

**ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**MEETING NO. 19**  
**OCTOBER 23, 2025**

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Meyers.

All members present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kooshoian.

Item 1 – MR. GILMOUR moved to amend the Rules of the Legislature for 2025. MS.  
VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved to approve the Rules of the Legislature for 2025 as amended. MS.  
VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Amend the Rules of the Legislature for 2025 as follows:

**2.06 ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

The Order of Business of each session shall be:

1. Calling the roll of members by the Clerk;
2. Public Comment;
3. Consideration of the Minutes of the preceding meeting(s);
4. Consideration and presentation of miscellaneous resolutions. Each legislator shall be entitled to four (4) annual presentations including “Citizen of the Month”, with no regular session having more than two (2) presentations. Selection of presentations shall be determined by the order in which requests are filed with the Clerk of the Legislature;
5. The consideration of Communications, Local Laws and Resolutions on the Table of the Legislature;
6. Reports of Standing Committees;
7. Reports of Special Committees;
8. Presentation of Resolutions;

9. Presentation of Resolutions and Communications to be Discharged from a Standing Committee or Special Committee;
10. Presentation of Resolutions and Communications which require a Suspension of the Rules for the purpose of considering the item or sending it to committee;
11. Presentation of Communications from Elected County Officials, County Departments, and the People and Other Agencies;
12. Unfinished Business;
13. Public Comment;
14. Announcements from the Chair;
15. Announcement of Committee Meetings;
16. Presentation of Memorial Resolutions; and
17. Adjournment.

The Chair in his or her discretion may change the Order of Business at any session except as otherwise provided in Section 4.04.

Add Rule 2.37

The purpose of the first session of Public Comment is to allow opportunity for the public to formally communicate with the Legislature on any matter involving the County relative to the session's agenda. The purpose of the second session of Public Comment is to allow opportunity for the public to formally communicate with the Legislature on any matter. The rules set forth below are put in place for the benefit of citizens members of the public attending the session. The rules are not intended to stifle citizen participation, only to provide a safe and comfortable environment for the free flow of information to the public regarding county business.

1. Public comment is not designed to be a conversation with the Legislature, but an opportunity for the public to express their opinion on issues that the Legislature will cover during that meeting. The Legislature is not obligated to respond to public comments.
2. The first session of Public Comment before the Legislature will take place at the beginning of each Legislative session. This is done early in meetings to allow residents to speak on matters on the agenda. Public Comment shall not exceed thirty minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the Legislature.
3. The second session of Public Comment will take place at the end of each Legislative session. This will allow residents to speak on matters related to County business. Public comment shall not exceed thirty minutes unless extended by a majority vote of the Legislature.

4. Residents wishing to speak shall affix their name to a sign in sheet and be recognized in the order to which they signed in. The Chair shall recognize residents who wish to speak. Once recognized, the speaker shall state his or her name and address and proceed to comment. In fairness to all members of the public, speakers should focus on the facts of the matter at hand and confine comments to no more than three minutes. Yielding time to another or otherwise giving time to a speaker to extend the three (3) minute period by another person shall not be permitted.

5. After the last signed in speaker has spoken, the Chair will ask if any additional members of the public who have not previously signed in would like to speak.

6. Any person wishing to submit a written statement to be read into the record shall provide said statement to the Chair at the beginning of the meeting/public hearing. The Clerk shall read said statement in accordance with the decorum below.

7. The Chair shall act as timekeeper or designate staff or another elected official to serve in this capacity.

8. Residents wishing to address the Legislature will adhere to the following decorum:

a. The public comment session is not a debate, either with the Legislators or other members of the audience. Speakers shall address the Legislature as a whole, in an orderly manner. All speakers shall refrain from partisan political commentary and refrain from personal remarks directed to any one Legislator, staff, or general public. It is inappropriate to utilize a public meeting for the purpose of making political speeches, including threats of political action and the same will not be allowed.

b. The use of profane, vulgar, inflammatory, threatening, abusive, or disparaging language or racial or ethnic slurs shall not be tolerated.

c. No member of the public shall engage in any demonstration, booing, hand clapping, or otherwise disrupt the formality of a Legislator's a session of the Legislature.

d. Discussion and exchanges between active speakers and attendees/audience members of the public meeting or hearing are prohibited. A speaker may, however, when properly recognized, state agreement or disagreement with the views of prior speakers in his/her comments directed to the Legislators.

e. Banners or other signs are not permitted in the meeting room unless, nor shall distribution of flyers within the meeting room be permitted. Nothing shall prohibit a person from holding a lawful sign or handing out flyers outside of the meeting location.

f. Any person who disregards the directives of the Chair, or any other person designated by the Chair to enforce the rules or who generally conducts himself or herself in a boisterous or inappropriate manner while addressing the Legislator Legislature, thereby disturbs the peace at a such meeting and will be barred from further participation at such meeting and shall forfeit any balance of time remaining for his or her comments. Residents who act in a disruptive behavior that

interferes with business of the Legislature will be asked to leave Chambers and may be charged with disorderly conduct as per the Penal Law.

g. Playing of audio or video recorded material is not permitted.

Item 2 – No tabled items.

Item 3 – No items for reconsideration from previous meeting.

Item 4 – MR. GILMOUR moved for the approval of the minutes for Meeting Number 18 from 2025. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 5 – No Public Hearings.

### **MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS**

Item 6 – Miscellaneous Resolutions were offered, as follows:

LEGISLATURE	Honoring Jerry Zremski on His Retirement from the Buffalo News
MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging and Recognizing National Dental Hygiene Month
MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging and Recognizing National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month
MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging and Recognizing National Physical Therapy Month
DUPRE	Celebrating and Honoring Desron Weatherspoon
KOOSHOIAN	Honoring the Life and Legacy of Rocco J. Diina
KOOSHOIAN	Honoring Mary Ehde as Grand Island Citizen of the Year for Patriotic Spirit
KOOSHOIAN	Honoring Jude Kuehne as Grand Island Citizen of the Year for Service in the Community
KOOSHOIAN	Honoring Kate Feroletto as 25th President of the Western New York Affiliate of the New York State Trial Lawyers' Association
KOOSHOIAN	Honoring Karen Carr Keefe as Grand Island Citizen of the Year for Journalism

KOOSHOIAN	Honoring Scott Kolis as Grand Island Citizen of the Year for Service to Youth
KOOSHOIAN	Honoring Grand Island Dance as Business of the Year
VINAL	Acknowledging and Recognizing Health Literacy Month
VINAL	Celebrating and Honoring David Sherman - Erie County Wall of Honor
VINAL	Celebrating and Honoring the Late Ron Smeller – Erie County Wall of Honor
GREENE	Honoring Polla Milligan and White Whiskers Senior Dog Sanctuary In Celebration of National Make a Difference Day
GREENE	Honoring Elaine Wolfe In Celebration of National Make a Difference Day
GREENE	Honoring James “Jamie” Dussing as President, New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways
GREENE	Honoring George Emerling In Celebration of National Make a Difference Day
GREENE	Celebrating the Grand Opening of Green Dragon Guns
GREENE	Honoring Paul Justinger In Celebration of National Make a Difference Day
MEYERS	Celebrating and Honoring Michael Lombardo – Erie County Wall of Honor
MEYERS	Celebrating and Honoring Michael Kluck – Erie County Wall of Honor
MEYERS	Celebrating and Honoring Todd Roland – Erie County Wall of Honor
MEYERS & VINAL	Recognizing and Honoring Weso?y Lud Polish Folk Dance Company during Polish American Heritage Month
TODARO	Recognizing Saint John’s Lutheran Church On Its 130th Anniversary
TODARO	Celebrating G.O.A.T Nutrition On Its Grand Opening
TODARO	Recognizing Garret J. Gaczewski on His New York State Police Academy Graduation
TODARO	Celebrating the Grand Opening of Heritage Cabinetry
GILMOUR	Celebrating and Honoring Ric Dimpfl – Erie County Wall of Honor
LORIGO	Honoring the Life and Legacy of Donald Trzepacz Sr. Upon His Induction to the Erie County Fire Services Wall of Honor

LORIGO	Honoring the Elma Fire Company for 40 Years of Providing Advanced Life Support to the Community
LORIGO	Recognizing 42 North Brewing Company On Its 10th Anniversary
MILLS	Celebrating the Sweet Success of Nothing Bundt Cakes
MILLS	Honoring Cellino Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electric Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce's 2025 Business of the Year
MILLS	Honoring Keith Belanger on His Retirement

MR. GILMOUR moved for consideration of the above thirty-six items. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **LOCAL LAWS**

Item 7 – MR. GILMOUR moved to take Local Law Intro. No. 6 (Print #1) 2025 from the table. MS. VINAL 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.

MR. GILMOUR moved to approve Local Law Intro. No. 6 (Print #1) 2025. MR. BARGNESI 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. NOES: MR. GREENE, MS. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. TODARO, and MS. VINAL. (AYES: 6; NOES: 5)

CARRIED.

LOCAL LAW TO BE ENACTED BY  
THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
IN THE COUNTY OF ERIE  
LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 6-1-2025  
LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2025

“A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING PURCHASING BASED ON BEST VALUE AND EXPANDED USE OF COOPERATIVE PURCHASING”

SECTION 1: LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

The State Legislature and Governor amended General Municipal Law §103(1) (A08692/S6117) on January 27, 2012, to provide local governments with greater flexibility in awarding contracts by authorizing the award of purchase contracts, including contracts for service work on the basis of best value. The state legislation requires political subdivisions with a population of less than one million to pass a local law authorizing the use of the best value award process.

(From Assembly Bill Memo A08692) – Enactment of this legislation provides additional procurement options to localities in ways that may expedite the procurement process and result in cost savings. The “best value” standard for selecting goods and services vendors, including janitorial and security contracts, is critical to efforts to use strategic sourcing principles to modernize the supply chain and ensure that taxpayers obtain the highest quality goods and services at the lowest potential cost, while also ensuring fairness to all competitors.

The federal government, approximately half of the states and many localities have added best value selection processes to their procurement options, in recognition of these advantages. With the increased complexity of the goods and services that municipalities must obtain in order to serve taxpayers; it is critical to consider selection and evaluation criteria that measure factors other than cost in the strictest sense.

Taxpayers are not well served when public procurement results in low unit costs at the outset but ultimately engenders cost escalations due to factors such as inferior quality, poor reliability and difficulty of maintenance. Best value procurement links the procurement process directly to the municipality’s performance requirements, incorporating selection factors such as useful lifespan quality and options and incentives for more timely performance and/or additional services.

Even if the initial expenditure is higher, considering the total value over the life of the procurement may result in a better value and long-term investment of public funds. Best value procurement also encourages competition and, in turn, often results in better pricing, quality and customer service. Fostering healthy competition ensures that bidders will continue to strive for excellence in identifying and meeting municipalities’ needs, including such important goals as the participation of small, minority, and women-owned businesses and the development of environmentally preferable

good and service delivery methods. Best value procurement will provide much needed flexibility in obtaining important goods and services at favorable prices and will reduce the time to procure such goods and services.

General Municipal Law § 103(16) permits New York municipalities and districts to make purchases and contract for services through contracts let by the United States of America or any agency thereof, any state or any other political subdivision or district therein if such contract was let to the lowest responsible bidder or on the basis of best value in a manner consistent with GML § 103 and made available for use by other governmental entities. This is commonly referred to as “piggybacking,” and the same local law requirement applies to piggybacking on any contract awarded by best value. The County already makes many contracts awarded to the lowest responsible bidder available to specified public entities in Western New York as permitted by County Law § 408-a(2), but that statute was not revised to reflect the authorization of best value contracting or the option of piggybacking on best value contracts granted by an amendment to GML § 103(16) in 2013 (S. 3766-A). Under GML § 104-b, the County also establishes its own rules for procurement not covered by GML § 103.

Cooperative purchasing strengthens public sector procurement by reducing duplicative efforts, leveraging economies of scale, and promoting consistency in the acquisition of goods and services across jurisdictions. Allowing other local governments, school districts, and public agencies to access County contracts reduces costs for those entities while expanding competition and opportunities for vendors. This may be done by the County acting alone, or as the “lead public agency” for a formal purchasing consortium.

The administration of cooperative purchasing arrangements requires the County to invest resources in soliciting, evaluating, and maintaining contracts for shared use. To ensure fairness to Erie County taxpayers who bear the cost of developing and administering such contracts, the County is authorized to recover its reasonable administrative costs from vendors benefitting from the expanded use of County contracts by other governmental entities.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Local Law is to modernize the County’s procurement practices by (1) authorizing the County to award contracts on a best value basis and to make purchases through other contracts awarded by best value; and (2) expanding and facilitating opportunities for other governmental entities to purchase through County contracts through Purchasing Consortia or individually. These measures collectively advance the goals of efficiency and fiscal responsibility in the expenditure of public funds.

## **SECTION 2 – DEFINITIONS:**

**Authorized User.** A governmental or other public entity to which a contract awarded by Erie County or by another Contracting Agency has been made available for use, consistent with the requirements of General Municipal Law §103 and other applicable law.

**Best Value.** As defined in State Finance Law § 163(j), “Best Value” means the basis for awarding contracts to the offeror which optimizes quality, cost and efficiency, among responsive and responsible offerors. Such basis shall reflect, wherever possible, objective and quantifiable analysis. Such basis may also identify a quantitative factor for offerors that are small businesses, certified minority- or women-owned business enterprises as defined in subdivisions one, seven, fifteen and



twenty of section three hundred ten of the executive law or service-disabled veteran-owned business enterprises as defined in subdivision one of section forty of the veterans' services law to be used in evaluation of offers for awarding of contracts for services.

**Contracting Agency.** The County or a state, agency, political subdivision, district, or other governmental or public entity that has solicited, awarded, and entered into a contract in accordance with General Municipal Law §103 or other applicable law, and whose contract is made available for use by members of a Purchasing Consortium or other governmental entities.

**Cooperative Contract.** A Purchase Contract that has been solicited and awarded by a Contracting Agency in compliance with General Municipal Law §103 or other applicable law, and that is made available for use by Authorized Users through a Purchasing Consortium or by direct authorization.

**Purchasing Consortium.** An organization, association, or cooperative arrangement of governmental or other public entities serving as Contracting Agencies and/or Authorized Users for one another or that otherwise administer or facilitate the shared use of Cooperative Contracts.

**Purchase Contract.** A contract for the purchase of apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies, or for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies.

### **SECTION 3 – AWARDING CONTRACTS ON THE BASIS OF BEST VALUE:**

A. The Purchasing Director may award Purchase Contracts (including contracts for service work, but excluding any Purchase Contract necessary for the completion of a public works contract pursuant to Labor Law Article 8) on the basis of Best Value to a responsive and responsible bidder or offeror in the manner provided by General Municipal Law § 103.

B. The Division of Purchase shall establish and revise administrative guidelines and evaluation tools for determining when award on the basis of Best Value is appropriate, the form and content of best-value bid solicitations, how bid submissions will be assessed, and how such awards will be documented.

C. When a Purchase Contract is to be awarded on the basis of Best Value:

i. The Purchasing Director shall document in the procurement record and in advance of the initial solicitation and receipt of offers, the determinations that use of Best Value is appropriate for the procurement and of the evaluation criteria, which whenever possible, shall be quantifiable, and the process to be used in the determination of Best Value and the manner in which the evaluation process and selection shall be conducted. When appropriate, these determinations shall be made in consultation with the requesting department head.

ii. The bid solicitation shall prescribe the minimum specifications or requirements that must be met in order to be considered responsive and shall describe and disclose the general manner in which the evaluation and selection shall be conducted. Where appropriate, the solicitation shall identify the relative importance and/or weight of cost and the overall technical criterion to be considered by the County in its determination of Best Value.

iii. Factors may include, but are not limited to: product or service quality, durability, reliability, timeliness of performance, efficiency, useful lifespan, compatibility with existing systems,

experience and qualifications of the offeror, past performance, customer support, cost of maintenance, long-term cost implications, and sustainability practices. Where appropriate, factors may also include the participation of minority- and women-owned business enterprises, service-disabled veteran-owned businesses, and other small businesses.

D. Pursuant to General Municipal Law § 103(16), the Purchasing Director is accordingly authorized to make purchases of apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies, or to contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies, may make such purchases, or may contract for such services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies, as may be required by the County through the use of a contract let by the United States of America or any agency thereof, any state or any other political subdivision or district therein if such contract was let on the basis of Best Value in a manner consistent with General Municipal Law § 103 and made available for use by other governmental entities.

E. Contracts and procurements made under the County's Purchasing Policies & Procedures adopted pursuant to General Municipal Law § 104-b may also be awarded based on Best Value.

**SECTION 4 – EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING THROUGH ERIE COUNTY CONTRACTS:**

A. Pursuant to General Municipal Law §§ 103(16) and 104-b, in addition to that authority granted by and already exercised under General Municipal Law §§ 103(3) & 109-c, and County Law § 408-a(2):

i. The Erie County Legislature may, with respect to any Purchase Contract let by the County except one for services subject to Article 8 or Article 9 of the New York Labor Law, authorize the inclusion of a provision whereby purchases may be made or such services may be obtained under such contract by any governmental entity, if the County could make purchases or obtain services under such contract were it let by the United States of America or any agency thereof, any state or any other political subdivision or district therein.

ii. The same may be authorized for sole-source contracts, professional services contracts awarded through the request for proposal (RFP) process, or other Purchase Contracts governed by the County's Purchasing Policies & Procedures adopted under General Municipal Law § 104-b.

iii. To the extent permissible by law, additional not-for-profit entities may be Authorized Users as designated by the Erie County Legislature and Purchasing Director.

iv. Subject to approval by the Erie County Legislature, the County may serve as a Contracting Agency for a Purchasing Consortium and may enter into agreements with Purchasing Consortia and/or vendors to facilitate and administer cooperative purchasing and to make County contracts available for use by Authorized Users. Such contracts may include terms requiring vendors and/or Purchasing Consortia to the County for administrative and related costs incurred in connection with the establishment and administration of Cooperative Contracts. Reimbursement or compensation rates that are consistent with standard practices in the cooperative purchasing industry shall be deemed presumptively reasonable and valid.

v. When so approved by the Legislature and Purchasing Director, any Authorized User may make purchases and contract for services through the County's Purchase Contracts and Cooperative Contracts to the extent the County and Purchasing Consortia (if any) have provided for and is permitted by the law applicable to each Authorized User. Under no circumstances shall the County of Erie be deemed a party to, or assume any liability or responsibility for, any contract,

purchase, payment, or obligation entered into by an Authorized User or Purchasing Consortium pursuant to this Local Law or GML § 103. Each Authorized User is responsible for determining its own compliance with relevant law and shall accept sole responsibility for any and all payments due a vendor, contractor, or purchasing consortium.

**SECTION 5 – PURCHASING POLICIES & PROCEDURES:**

The County's Purchasing Policies & Procedures are hereby amended to restate and incorporate Sections 2 through 4 of this Local Law. The Erie County Legislature may subsequently modify the rules and procedures herein by resolution amending the Purchasing Policies & Procedures.

**SECTION 6 – SEVERABILITY:**

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

**SECTION 7 – EFFECTIVE DATE:**

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

Item 8 – MR. GILMOUR moved to take Local Law Intro. No. 7 (Print #2) 2024 from the table. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved to approve Local Law Intro. No. 7 (Print #2) 2024. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNTY OF ERIE  
LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 7-2-2024  
LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_\_\_-2025

A Local Law, named the "STUNT Law", requiring Erie County to expand penalties for speed contests, stunt behavior, and other reckless driving behaviors that endanger Erie County residents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Title.

This Local Law shall be known as the "STUNT Law: Safeguarding Traffic, Unlawful Racing, and Noise Transgressions."

Section 2. Legislative Purpose and Intent.

This Legislature recognizes that speeding has been a significant factor in numerous motor vehicle fatalities over the past decades, with motor vehicle accidents being one of the leading causes of death for individuals aged 1 to 54.

The Legislature acknowledges the rise in popularity of illegal vehicle sideshows, demonstrations, and contests; often shared on social media, which pose a great risk to participants and spectators, leading to severe physical injuries and even death.

Moreover, illegal vehicle sideshows, contests, street racing, and related stunt behavior not only endanger lives and property but also create excessive noise during night hours, causing disturbances for residents in neighboring areas.

The current penalties for these illegal activities are insufficient in deterring individuals from participating in them.

Therefore, the purpose of this Local Law is to protect Erie County residents by expanding and strengthening laws and penalties related to unlawful speed contests, sideshows, and related stunt behavior.

### Section 3. Definitions.

As used in this Local Law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

"Burnout" - To spin a vehicle's wheel(s) while keeping the vehicle stationary, causing the tires to heat up and emit smoke.

"Drifting" - The intentional oversteering of a vehicle with loss of traction while maintaining control, resulting in a controlled skid or power slide through a turn.

"Doughnut" - A maneuver performed by rotating the rear or front of a vehicle around the opposite set of wheels, creating a circular skid mark pattern on the road surface.

"Revving" - To rapidly increase the engine speed while a vehicle is stationary or in neutral, producing loud noise and/or causing the vehicle to jerk or lurch.

"Sideshow" - An event in which vehicles gather and engage in reckless behavior, such as performing stunts, burnouts, doughnuts/wheelies, drifting, and/or other dangerous maneuvers.

"Street Racing" - The act of racing or competing with one or more vehicles on a public highway, street, or road, whether prearranged or spontaneous.

"Stunt Behavior" - Performing any maneuver with a vehicle that is not part of normal driving or exceeds the safe limits of the vehicle; including but not limited to stunts, revving, burnout, drifting, doughnuts, acrobatic maneuvers, jumps, and other similar actions.

"Wheelie" - Raising a vehicle to the degree that one or more wheels lose contact with the ground.

Section 4. Prohibitions.

(A) No person shall knowingly participate in, engage in, organize, facilitate, coordinate, plan, aid, or abet any street race, sideshow, contest, exhibition, or stunt behavior involving vehicles upon any public highway, street, sidewalk, public parking lot or area, or any other public property within Erie County.

(B) No person shall knowingly obstruct or attempt to obstruct any public highway, street, or road with a motor vehicle, or any other object used as a blockade for the purpose of permitting any such race, sideshow, contest, exhibition, or stunt behavior.

Section 5. Enforcement and Penalties for Offenses.

(A) Any person who violates any provision of this article shall be guilty of a violation, punishable by imprisonment for a period not exceeding fifteen days or by a fine not exceeding \$500, or both, for a first offense.

(B) A person who operates a vehicle in violation of this article after having been convicted of a violation of any section of such article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or both, for each subsequent offense.

(C) Any person who causes physical injury to another person or damage to real or personal property while violating any provision of this article shall be liable for the payment of restitution, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 6. Severability.

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

Section 7. SEQRA Compliance.

This County Legislature determines that this local law constitutes a "Type II action" pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and that no further action under SEQRA is required.

Section 8. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately following its filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Item 9 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 5 (Print #3) 2024 be directed to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS 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. 162

October 16, 2025	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 10
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT CHAIR GILMOUR.

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

a. COMM. 18E-2 (2025)  
VINAL “FOIL Request”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 18E-6 (2025)  
SHERIFF

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 US Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYSDHSES) has awarded \$60,000.00 to the Erie County Sheriff’s Office in funding specifically allocated to agencies with Explosive Detection Canine Units; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contract and accept \$60,000.00 to provide funds for specialized training and equipment to protect the residents of Erie County and the State of New York from terrorist attacks involving explosive devices; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the grant application the Erie County Sheriff’s Office must submit a specific list of training modules and the NYSDHSES approved consultants; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDHSES must approve the training vendors prior to the award of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDHSES approved training and vendors for this grant are as follows:

D-Co, Leaders and Training

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive and Sheriff are authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$60,000.00 as part of the Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program for FY22; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding for FY22 in the Grant Fund 281 and budget those funds as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office  
FY 2022 Explosive Detection Canine Grant  
August 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026  
HS115CANINE2022

REVENUE		Increase
414000	Federal Revenue	\$ 60,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 60,000.00
APPROPRIATIONS		Increase
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	\$ 15,500.00
510200	Training and Education	\$ 29,500.00
530000	Other Expenses	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 60,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, the Purchasing Director is authorized to create the necessary documents for the Erie County Sheriff's Office to engage with D-Co, Leaders and Training LLC, 26 Pinecrest Plaza, Southern Pines, NC for training associated with this grant in an amount not to exceed \$29,500.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to establish and adjust budgets as required to comply with State and Federal approved funding levels; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the County Attorney, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Office of the Sheriff.

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3. COMM. 18E-7 (2025)  
SHERIFF

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 New York State Unified Court System has awarded the Erie County Sheriff’s Office \$99,796.00 in funding through the Improving Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this program aims to bring law enforcement agencies, victim service providers and community-based organizations together to assist domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office will partner with Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo, Child and Family Services, Bury the Violence of Buffalo and the Center for Justice Innovation on this initiative; and

WHEREAS, no additional county funding is required to participate in this collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive and Sheriff are authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Unified Court System to accept \$99,796.00 as part of the Improving Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Grant Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Director of Budget and Management shall establish funding in Grant Fund 281, Funds Center 11510 as follows:

Erie County Sheriff’s Office  
FY 2024 ICJR Grant  
October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2027  
115ICJR2427

APPROPRIATIONS	INCREASE
501000 – Overtime	77,273
502000 – Fringe Benefits	11,591
510000 – Local Mileage	1,860
530000 – Other Expenses	9,072
TOTAL	99,796
REVENUES	INCREASE
414000 – Federal Revenue	99,796
TOTAL	99,796



and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to establish and adjust budgets as required to comply with State and Federal approved funding levels; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the County Attorney, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Office of the Sheriff.  
(4-0)

**MICHAEL H. KOOSHOIAN**  
**ACTING CHAIR**

Item 11 – MR. BARGNESI presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 163

October 16, 2025	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR GILMOUR.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM 18E-14 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “ECSD No. 2 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: WNDL-7)”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM 18E-15 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “ECSD No. 4 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: BC-4)”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. COMM 18E-16 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “ECSD No. 2 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: AECOM-4)”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

- d. COMM 18M-2 (2025)  
NYS DEC “Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public  
Comment - Town of Amherst”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
- e. COMM 18M-3 (2025)  
NYS DEC “Brownfield Cleanup Program Application Notification - City of Buffalo”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 18E-13 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Buffalo and Erie County Industrial Land Development Corporation (ILDC) is redeveloping, for commercial and industrial use, approximately 240 acres of land at the location of the former Angola Airport site in the Town of Evans to create the “Erie County Agribusiness Park” (Agribusiness Park); and

WHEREAS, portions of the Agribusiness Park are outside of the boundaries of Erie County Sewer District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, the ILDC was awarded grant funding through Empire State Development’s FAST NY program for numerous improvements related to the Agribusiness Park, including construction of new sanitary sewers and addressing capacity constraints at the Big Sister Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF); and

WHEREAS, the ILDC has requested that the County of Erie through Erie County Sewer District No. 2 perform long-term operation/maintenance of the new sanitary sewers in the Agribusiness Park, including those segments presently outside of the bounds of the County District; and

WHEREAS, it would be more efficient for the County of Erie through Erie County Sewer District No. 2 to manage the engineering and construction related services for the proposed improvements at the Big Sister Creek WRRF; and

WHEREAS, agreements between the County of Erie and the ILDC are required to address the sanitary sewer service needs for the entire Agribusiness Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute an agreement with the ILDC so the County of Erie may own, operate, and maintain the new sanitary sewer system constructed in the Agribusiness Park, subject to approval as to content by the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning, and approval as to form by the County Attorney’s Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute an agreement with the ILDC to allow up to \$4,000,000 of FAST NY funding to be provided to the County of Erie for the purposes of managing the engineering and

construction related services for capacity improvements at the Big Sister Creek WRRF, subject to approval as to content by the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning, and approval as to form by the County Attorney's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Department of Law, and Division of Sewerage Management.  
(4-0)

**JOHN A. BARGNESI, JR.**  
**CHAIR**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 164

October 16, 2025	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 10
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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. 18E-18 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE "Appointments to the Youth Services Board"  
(Chair's Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 18D-1 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE "COMM. 12E-34 Compliance Report"  
(Chair's Ruling)
  - c. COMM. 18M-4 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE "Board of Health Meeting Minutes & Meeting Notice"  
(Chair's Ruling)
2. COMM. 18E-12 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department for the Aging had applied for and was awarded \$40,000 of federal Caregiver Navigator Services grant funds by USAging, for the period October 1, 2025, to December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds are to be utilized to help address, understand and identify the extent to which caregiver navigator services are/are not currently used and to conduct program evaluations to identify the most successful caregiver navigation models; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 25% local match, or \$13,333, for which the Department for the Aging has funds in its 2025 adopted County budget to cover the 2025 portion of the match, and has requested County share dollars to cover the 2026 portion of the grant in its 2026 County budget; and

WHEREAS, the grant will allow the Department for the Aging to serve more caregivers throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the funds will cover Departmental payroll costs, printing, supplies, and travel expenses associated with the initiatives along with sub-contractor services through an agreement with the Erie County Medical Center's (ECMC) palliative and geriatric care programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with USAging to accept the \$40,000 of Caregiver Navigator Services funds to be established as a grant within the Department for the Aging (Fund 281, Funds Center 1632010) for the period October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 as follows:

Department for the Aging  
Caregiver Navigator Services Grant  
Fund 281, Funds Center 1632010  
163CNS2526  
10/1/25-12/31/26

ACCOUNT	REVENUES	BUDGET
414000	Federal Aid	\$40,000
479000	County Share Contribution	\$13,333
	TOTAL	\$53,333

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
505000	Office Supplies	\$ 500
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	2,475
510100	Out of Area Travel	1,500
516020	Professional Services	7,480
530000	Other Expenses	1,000
916390	ID Aging Srvs	39,878
980000	ID DISS Services	\$ 500
	TOTAL	\$53,333

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into an agreement with ECMC and provide them with \$7,480 of grant funding to cover costs incurred for assisting with grant operations; 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 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 Department for the Aging. (5-0)

3. COMM. 18E-19 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin St., 4th Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Appointment to the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library

Dear Honorable Members,

Pursuant to Section 2204 of the Erie County Charter, I hereby (re)appoint and submit for your confirmation of the following individuals to the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Board of Directors:

Kimberly L. Johnson  
76 Benwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14214  
Term Expiration: 12/31/2029  
Re-Appointment

John Craik  
384 Voorhees Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14216  
Expiration: 12/31/2029  
Re-Appointment

Adam Bojak  
286 Baynes Street  
Buffalo, NY 14213  
Term Expiration: 12/31/2028  
New Appointment

Joel C. Moore  
859 Humboldt Parkway  
Buffalo, NY 14208  
Term Expiration: 12/31/2030  
Re-Appointment

Elaine M. Panty  
28 Henrietta Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14207  
Term Expiration: 12/31/2029  
Re-Appointment

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact my Chief of Staff Benjamin Swanekamp at 858-8500.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

(5-0)

**LAWRENCE J. DUPRE**  
**CHAIR**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 165

October 16, 2025	FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 10
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR VINAL  
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. INTRO. 12-4 (2025)  
KOOSHOIAN “Compromise of Town and County Taxes Pursuant to the Erie County Tax Act”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 18E-5 (2025)  
COMPTROLLER “Sales & Compensating Use Tax Report - June, July, & August 2025”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. COMM 18E-8 (2025)  
COMPTROLLER “Department of Law Risk Retention Fund Spending - July & August 2025”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

**MICHAEL H. KOOSHOIAN**  
**CHAIR**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 166

October 16, 2025	GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR GILMOUR.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 10M-2 (2025)  
ECCRC: “EC Charter Revision Commission Recommendations”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 12E-4 (2025)  
COMPTROLLER: “Department of Law Risk Retention Fund Spending - April 2025”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. COMM. 12M-5 (2025)  
PRESIDENT & CEO OF VBN/BCC: “Reports & Financial Statements - 2025 Q1”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - d. COMM. 14D-4 (2025)  
COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Opinion as to Form Local Law Intro. No. 2-1 2025”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - e. COMM. 16E-1 (2025)  
COUNTY CLERK: “2778 Colvin Boulevard, Tonawanda, NY 14150”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - f. COMM. 16D-6 (2025)  
COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - g. COMM. 16M-1 (2025)  
ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM: “2024 Financial Statements & Auditor Reports”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - h. COMM. 16M-4 (2025)  
NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & FINANCE: “List of Certified 2025 State Equalization Rates”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - i. COMM. 17M-1 (2025)  
LEGAL AID BUREAU: “Bi-Annual Financial Report: 7/1/24-12/31/24”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - j. COMM. 17M-2 (2025)

LEGAL AID BUREAU: “Bi-Annual Financial Report: 1/1/25-6/30/25”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

- k. COMM. 18E-3 (2025)  
COUNTY CLERK: “The Buffalo News Room - Old County Hall”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
- l. COMM. 18E-4 (2025)  
COUNTY CLERK: “SAP Training Request”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
- m. COMM. 18M-5 (2025)  
CITY OF BUFFALO: “Transit Mall Service Charge Roll”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

**JOHN A. BARGNESI, JR.**  
**CHAIR**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 167

October 16, 2025	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.  
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

- 1. COMM. 18E-11 (2025)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works seeks to transfer funds from the Division Fleet Services to the Division of Highways to procure a new piece of heavy equipment that will result in greater long-term savings for the department and decreased dependance on external vendors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the transfer of \$267,781 in funding within the 2025 Operating Budgets of the Department of Public Works – Division of Fleet Services (Fund 110, Funds Center 1071010) to the Department of Public Works – Division of Highways (Fund 210, Funds Center 12310) as follows:

Department of Public Works – Division of Fleet Services  
Fund 110, Funds Center 1071010



WHEREAS, the Buffalo African American Museum was awarded \$25,000 in public benefit funding by the Erie County Legislature in Intro 8-3 (2025); and

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo was awarded \$39,500 in public benefit funding by the Erie County Legislature in Intro 13-1 (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 \$20,000 of public benefit funding from the Buffalo African American Museum to the African American Cultural Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer \$6,000 of public benefit funding from the Buffalo African American Museum to the African American Veterans Monument; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer \$12,500 of public benefit funding from the City of Buffalo to the Resource Council of WNY, Inc.; 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.

Item 17 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the MINORITY & WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 19-2 from ST. JEAN TARD. A Resolution Requesting Update on the MWBE Disparity Study.

Item 18 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 19-3 from DUPRE. A Resolution Request for Formal Update on Post-Construction Small-Business Enterprises Utilization, Right-Sizing, & Concessions Readiness at the New Highmark Stadium.

Item 19 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 19-4 from ST. JEAN TARD. A Resolution Request for the New Highmark Stadium Erie County Hospitality Center Policy Plans.

Item 20 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 19-5 from the MINORITY CAUCUS. A Resolution Supporting Proposed Amendments to NYS's Humane Alternatives to Long-Term Solitary Confinement (HALT) Act.

Item 21 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 19-6 from DUPRE. A Resolution Calling on Kaleida Health to Keep Open the Family Planning Center.

Item 22 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 19-7 from ST. JEAN TARD. A Resolution Calling for Erie County to Address the Loss of Federal SNAP Support.

Item 23 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 19-8 from VINAL. A Resolution Adjusting from the Income Limits for an Erie County Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption.

**COMMUNICATIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE**

Item 24 – MR. GILMOUR moved to discharge the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of further consideration of COMM. 16E-22 (2025). MS. VINAL seconded.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 169                      RE:    Amendments to Documents Regarding the  
Buffalo Bills & New Stadium Project  
(COMM. 16E-22, 2025) AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the County of Erie, a New York municipal corporation (the “County”) has leased the current stadium complex to the Erie County Stadium Corporation, a New York business corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development, which subsidiary is a public benefit corporation (“ECSC”) pursuant to that certain 2013 Master Lease dated as of May 6, 2013, as assigned pursuant to that certain Stadium Assignment and Assumption dated as of October 9, 2014 and as amended by that certain First Amendment to 2013 Master Lease dated as of April 7, 2017 and by that certain Second Amendment to 2013 Master Lease dated as of March 29, 2023 (as so amended, the “2013 Master Lease”); and

WHEREAS, ECSC subleases the current stadium complex to Buffalo Bills, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (successor in interest to Buffalo Bills, Inc.) (the “Bills”) pursuant to that certain 2013 Stadium Lease dated as of May 6, 2013, as assigned pursuant to that certain Stadium Assignment and Assumption dated as of October 9, 2014, and as amended by that certain First Amendment to 2013 Stadium Lease dated as of April 7, 2017, by that certain Second Amendment to 2013 Stadium Lease dated as of March 29, 2023 (as so amended, the “2013 Stadium Lease”); and

WHEREAS, ECSC, the County, and the Bills desire to further amend the 2013 Master Lease and the 2013 Stadium Lease (respectively, the “Third Amendment to 2013 Master Lease” and the “Third Amendment to 2013 Stadium Lease”) to amend certain provisions thereof relative to the expiration of the term thereof; and

WHEREAS, the County, ECSC, and the Bills are constructing a new football stadium and related amenities (the “Stadium”); and

WHEREAS, Bills Stadium and Events Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“StadCo”), an affiliate of the Bills by virtue of the common ownership of StadCo and the Bills by Buffalo Bills Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“HoldCo”), the County and ECSC are parties to that certain Stadium Development and Construction Coordinating Agreement dated as of March 29, 2023 (the “Construction Coordinating Agreement”) with respect to the development, financing and construction of the Stadium; and

WHEREAS, ECSC and StadCo are parties to that certain lease agreement dated as of March 29, 2023 (the “Stadium Lease”) with respect to the leasing and operation of the Stadium on an approximately 242-acre parcel of real property owned by the County; and

WHEREAS, the County is the owner in fee simple of an approximately 103.2 acres of real property located in the Town of Hamburg, New York known as 4041 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg, New York, currently used to house the South Campus of Erie Community College (the “ECC Parcel”); and

WHEREAS, the County is the current owner of an approximately 57 acres of real property [located in Town of Orchard Park, New York known as 4196 Abbott Road, Orchard Park, New York] on which the Stadium is currently under construction (the “Stadium Parcel”); and

WHEREAS, upon substantial completion of the Stadium, the County will convey the Stadium, together with the Stadium Parcel, all other improvements thereon and certain other adjacent land, to ECSC; and

WHEREAS, the ECC Parcel and the Stadium Parcel are sometimes referred to collectively herein as the “Parcels,” and sometimes individually as a “Parcel.”; and

WHEREAS, the County agrees to (i) grant a nonexclusive, perpetual access easement over and across a portion of the ECC Parcel to ECSC and (ii) as part of the transfer of the Stadium Parcel by the County to ECSC, reserve a nonexclusive, perpetual access easement over and across a portion of the Stadium Parcel, all pursuant to a reciprocal easement agreement (the “Reciprocal Easement Agreement”) for the purposes of providing vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress for the Parcels to and from Southwestern Boulevard and Big Tree Road; and

WHEREAS, StadCo has requested, and the County has agreed, pursuant to a revocable license agreement (the “Revocable License Agreement”), to grant to StadCo, for a period concurrent with the term of Stadium Lease, the license and privilege of accessing and utilizing the portion of the ECC Parcels for the construction, operation and maintenance of two wet pond stormwater retention basins and one bio retention area for the purpose of stormwater discharge from the Stadium Parcel; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2022, the Erie County Legislature transmitted to all potentially Interested and Involved Agencies (as those terms are defined pursuant to SEQRA) a notice of the Legislature’s intent to act as Lead Agency for the review of the Stadium Complex (together with a completed Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form), as that term is defined pursuant to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2023, under COMM. 22E-6 (2022) As Amended, the County issued a Negative Declaration and issued a Notice of Determination of Non-Significance; and

WHEREAS, because of the amendments, easements, and licenses referenced herein, on October 9, 2025, the Erie County Legislature reviewed such amendments, easements, and licenses and reaffirmed the Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination of Non-Significance; and

WHEREAS, the Third Amendment to 2013 Master Lease Agreement, the Third Amendment to 2013 Stadium Lease Agreement, the Reciprocal Easement Agreement, and the Revocable License Agreement were filed with the Erie County Legislature, the County's approval of which shall become effective upon the passage of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements related to the matters as generally described herein and in the various documents presented to the Erie County Legislature herewith, and the Erie County Legislature does hereby approve the following project documents dated , 2025 by and among the Bills, the County, and ECSC including, but not limited to the Third Amendment to 2013 Master Lease Agreement, the Third Amendment to 2013 Stadium Lease Agreement, the Reciprocal Easement Agreement, and the Revocable License Agreement, all in substantially the same form and with substantially the same content as contained in the documents submitted to the Erie County Legislature, with such minor changes therein as may be approved by the County Executive, his execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of his approval and the approval of this body; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is further authorized to take any and all additional actions necessary to execute all required documents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Deputy County Executive, the County Attorney, the Bills and ECSC.

Amendments to 2013 Stadium Lease Documents

1. Third Amendment to 2013 Master Lease
2. Third Amendment to 2013 Stadium Lease

Related Easement and License Documents

3. Reciprocal Easement Agreement
4. Revocable License Agreement

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

There were none.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 25 – (COMM. 19E-1) 2026 Proposed Erie County Budget

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT/BUDGET COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 26 – (COMM. 19E-2) 2026 Tentative Budget Revenue & Major Expenditure Estimates  
Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT/BUDGET COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY CLERK

Item 27 – (COMM. 19E-3) COMM. 18E-10 Supplemental Material  
Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR LORIGO

Item 28 – (COMM. 19E-4) Letter Requesting Update on County-Wide Disparity Study  
Received and referred to the MINORITY & WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE  
COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 29 – (COMM. 19E-5) Purchase of 2025 & Any Unsold Tax Lien Certificates  
Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 30 – (COMM. 19E-6) ECSD No. 8 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement (Work  
Order: LAB-4)

Item 31 – (COMM. 19E-7) ECSD Nos. 1-6 & 8 - User Charges 2026

Item 32 – (COMM. 19E-8) ECSD Nos. 1-6 & 8 RFP - Professional Engineering Services  
Term Agreements (2026-28)

The above three items were received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 33 – (COMM. 19E-9) Authorization to Contract with Educational Institutions &  
Providers

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 34 – (COMM. 19E-10) Authorization to Contract with a Part-Time Training Specialist  
- Criminal Justice Systems

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Item 35 – (COMM. 19E-11) Rehabilitation of Chestnut Ridge Park Rd. Over Big Gulf Creek  
Culvert - Construction Phase Services

Item 36 – (COMM. 19E-12) Contract for Capital Improvements to Buffalo Southern and  
DL&W County Railroads

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

**FROM THE SHERIFF**

Item 37 – (COMM. 19E-13) Searchlight Purchase

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS**

**FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Item 38 – (COMM. 19D-1) Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Item 39 – (COMM. 19D-2) Opinion as to Form Local Law Intro. No. 7-2 2024

Chair Meyers directed that the item be received and filed.

**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT**

Item 40 – (COMM. 19D-3) August 2025 Budget Monitoring Report

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES**



**FROM THE NYS REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES**

Item 41 – (COMM. 19M-1) County Equalization Rates for 2025 Assessment Rolls

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE NFTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Item 42 – (COMM. 19M-2) Metro Cash Flow Statements

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE ECWA**

Item 43 – (COMM. 19M-3) 2026 Operating & Maintenance and Capital Budgets

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM**

Item 44 – (COMM. 19M-4) Quarterly Report - 2025 3rd Quarter

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Item 45 – Chair Meyers announced that the Legislature will conduct committee meetings on Thursday, October 30, 2025, and the schedule will be distributed. Chair Meyers further announced that the next session of the Legislature will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2025.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

Item 46 – Legislator Todaro requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Thomas Goldyn, Domenico Gallo, and James Schadt.

Item 47 – Legislator Greene requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Laurie S. Fisher.

Item 48 – Legislator Mills requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Eugene N. Spino, Frederick J. Shear, and David L. Kroll.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Item 49 – 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, November 6, 2025 at 11:30 AM. MR. DUPRE seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR MEYERS declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 11:30 AM.

**OLIVIA M. OWENS**  
**CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE**