT NO. 8

#### ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

- 1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
- a. COMM 10E-28 (2025)
  COUNTY EXECUTIVE "ECSD No. 3 Southtowns Incinerators Heat Exchanger Replacement Project"
  (Chair's Ruling)
- b. COMM 10E-29 (2025)
  COUNTY EXECUTIVE "ECSD No. 3 Engineering Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: DD-4)"
  (Chair's Ruling)
- 2. COMM. 8E-3 (2025)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE - AS AMENDED** 

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has received the following lowest responsible bid for Contract No. 85 at 10:00 a.m. on May 14, 2025:

<u>Contract</u> <u>Lowest Responsible Bidder</u> <u>Amount</u>

Contract 85 Kandey Company, Inc. \$4,141,414.00

19 Ransier Drive

West Seneca, NY 14224

and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 16E-20 (2023), Contract No. 74C was previously awarded to the same Lowest Responsible Bidder, Kandey Company, Inc. for the Southtowns Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility Phase 1 Expansion project in Erie County Sewer District No. 3; and

WHEREAS, Contract No. 74C is presently under construction; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney's office has determined that it would be acceptable to incorporate the scope of work for Contract No. 85 as Change Order No. 2 for Contract No. 74C; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning recommends proceeding with implementation of the Contract No. 85 scope of work as Change Order No. 2 for Contract No. 74C, in an amount not to exceed \$4,141,414.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to increase the total contract amount for Contract No. 74C between the County of Erie and Kandey Company, Inc. (19 Ransier Drive, West Seneca, NY 14224) for the Southtowns Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility Phase 1 Expansion Project, Erie County Sewer District No. 3, as follows:

Original Contract \$ 54,961,454.00

Change Order No. 1 \$0.00

Change Order No. 2 \$4,141,414.00 Revised Contract Amount \$59,102,868.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the Deputy Commissioner in the Division of Sewerage Management to execute Change Order No. 2 for Contract No. 74C; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the Director of Budget and Management and the County Comptroller to allocate Change Order No. 2 costs in Erie County Sewer District No. 3 Capital Bond Account No. C.23301 in Fund 430, Funds Center 183; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Director of the Division of Budget and Management to implement any budget adjustments necessary to facilitate this funding; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the County Executive, the Office of the County Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and the Division of Sewerage Management. (6-0)

#### 3. COMM. 10E-23 (2025) COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) has played a crucial role in addressing water quality issues throughout the region for decades and continues to lead and manage many initiatives, including the Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance, that protect and preserve our natural water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature previously authorized to accept past and future funding from the Monsanto Class Action Settlement for the purpose of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) monitoring and directing it to the DEP (COMM 14E-19 (2023)); and

WHEREAS, a second settlement amount of \$737,393 has been awarded to Erie County to perform a PCB monitoring and remediation project requiring the creation of a grant budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Eric County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$737,393 in funds from the Monsanto Class Action Settlement, and amend the Department of Law's Risk Retention 2025 Operating Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 16020) to make the settlement funds available as a multi-year grant to the Department of Environment and Planning in (Fund 281, Fund Center 16200) follows:

Department of Law – Risk Retention Fund 110, Funds Center 16020

<b>REVENUES</b>		CHANGE
415630	Legal Settlements	\$737,393
	TOTAL	\$737,393

APPROPR	IATIONS	CHANGE
559000	County Share - Grants	\$737,393
	TOTAL	\$737,393

Department of Environment and Planning Monsanto Class Action Settlement 162MONSANTO2530 April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2030

REVENUES		BUDGET
479000	County Share Contributions	\$737,393
	TOTAL	\$737,393

APPROPRI	ATIONS	<b>BUDGET</b>
500000	Full Time Salaries	\$189,957
502000	Fringe Benefits	94,869
505000	Office Supplies	1,000
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	1,500
516020	<b>Professional Service Contracts</b>	510,287
916290	ID Environment & Planning	(\$ 60,220)
	Grant Services	
	TOTAL	\$737,393

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to create one (1) full-time Environmental Compliance Specialist, Job Group 12, CSEA (B-100 #14981) retroactive to April 1, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to amend the Department of Environment & Planning's 162RNRLEWMP2025 grant budget (Fund 281, Funds Center 16200) as follows:

Department of Environment & Planning NYSDOS: Regional Niagara River Lake Erie Watershed Management 162RNRLEWMP2025 10/1/2020 – 9/30/2025

	CHANGE
Full Time - Salaries	\$(10,860)
Seasonal - Wages	(1,140)
Shift Differential	102
Other Employee Payments	11,006
Fringe Benefits	(52,034)
Office Supplies	(6,500)
Local Mileage Reimbursement	(794)
ID Environment & Planning	\$60,220
Grant Services	
TOTAL	\$0
	Full Time - Salaries Seasonal - Wages Shift Differential Other Employee Payments Fringe Benefits Office Supplies Local Mileage Reimbursement ID Environment & Planning Grant Services

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to implement any budget adjustments as required to comply with the grantor funding requirements provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels or county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to amend contracts as necessary to implement any no-cost extension that may be permitted by the grantor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Department of Law, and Department of Environment and Planning. (6-0)

4. COMM. 10E-31 (2025) COUNTY EXECUTIVE Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to the Erie County Charter Article 10, Section 1004.2, I, Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive, do hereby submit for your confirmation the following individuals to be appointed to the Erie County Environmental Management Council. Their terms shall expire May 31, 2027.

Jarrett Steffen 721 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203 At-Large Representative

Mallory Hohl, MPH 160 University Avenue Buffalo, NY 14214 At-Large Representative

Douglas Crow 1951 Davis Road West Falls, NY 14170 Municipal Representative

Mayor Kevin Peterson 85 Manitou Street Depew, NY 14043 *Municipal Representative* 

Matthew Bourke 80 George Street Hamburg, NY 14075 *Municipal Representative* 

Amy Stypa 5423
Broadway
Lancaster, NY 14086
Municipal Representative

Supervisor John M. Tobia

Nicole Morris-McLaughlin 368 Oakwood Avenue East Aurora, NY 14052 *At-large Representative* 

Erin Hanaburgh
713 Prospect Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14213
At-large Representative

Mitch Tucker, Ph.D. 7126 Parkside Dr. Hamburg, NY 14075 *Municipal Representative* 

Dr. Joseph Mecca 1260 Eden-Evans Center Road Angola, NY 14006 Municipal Representative

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Tonwanda, NY 14150	South Wales, NY 14139	West Seneca, NY14210
Municipal Representative	Municipal Representative	Municipal Representative

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments please feel free to contact my office at (716) 858-8500.

Sincerely yours, Mark Poloncarz, Esq. Erie County Executive (6-0)

#### JOHN A. BARGNESI CHAIR

Item 14 – MR. KOOSHOAIN presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION NO. 90** 

May 29, 2025	FINANCE & MANAGEMENT
	COMMITTEE
	REPORT NO. 5

## ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR VINAL CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

- 1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
- a. COMM. 9E-24 (2025) COMPTROLLER "Interim Financial Report – First Quarter 2025" (Chair's Ruling)
- COMM. 10E-1 (2025)
   COUNTY CLERK "Data Disclosure in External Audit of County Clerk's Office" (Chair's Ruling)
- COMM 10E-4 (2025)
   COUNTY CLERK "Letter Regarding Data Disclosure In External Audit of Erie County Clerk's Office"

(Chair's Ruling)

d. COMM 10E-6 (2025)

COUNTY CLERK "Letter Regarding Data Disclosure In External Audit of Erie County Clerk's Office" (Chair's Ruling)

e. COMM 10D-3 (2025)

DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT "March 2025 Budget Monitoring Report" (Chair's Ruling)

#### MICHAEL H. KOOSHOIAN CHAIR

#### **LEGISLATOR RESOLUTIONS**

Item 15 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. MS. ST JEAN TARD seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved to amend the resolution. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved to approve the resolution as amended. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 91

RE: Re-Allocation of Public Benefit Funds (INTRO. 11-1)

## A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE MAJORITY CAUCUS

WHEREAS, Central Park Home Owners Association was awarded \$10,000 in public benefit funding by the Erie County Legislature in the 2025 Erie County adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo was awarded \$95,500 public benefits funding in COMM.8E-11 (2025); and

WHEREAS, the University District Community Development Association Inc. was awarded \$98,500 in public benefit funding in COMM. 8E-11 (2025); and

WHEREAS, the Yemen Soccer Club was awarded \$40,000 in public benefit funding in COMM. 8E-11 (2025); and

WHEREAS, these organizations are not able to accept the funds, and the funding should be transferred to these alternative organizations; and

WHEREAS, it has since been determined these allocations need to be adjusted; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Honorable Body to transfer such funding to community organizations serving the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer \$10,000 of 2025 public benefit funding from Central Park Home Owners Association to North Buffalo Organization; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer \$30,000 of 2025 public benefit funding from the City of Buffalo to Grand Island Fire Co No 1 Inc; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer \$20,000 of 2025 public benefit funding from the University District Community Development Association to Hope of Buffalo Inc DBA Peace Prints of WNY; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer \$15,000 from the Yemen Soccer Club to ACCESS of WNY; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer \$6,000 of 2025 public benefit funding from the City of Buffalo to the Resource Council of WNY; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make any adjustments necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution or any other changes identified by the Office of the Erie County Comptroller; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Erie County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Director of Budget and Management, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

#### COMMUNICATIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE

Item 16 – MR. GILMOUR moved to discharge the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of further consideration of COMM. 10E-35 (2025). MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved to approve the item. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION NO. 92** 

RE: 2015 Bonds – Refunding Bond Resolution, As

Amended

## A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE COMPTROLLER

RESOLUTION NO. 92, 2025

REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 29, 2025

REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK (THE "COUNTY"), AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,250,000 OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK, **PURSUANT** TO THE LOCAL **FINANCE** LAW **PROVIDING** FOR OTHER MATTERS IN RELATION THERETO.

(Introduced) May 29, 2025

(Adopted) June 5, 2025

WHEREAS, the County of Erie, New York (the "County") heretofore issued its (1) Public Improvement Serial Bonds, 2015, Series 2015A, dated October 14, 2015, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$29,815,000, with \$8,610,000 of such bonds being scheduled to mature in the years 2026 through 2028 (the "2015A Bonds"); (2) Refunding Serial Bonds, Series 2015B, dated October 14, 2015, in the principal amount of \$24,615,000, with \$2,720,000 of such bonds being scheduled to mature in the years 2026 through 2029 (the "2015B Bonds"); and (3) Sewer District Serial Bonds, Series 2015C, dated October 14, 2015, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$2,185,000, with \$600,000 of such bonds being scheduled to mature in the years 2026 through 2038, inclusive (the "2015C Bonds" and, collectively with the 2015A Bonds and the 2015B Bonds, the "Refunded Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in order for the County to realize the potential for certain long-term debt service savings with respect to the Refunded Bonds, the Erie County Legislature (the "Legislature") has determined, after consultation with the County's Comptroller and Division of Budget and Management and the municipal advisory and bond counsel firms retained by the County, that it would be in the public interest for the County to refinance the Refunded Bonds by the issuance of refunding bonds of the County pursuant to Section 90.00 and/or 90.10 of the Local Finance Law (the "Refunding Law"); and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2025, the 2015A Bonds and 2015C Bonds (maturing on or after September 15, 2026) are, by their terms, either scheduled for payment or subject to the possibility of the call for redemption prior to their stated maturity dates, and the County has determined to conduct such a call for redemption, to achieve future debt service savings; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2025, the 2015B Bonds (maturing on or after June 1, 2026) are, by their terms, either scheduled for payment or subject to the possibility of the call for redemption prior to their stated maturity dates, and the County has determined to conduct such a call for redemption, to achieve future debt service savings; and

WHEREAS, the Refunded Bonds were issued pursuant to various bond resolutions, each of which were duly adopted by the Legislature, to pay the costs of (A) various public improvements, adopted on April 23, 2015, (B) refunding of certain 2005 bonds, adopted on July 30, 2015 and (C) certain sewer improvements, adopted on May 19, 2005, February 25, 2010, February 7, 2013 (amending a July 11, 2002 resolution), July 24, 2014 (amending a July 8, 2004 resolution) and May 28, 2015, as more fully set forth in each such respective bond resolution, the terms of which are incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the County has the power and authority to issue refunding bonds of the County for the purpose of refunding (and thereby refinancing) the Refunded Bonds at more favorable rates of interest, including provision for the payment of incidental costs of issuance in connection therewith, pursuant to the provisions of the Refunding Law; and

WHEREAS, the County has received a draft summary refunding financial plan, dated as of April 29, 2025 (the "Refunding Financial Plan") from Jefferies LLC (the "Underwriter") in connection with the proposed refunding of the Refunded Bonds, and such Refunding Financial Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed and considered the Refunding Financial Plan in consultation with the County's Comptroller and Division of Budget and Management, and the municipal advisory and bond counsel firms retained by the County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds by issuing certain refunding bonds and selling such bonds pursuant to a private sale to the Underwriter in accordance with the Refunding Financial Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Refunding Law requires that the County adopt a refunding bond resolution which includes a refunding financial plan setting forth all of the pertinent details in connection with the proposed refunding transaction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Legislature) as follows:

SECTION 1. Based on the recommendation of Masterson Advisors LLC ("Masterson"), the municipal advisor retained by the County, the Legislature hereby determines to undertake a current refunding of the Refunded Bonds, through the issuance of refunding bonds of the County, such refunding bonds to be offered and sold at private sale to the Underwriter under arrangements that are to be in general accord with the Refunding Financial Plan (with the question regarding the presence or absence of a call feature to be determined by the Comptroller, working in consultation with Masterson).

For the object or purpose of refunding the Refunded Bonds (scheduled to mature in the years 2026 through and including 2028 for Series 2015A and Series 2015C and mature in the years 2026 through and including 2029 for Series 2015B), including providing moneys which, together with the interest earned from the investment of certain of the proceeds of the refunding bonds herein authorized, shall be sufficient to pay (A) the applicable outstanding principal amount of the Refunded Bonds, (B) such aggregate amount of unmatured interest payable on such Refunded Bonds to and including the date(s) on which such Refunded Bonds mature or are to be redeemed in accordance with the Refunding Financial Plan, (C) redemption premiums, if any, payable on such Refunded Bonds as of such redemption date(s), (D) the costs and expenses incidental to the issuance of the refunding bonds herein authorized, including, but not limited to, the development of the Refunding Financial Plan, the fees and costs of the municipal advisor to the County, the fees and costs of the bond counsel to the County, the costs and expenses of executing and performing the terms and conditions of the escrow contract, as hereinafter defined, and the fees and charges of the escrow holder, as hereinafter defined, and (E) the premium or premiums for the policy or policies of municipal bond insurance or other form of credit enhancement facility or facilities for the refunding bonds herein authorized, or any portion thereof, there are hereby authorized to be issued the Refunding Serial Bonds, Series 2025B of the County in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,250,000 (the "Refunding Bonds") pursuant to the provisions of the Refunding Law, it being anticipated that the principal amount of the Refunding Bonds actually to be issued will be approximately \$11,715,000, all as described in the Refunding Financial Plan and in Section 6 hereof. The Refunding Bonds shall be dated such date as shall hereafter be determined by the County Comptroller pursuant to Section 6 hereof, shall be of the denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof not exceeding the principal amount of each respective maturity (unless a bond of an odd denomination is required), shall mature annually and shall bear interest semi-annually thereafter on such dates as shall be determined by the County Comptroller pursuant to Section 6 hereof, at the rate or rates of interest per annum as may be necessary to sell the same, all as shall be determined by the County Comptroller.

SECTION 3. The County Comptroller is hereby delegated all of the powers of this Legislature with respect to agreements for credit enhancement, derived from and pursuant to Section 168.00 of the Local Finance Law, for the Refunding Bonds including, but not limited to, the determination of the provider of such credit enhancement facility or facilities and the terms and contents of any agreement or agreements related thereto.

SECTION 4. The Refunding Bonds shall be executed in the name of the County by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Comptroller and the County's corporate seal (or a facsimile thereof) shall be imprinted thereon. The Refunding Bonds shall contain the recital(s) required by the Refunding Law and the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals as the County Comptroller shall determine.

#### SECTION 5. It is hereby determined that:

(A) The maximum amount of the Refunding Bonds authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution does not exceed the limitation imposed by the Local Finance Law; and

- (B) The maximum period of probable usefulness permitted by law at the time of the issuance of the Refunded Bonds for each of the objects or purposes for which the Refunded Bonds were issued is as shown in Exhibit B; and
- (C) The last installment of the Refunding Bonds will mature not later than the expiration of the maximum period of probable usefulness of each of the objects or purposes for which the Refunded Bonds were issued, or in the alternative, the weighted average remaining period of probable usefulness of the objects or purposes (or classes of objects or purposes) financed with the Refunded Bonds or the weighted average remaining period of probable usefulness of all objects or purposes (or classes of objects or purposes) financed with the Refunded Bonds, in accordance with the provisions of the Refunding Law; and
- (D) The estimated present value of the total debt service savings anticipated as a result of the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, computed in accordance with the provisions of the Refunding Law, is as shown in the Refunding Financial Plan described in Section 6 hereof.

SECTION 6. The Refunding Financial Plan showing the sources and amounts of all moneys required to accomplish such refunding, the estimated present value of the total debt service savings and the basis for the computation of the aforesaid estimated present value of total debt service savings, is set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and hereby made a part of this resolution. The Refunding Financial Plan has been prepared based upon the assumption that the Refunding Bonds will be issued in the principal amount of \$11,715,000 and that the Refunding Bonds will mature, be of such terms, and bear interest as set forth in Exhibit A. This Legislature recognizes that the amount and/or structure of the Refunding Bonds, and the maturities, terms, and interest rate or rates borne by the Refunding Bonds to be issued by the County will most probably be different from such assumptions and that the final details of the sale will also most probably be different from that attached hereto as Exhibit A. The County Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to determine the amount and particular maturities of the Refunded Bonds to be refunded, the details as to the redemption of the Refunded Bonds, including the date and amount of such redemption or redemptions and authorizing and directing the escrow holder, as hereinafter defined, to cause notice of such redemption, the amount and particular maturities of the Refunding Bonds to be issued, the date of such bonds and the date of issue, maturities and terms thereof, the provisions relating to any redemption of the Refunding Bonds prior to maturity (including the presence or absence of an early call feature, as referred to above), whether the Refunding Bonds will be insured by a policy or policies of municipal bond insurance or otherwise enhanced by a credit enhancement facility or facilities, the escrow arrangements (if any) to be entered into with respect to the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds, the terms of the private sale of the Refunding Bonds to the Underwriter, the amount of the annual installments of the Refunding Bonds to be paid pursuant to the Refunding Law, whether the Refunding Bonds shall be sold at a discount in the manner authorized by Section 57.00(e) of the Local Finance Law, and the rate or rates of interest to be borne thereby, and to prepare, or cause to be prepared a final Refunding Financial Plan for the Refunding Bonds, and all powers in connection therewith are hereby delegated to the County Comptroller; provided, that the terms of the Refunding Bonds to be issued, including the rate or rates of interest borne thereby, shall comply with the requirements of the Refunding Law.

SECTION 7. The County Comptroller shall file a copy of his certificate determining the details of the Refunding Bonds and the final Refunding Financial Plan with the Clerk of the Legislature not later than ten (10) days after the delivery of the Refunding Bonds, as herein provided.

SECTION 8. The County Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an escrow contract (the "Escrow Contract") with a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in this State as he shall designate (the "Escrow Holder") for the purpose of having the Escrow Holder act, in connection with the Refunded Bonds, as the escrow holder to perform the services described in the Refunding Law.

SECTION 9. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such Refunding Bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the County a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such Refunding Bonds as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 10. All of the proceeds from the sale of the Refunding Bonds, including the premium, if any, but excluding accrued interest thereon, shall immediately upon receipt thereof be placed in escrow with the Escrow Holder. Accrued interest, if any, on the Refunding Bonds shall be paid to the County to be expended to pay interest on the Refunding Bonds on the next bond payment date of such Refunding Bonds. Such proceeds as are deposited in the escrow deposit fund to be created and established pursuant to the Escrow Contract, whether in the form of cash or investments, or both, inclusive of any interest earned from the investment thereof, shall be irrevocably committed and pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds in accordance with the Refunding Law, and the holders, from time to time, of the Refunded Bonds shall have a lien upon such moneys held by the Escrow Holder. Such pledge and lien shall become valid and binding upon the issuance of the Refunding Bonds and the moneys and investments held by the Escrow Holder for the Refunded Bonds in the escrow deposit fund shall immediately be subject thereto without any further act. Such pledge and lien shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the County irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof.

SECTION 11. In accordance with the provisions of Section 53.00 of the Local Finance Law, subject to the determination by the County Comptroller regarding the redemption of the Refunded Bonds described in Section 6 above, the County hereby elects to redeem the Refunded Bonds with the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds prior to their stated maturity dates on the date or dates provided in the Refunding Financial Plan. The sums to be paid therefor on such redemption date or dates shall be the par value thereof plus the redemption premium, if any, and the accrued interest to such redemption date or dates. The Escrow Holder is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such call for redemption to be given in the name of the County in the manner and within the times provided in the Refunding Financial Plan. Upon the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, the election to call in and redeem the Refunded Bonds and the direction to cause notice thereof to be given as provided in this section shall become irrevocable, provided that this section may be amended from time to time as may be necessary in order to comply with the publication requirements of Section 53.00(a) of the Local Finance Law, or any successor law thereto.

SECTION 12. The County Comptroller is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the Refunding Bonds as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and, if applicable, to designate the Refunding Bonds authorized by this resolution as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" in accordance with Section 265 of the Code.

SECTION 13. The County Comptroller is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure agreement with the initial purchaser of the Refunding Bonds authorized by this resolution, if required, containing provisions which are satisfactory to such purchaser in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 14. The County hereby determines that the issuance of the Refunding Bonds is a Type II action that will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, no other determination or procedures under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") is required.

SECTION 15. Subject to compliance with the provisions of the Refunding Law, the Refunding Bonds shall be sold at private sale to the Underwriter and the County Comptroller is hereby authorized to negotiate for such private sale. The County Comptroller is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a bond purchase agreement with the Underwriter for the Refunding Bonds in the name and on behalf of the County providing the terms and conditions for the sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds to the Underwriter. After the Refunding Bonds have been duly executed, they shall be delivered by the County Comptroller in accordance with such bond purchase agreement upon the receipt by the County of such purchase price, including any premium or accrued interest.

SECTION 16. The County Comptroller, the County Attorney, the County Clerk, and the Clerk of the Legislature and all other officers, employees and agents of the County are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the County to execute and deliver all certificates and other documents, perform all acts and do all things required or contemplated to be executed, performed or done by this resolution or any document or agreement approved hereby, including, but not limited to, the bond purchase agreement.

SECTION 17. All other matters pertaining to the terms and manner and details of issuance of the Refunding Bonds shall be determined by the County Comptroller and all powers in connection therewith are hereby delegated to the County Comptroller.

SECTION 18. In the event of the absence or unavailability of the County Comptroller, the Deputy Comptroller is hereby specifically authorized to exercise the powers delegated to the County Comptroller in this resolution.

SECTION 19. The Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of such Local Finance Law, in the official newspaper(s) of the County for such publications.

SECTION 20. The validity of the Refunding Bonds may be thereafter contested only if:

- (1) (a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which such County is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within 20 days after the date of such publication; or

- (2) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.
  - SECTION 21. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

#### **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

There were none.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### FROM THE COUNTY CLERK

Item 17 – (COMM. 11E-1) Submission Pursuant to EC Code of Ethics (Local Law #2, 2018)

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

#### FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 18 – (COMM. 11E-2) Response Regarding Request for Audit on PPE Stockpile Management

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Item 19 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be received, filed and printed.

GRANTED.

COMM. 11E-3 from LEGISLATOR GREENE. Letter of Absence for Session No. 10

May 22, 2025

Olivia Owens Clerk of the Erie County Legislature 92 Franklin St – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Absence from Session 10

Dear Clerk Owens,

This is notice that I was unable to attend Session #10 scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> due to illness.

Please enter the aforementioned in the Legislature's official record. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Greene District 6 Erie County Legislature

#### FROM LEGISLATOR LORIGO

Item 20 – (COMM. 11E-4) Request for Committee Discussion - LL Intro. 1-1

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

#### FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 21 – (COMM. 11E-5) 2025 County Clerk Expenses for Mortgage Tax

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

#### FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 22 – (COMM. 11E-6) SUNY Erie Community College 2025-2026 Budget

Item 23 – (COMM. 11E-7) Foreclosure Pursuant to the In Rem Provisions of the EC Tax Act, In Rem Action No. 173

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

#### FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 24 – (COMM. 11E-8) Rehabilitation of William St. - NYSDOT Agreement & Contract for Engineering Design Services

Item 25 – (COMM. 11E-9) B&ECPL - Various Capital Projects Term Agreement

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

#### FROM CHAIR MEYERS

Item 26 – (COMM. 11E-10) Chair's Recommended Appointment to the ECCSAB

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

#### FROM LEGISLATOR GILMOUR

Item 27 – (COMM. 11E-11) Majority Leader's Recommended Appointment to the ECCSAB

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS**

There were none.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES

#### FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER SEMPOLINSKI

Item 28 – (COMM. 11M-1) Response Regarding Intro. 6-1 (2025)

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

#### FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER MOLITOR

Item 29 – (COMM. 11M-2) Acknowledgment of Receiving Intro. 6-1 (2025)

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

#### FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF NYS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & MARKETS

Item 30 – (COMM. 11M-3) Approval of Districting for Ag. District No. 15

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Item 31 – Chair Meyers announced that the Legislature will conduct committee meetings on Thursday, June 12, 2025, and the schedule will be distributed. Chair Meyers further announced that the next session of the Legislature will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2025.

#### **MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

- Item 32 Legislator Greene requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Anthony J. DeMarie, and George W. Honsberger.
- Item 33 Legislator Mills requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Helen S. Graham.
- Item 34 Legislator Bargnesi requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Eric G. Brunger.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Item 35 At this time, there being no further business to transact, CHAIR MEYERS announced that the Chair would entertain a Motion to Adjourn.
- MR. GILMOUR moved that the Legislature adjourn until Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 11:30 AM. MS. ST. JEAN TARD seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR MEYERS declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 11:30 AM.

OLIVIA M. OWENS CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE