

ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MEETING NO. 20
NOVEMBER 6, 2025

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Meyers.

All members present.

An Invocation was held, led by Ms. Lorigo, who requested a moment of silence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Vinal.

Chair Meyers opened the First Public Comment Session, the following speakers addressed the Legislature:

Paul Wolf, Amherst – expressed support of Term Limits & changes to LL Intro. 5-3 (2024)
Todd Hariaczyi, Williamsville – encouraged legislative support of COMM. 20E-2 (2025)

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 19 from 2025. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4 – Public Hearing taking place on November 17, 2025 at 6:00PM regarding the Proposed 2026 Erie County Budget.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Item 5 – Miscellaneous Resolutions were offered, as follows:

LEGISLATURE	Acknowledging and Honoring the Career of Robert C. “Bob” Bruno
DUPRE	Remembering the Life of Gertie C. Payne Roberson during Breast Cancer Awareness Month
DUPRE	Honoring Jeffrey Chambless on His 11th Pastoral Anniversary of Mount Mariah Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York
DUPRE	In Remembrance of Kenneth Warren Peterson
ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring and Recognizing The Criterion Newspaper - 100th Year Anniversary

GREENE	Honoring Joseph DiPietro for Movember - Men's Health Awareness Month
GREENE	Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Amherst Center for Senior Services
GREENE	Honoring School Resource Officer Novica Vukovic Recipient of Williamsville East's TORCH Award
TODARO	Celebrating Cole Jones Victory in the All-Catholic Individual Golf Championship
TODARO	Recognizing Saint Mary's of Lancaster Girls Volleyball Team for Participation in Dig Pink to Raise Awareness in the Fight Against Breast Cancer
TODARO	Celebrating the Grand Opening of Blended Barber Company
LORIGO	Honoring the Life and Legacy of James "Jim" F. Incorvaia
LORIGO	Recognizing Christina Schutrum for Receiving the Dr. James Ford Commitment to Education Award
LORIGO	Recognizing Michelle McMahon for Being Named National Volunteer of the Year by the American Lung Association
LORIGO	Recognizing Tupelo Honey Spa of Elma, NY During "National Spa Week"
LORIGO	Recognizing Mike Strobel on Receiving the 2025 Mary & Gil Stott Award at Roycroft
LORIGO	Recognizing David Moomaw on Receiving the 2025 Mary & Gil Stott Award at Roycroft
MILLS	Honoring John and Fran Ricotta Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce 2025 Community Partnership Award
MILLS	Recognizing New York Beer Project's Beer Lodge Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce 2025 Business Beautification Award
MILLS	Honoring Joe DeMarco Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award
MILLS	Honoring David N. Even Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce 2025 Citizen of the Year
MILLS	Recognizing Bright Green Roof of WNY Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce 2025 New Business of the Year

MILLS Honoring Jim and Meredith Wilson Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce
2025 “Post of Fame” Award

MILLS Honoring Weidner’s BBQ as Eden Chamber of Commerce 2025 Business of
the Year

MR. GILMOUR moved for consideration of the above twenty-four items. MS. VINAL
seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LOCAL LAWS

Item 6 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 5 (Print #3) 2024 remain on the
table and in the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 7 – MS. ST. JEAN TARD presented the following report and moved for immediate
consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 170

October 30, 2025	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

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

a. COMM. 19M-2 (2025)
NFTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR “Metro Cash Flow Statements”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 19E-9 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) hosts various trainings for public health purposes including EMT and paramedic classes; and

WHEREAS, as part of becoming certified, students are required to meet specific educational and clinical benchmarks; and

WHEREAS, ECDOH often places students with local educational institutions and public health and EMS providers to meet these requirements; and

WHEREAS, from time to time said institutions may ask ECDOH personnel to fill in on courses for students to meet other necessary educational requirements; and

WHEREAS, local universities and other educational institutions seek to place interns with ECDOH for professional and educational experience; and

WHEREAS, ECDOH is seeking authorization to enter into agreements with educational institutions and providers for the above purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contracts and/or agreements with colleges, universities, educational institutions, and public health and EMS providers; and be it further

RESOLVED, 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 will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, County Attorney’s Office, Division of Budget and Management and Department of Health.

(6-0)

3. COMM. 19E-11 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, it is desired to rehabilitate the Large Culvert carry Chestnut Ridge Park Road over Big Gulf Creek (PK-22) within Chestnut Ridge Park in the Town of Orchard Park (the “Project”), CAP-PK-22-25; and

WHEREAS, the design of the culvert rehabilitation was authorized under COMM. 15E-6

(2024) is completed and the project publicly bid on September 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to execute a construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder, McLaughlin Construction Corp. dba Edbauer Construction (Edbauer), in an amount not to exceed \$303,353; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to execute a contract amendment with CHA Consulting, Inc. (CHA) for engineering services during construction (construction inspection and administration) in the amount not to exceed \$136,000; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to establish a project contingency in the amount of \$33,647; and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds for the construction contract, construction administration and inspection contract amendment, and contingency at \$473,000, and are available in Fund 410, Funds Center 164, Capital Project A.24008 – 2024 Culvert Rehabilitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature here by authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder, Edbauer, for the PK-22 Culvert Rehabilitation Project in Chestnut Ridge Park in an amount not to exceed \$303,353; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute a contract amendment with CHA, the Project Design Engineers, for engineering construction inspection and administration services in an amount not to exceed \$136,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is given for the sum of \$33,647 be allocated to a Project Contingency with authorization for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to approve change orders and amendments in an amount not to exceed the Contingency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for this Project is hereby appropriated and made available for the project from Fund 410, Fund Center 164, Project A.24008 – 2024 Culvert Rehabilitation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive to execute any necessary change orders, amendments to contracts and agreements; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, and one copy each to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office and Division of Budget and Management.

(6-0)

4. COMM. 19E-12 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the County is interested in the fostering of business growth and job retention within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County is the owner of a short line railroad, named Rail Line 1246, running from South Buffalo to Gowanda; and

WHEREAS, the County is the owner of a short line railroad, named Rail Line 1242, running through Lancaster and Depew

WHEREAS, the County leases Buffalo Southern and DL&W railroads to the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (the "Organization"), and the Organization manages the lease with the Buffalo Southern and DL&W operators; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Southern and DL&W railroads require capital maintenance to address operational and safety deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the Organization has experience in contracting for construction projects on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has allocated \$300,000 for rehabilitation of the Buffalo Southern Railroad in the 2025 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the County has allocated \$150,000 for rehabilitation of the DL&W railroad in the 2025 Capital Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute contracts as necessary with the Erie County Industrial Development Agency and Buffalo Southern in amounts not to exceed \$300,000 from Capital Account A.25055 for the rehabilitation of the Buffalo Southern and DL&W railroads; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute contracts as necessary with the Erie County Industrial Development Agency and DL&W in amounts not to exceed \$150,000 from Capital Account A.25056 to implement the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution 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)

TAISHA ST. JEAN TARD
CHAIR

Item 8 – MR. BARGNESI presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 171

October 30, 2025	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MILLS.
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
- a. COMM 19E-6 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “ECSD No. 8 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: LAB-4)”
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 18M-6 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, Erie County is experiencing numerous challenges .affecting the area's physical development including loss of farmland and open space; and

WHEREAS, Erie County last prepared a comprehensive planning document for farmland protection in 2012; and

WHEREAS, a new Plan was completed in August 2025 by the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning in conjunction with the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, said Plan was funded through monies provided by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board reviewed the Plan on August 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board formally submitted the Plan to the Erie County Legislature on October 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Plan will serve as an important tool for County officials when making decisions affecting the agricultural economy within the region; and

WHEREAS, Erie County acting through the Department of Environment and Planning determined the proposed Action is classified as a Type I Action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Planning on behalf of Erie County Legislature coordinated the review with interested and involved agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erie County Legislature has reviewed the SEQR materials provided through Lead Agency solicitation and additionally provided in in the attached memorandum and determines that the referenced Action is classified as a Type I action pursuant to SEQR; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the required 30-day coordinated review period expired on July 31, 2025, and no interested or involved agencies expressed a desire to act as Lead Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby declares itself Lead Agency for the referenced action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that based upon a thorough review and examination of the known facts relating to the Action, the County finds that the Action will have a de minimis impact on environment; and authorizes the issuance of the below Negative Declaration denoting the de minimis environmental impact of the project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby accepts the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan as the primary County planning document within Erie County on matters affecting farmland protection and the agricultural economy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature shall undertake actions affecting physical development in the region in a manner that is consistent with the principles, policies, and action strategies described in the Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, the following determination of environmental significance is issued:

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act, or "SEQR") of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The County of Erie ("County"), as Lead Agency, has reviewed the proposed resolution regarding the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Update (the "Project" or "Action") and determined that it will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared;

State Environmental Quality Review
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Determination of Non-Significance

Lead Agency: Erie County

Date: Resolution Date

Name of Action: Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Update

Location of Project: Countywide

SEOR Status:

This action has been defined as a Type I Action. This project has been reviewed through the Coordinated Review requirements of SEQR. Lead Agency solicitation by Erie County, acting through the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, was initiated on July 1, 2025, and concluded July 31, 2025. Interested and involved agencies agreed that the Erie County should serve as Lead Agency for this action. No adverse environmental impacts were identified through the SEQR review process.

Description of Action:

The Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Update (hereafter "the Plan") is an update of the 2012 Plan to address the changes which have occurred during the last 13 years. The Plan primarily focused on farmland resources; farm viability; an integrated agricultural economy; water resources, climate resiliency, and environmental protection; public appreciation of agriculture; and urban agriculture.

The Plan, developed through extensive public outreach, assesses the current state of the Erie County agricultural sector and provides recommendations to improve the Erie County agriculture through a variety of recommendations. The updated Plan will include but is not limited to the following:

1. Inventory of agricultural land.
2. An analysis of agriculture and development pressure in the County.
3. Identification of land for protection.
4. Connecting rural and urban farmers with new markets.
5. Improve the financial viability of agriculture.
6. Develops recommended actions to support farms and protect farmland.

Reasons Supporting this Determination:

The County has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern and has taken a hard look at each of the identified areas as required by SEQR. The County compared the Action with the criteria for determining significance identified in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c)(1) and in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c)(2) and (3). The County has completed Parts 2 and 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form ("FEAF"), and, as indicated below in the discussion of each criterion specified in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c)(1), the Action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

The Action as proposed will have no small or temporary impacts on the following: land, geological features, surface water, groundwater, flooding, air, plants and animals, surface water and land, aesthetic resources, historic and archeological resources, open space and recreation, critical environmental areas, transportation, energy, noise, odor and light, human health, community plans, and community character.

Conclusion:

The Lead Agency has determined that the Plan may positively impact agricultural resources by promoting their preservation and protection, although Erie County authority over land use decisions is limited.

In accordance with adopted review procedures and the criteria set forth in Part 617, the proposed action described above will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will not be prepared. Accordingly, a negative declaration is issued.

For Further Information:

Contact Person: Mark Rountree

Address: Erie County Department of Environment and Planning 95 Franklin Street,
10th Floor Buffalo, New York 14202

Telephone Number: (716) 858-8008

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; Department of Law; Department of Environment and Planning; and the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.
(5-0)

3. COMM. 19E-8 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning through its Division of Sewerage Management has the responsibility to operate and maintain over 1,100 miles of sewers, close to 100 pumping stations, five (5) overflow retention facilities, and six (6) wastewater treatment plants; and

WHEREAS, due to the age, condition, and complexity of the existing Erie County Sewer District facilities, numerous problems arise that require engineering solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sewer Districts also face regulatory requirements that necessitate detailed engineering evaluation and study; and

WHEREAS, it is not practical to issue requests for proposals (RFP) for each and every small engineering project; and

WHEREAS, it is further recognized that there is the need to have engineering assistance on standby for time critical projects; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management issued a RFP for engineering assistance on a term contract basis and received nineteen (19) timely responses from engineering firms; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code, an evaluation committee scored all responses using a consistent rating matrix; and

WHEREAS, the top ten (10) ranked firms submitting proposals have been recommended by the Division of Sewerage Management to perform the requested services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute professional service agreements in amounts not to exceed \$250,000 each over a three (3) year period with:

AECOM USA, Inc. (50 Lakefront Blvd., Suite 111, Buffalo, NY 14202)
Arcadis of New York, Inc. (50 Fountain Plaza, Suite 600, Buffalo, NY 14202)
DiDonato Associates Engineering and Architecture, P.C. (689 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203)
GHD Consulting Services, Inc. (285 Delaware Avenue, Suite 500, Buffalo, NY 14202)
Hazen and Sawyer (1 Seneca Street, Suite 2875, Buffalo, NY 14202)
JMDavidson Engineering, D.P.C. (935 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150)
LaBella Associates, D.P.C. (300 Pearl Street, Suite 130, Buffalo, NY 14202)
Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. (400 Andrews Street, Suite 710, Rochester, NY, 14604)
T.Y. Lin International Engineering and Architecture, P.C. (77 Broadway Street, Suite 208, Buffalo, NY 14203)
Wendel WD Architecture, Engineering, Surveying & Landscape Architecture, PC (375 Essjay Road, Suite 200, Williamsville, NY 14221)

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the authorization provided to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute said agreements is subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney's office and approval as to content by the Commissioner of Environment and Planning; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 over a three (3) year period for an engineering firm may only be increased by a subsequent resolution by this Honorable Body; and be it further

RESOLVED, that no individual assignment issued under these agreements be greater than \$75,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, authorization is hereby provided to fund individual work orders from any Sewer Capital Project in Fund 430 and/or the Sewer Operating Fund 220 (including business areas 181, 182, 183, and 186, account 516020 (professional services contracts and fees)) as determined by the Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Sewerage Management; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Sewerage Management be required to notify this Honorable Body of each individual work order assigned to an engineering firm under this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that when a Capital Project is selected as the funding source for a work order assignment, the Division of Sewerage Management shall include in its notice this Honorable Body that the Office of the County Comptroller has reviewed and certified the availability of sufficient capital appropriations to fund the work order assignment; 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) Chair Meyers not present for vote.

JOHN A. BARGNESI, JR.
CHAIR

Item 9 – MR. KOOSHOIAN presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 172

October 30, 2025	FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 11
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MILLS.
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. INTRO. 17-1 (2025)
BASKIN & MEYERS “Adjusting from the Income Limits for an Erie County Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 14E-20 (2025)
ST. JEAN TARD “Letter Regarding the One Big Beautiful Bill Act & Committee Discussion Request”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - c. COMM 18E-9 (2025)
COUNTY CLERK “Response to Forensic Audit Report of the EC Clerk's Office”
(Chair’s Ruling)

- d. COMM 18M-1 (2025)
WEAVER & TIDWELL LLP “Forensic Audit Report of the EC Clerk's Office”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - e. COMM 19D-3 (2025)
DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT “August 2025 Budget Monitoring Report”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - f. COMM 19M-1 (2025)
NYS REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES “County Equalization Rates for 2025
Assessment Rolls”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - g. COMM 19M-3 (2025)
ECWA “2026 Operating & Maintenance and Capital Budgets”
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 4D-1 (2025)
DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES – AS AMENDED
WHEREAS, the Erie County Director of Real Property Tax Services has received applications for corrected tax billings and / or refunds for taxes previously paid in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law sections 554 and 556; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that petitions numbered 270142 through 270165, inclusive be hereby approved or denied based upon the recommendation of the Director of Real Property Tax Services and be charged back to the applicable towns and/or cities.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,142.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$360.89
S-B-L 119.09-1-39 899 Three Rod Rd 142089 ALDEN

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$360.89 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 142089 ALDEN \$360.89
Relevy School \$360.89 142001 ALDEN CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply Basic STAR exemption
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 Petition No. 270,143.00

ASSESSOR Refund\$378.43
S-B-L 56.55-1-1./107F 107F Hickory Hill 142289 AMHERST

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$378.43 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 142289 AMHERST \$378.43
Relevy School \$378.43 142203 WILLIAMSVILLE CENT

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply senior exemption
Refund to be issued to Larry Revo

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,144.00

ASSESSOR Refund\$389.58
S-B-L 56.55-1-1./107F 107F Hickory Hill 142289 AMHERST

Acct. No. 112 \$208.25 County
Acct. No. 132 \$181.33 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 142289 AMHERST \$181.33

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply senior exemption
Refund to be issued to Larry Revo

FISCAL YEAR 2024 Petition No. 270,145.00

ASSESSOR Refund\$2,444.48
S-B-L 67.50-2-11 48 Adrian Ave 142289 AMHERST

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$2,444.48 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 142289 AMHERST \$2,444.48
Relevy School \$2,444.48 142201 AMHERST CENTRAL

RPTL 550(7): Incorrect school district
Refund to be issued to Antonio Vega

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,146.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$2,573.03
S-B-L 67.50-2-11 48 Adrian Ave 142289 AMHERST

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$2,573.03 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 142289 AMHERST \$2,573.03
Relevy School \$2,573.03 142201 AMHERST CENTRAL

RPTL 550(7): Incorrect school district

New tax bill to be issued

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,147.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$530.08
S-B-L 176.00-2-20.12 Cook Rd 142489 AURORA

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$530.08 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 142489 AURORA \$530.08
Relevy School \$530.08 144201 IROQUOIS CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Duplicate parcel
Delete entire parcel from tax roll.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,148.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$223.93
S-B-L 70.06-3-21 4959 Clearview Dr 143200 CLARENCE

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$223.93 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 143200 CLARENCE \$223.93
Relevy School \$223.93 142203 WILLIAMSVILLE CENT

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply exemption
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,149.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$617.46
S-B-L 349.11-1-6 69 Allen St 143601 GOWANDA

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$617.46 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 143601 GOWANDA \$617.46
Relevy School \$617.46 047201 GOWANDA CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Error in calculation of senior exemption
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR Petition No. 270,150.00

Cancel
S-B-L

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 Town/SpecialDist/School

Charge To : 144200 ELMA \$990.46
Relevy School \$990.46 144201 IROQUOIS CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Failed to change assessed value
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,151.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$3,549.16
S-B-L 156.03-1-18 138 Kalla Ln 144200 ELMA

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$3,549.16 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 144200 ELMA \$3,549.16
Relevy School \$3,549.16 144201 IROQUOIS CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Duplicate parcel
Delete entire parcel from tax roll

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,152.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$6,333.11
S-B-L 221.00-5-41.1/P Eden Evan Center 144489 EVANS

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$6,333.11 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 144489 EVANS \$6,333.11
Relevy School \$6,333.11 144401 LAKE SHORE CENTRAL

RPTL 550(7): Wholly exempt
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,153.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$379.71
S-B-L 183.18-15-8 53 Euclid Ave 144803 HAMBURG

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$379.71 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 144803 HAMBURG \$379.71
Relevy School \$379.71 144801 HAMBURG CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Failed to calculate senior exemption properly
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,154.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$860.34
S-B-L 196.10-4-9 113 Huntington Ct 144803 HAMBURG

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$860.34 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 144803 HAMBURG \$860.34
Relevy School \$860.34 144801 HAMBURG CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Error in calculation of senior exemption
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,155.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$92.84
S-B-L 160.15-2-12 Argyle Pkwy 144889 HAMBURG

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$92.84 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 144889 HAMBURG \$92.84
Relevy School \$92.84 146001 ORCH PARK CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Incorrect assessed value
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,156.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$141.28
S-B-L 160.15-2-13 Argyle Pkwy 144889 HAMBURG

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$141.28 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 144889 HAMBURG \$141.28
Relevy School \$141.28 146001 ORCH PARK CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Incorrect assessed value
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,157.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$24,290.17
S-B-L 95.00-4-9.117 68 Ward Rd 145289 LANCASTER

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$24,290.17 Town/SpecialDist/School
520 Code SC520 \$24,290.17
Charge To : 145289 LANCASTER \$0.00

RPTL 550(2): Applied exemption removal charge in error
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,158.00

ASSESSOR Refund \$632.49
S-B-L 115.15-1-27 18 Fox Terrace 145289 LANCASTER

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$632.49 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 145289 LANCASTER \$632.49
Relevy School \$632.49 145201 LANCASTER CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply vet exemption
Refund to be issued to Jennifer Friedman & Donald Louis Corriere Jr

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,159.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$512.95
S-B-L 21.00-2-21 7750 Brakett Rd 145689 NEWSTEAD

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$512.95 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 145689 NEWSTEAD \$512.95
Relevy School \$512.95 145601 AKRON CENTRAL

RPTL 550(2): Error in exemption calculation
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,160.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$412.91
S-B-L 66.70-2-12 100 Hamilton Blvd 146401 KENMORE

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$412.91 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 146401 KENMORE \$412.91
Relevy School \$412.91 146401 KEN-TON UNION FREE

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply Basic STAR exemption
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,161.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$412.91
S-B-L 53.77-3-24 189 Ferndale Ave 146489 TONAWANDA

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$412.91 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 146489 TONAWANDA \$412.91
Relevy School \$412.91 146401 KEN-TON UNION FREE

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply Basic STAR exemption
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,162.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$412.91
S-B-L 77.31-4-16 78 Huetter Ave 146489 TONAWANDA

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$412.91 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 146489 TONAWANDA \$412.91
Relevy School \$412.91 146401 KEN-TON UNION FREE

RPTL 550(2): Failed to apply Basic STAR exemption
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,163.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$482.36
S-B-L 124.10-2-16.2 V/L Clinton St 146800 WEST SENECA

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$482.36 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 146800 WEST SENECA \$482.36
Relevy School \$482.36 146801 WEST SENECA CENT

RPTL 550(7): Wholly exempt
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,164.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$2,952.02
S-B-L 124.10-3-1 2722 Clinton St 146800 WEST SENECA

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$2,952.02 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 146800 WEST SENECA \$2,952.02
Relevy School \$2,952.02 146801 WEST SENECA CENT

RPTL 550(2) Failed to apply AG exemption
New tax bill to be issued.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 Petition No. 270,165.00

ASSESSOR Cancel \$9,285.38
S-B-L 135.18-2-27.11 4592 Seneca St 146800 WEST SENECA

Acct. No. 112 \$0.00 County
Acct. No. 132 \$9,285.38 Town/SpecialDist/School
Charge To : 146800 WEST SENECA \$9,285.38
Relevy School \$9,285.38 146801 WEST SENECA CENT

RPTL 550(2): Duplicate parcel
Delete entire parcel from tax roll.

and be it further

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

3. COMM. 19E-5 (2025)
 COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-6.0 of the Erie County Tax Act, as well as specific direction of resolutions adopted by the Erie County Legislature in each of the sixty (60) years, each November the County of Erie, bids for and purchases every available Tax Lien Certificate upon real estate for which current year real property taxes then remain unpaid; and

WHEREAS, the collection of delinquent real property taxes under this procedure has been satisfactory, potentially leading, absent redemption, to the commencement of an in rem tax foreclosure action against the affected properties by the County; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that your Honorable Body direct the Director of Real Property Tax Services to bid and purchase for the County of Erie, its bid being preferred over all other offers, every 2025 Tax Certificate upon real estate for which current year real property taxes remain unpaid, along with any other unsold Tax Certificates the scheduled tax sale date for 2025 Tax Lien Certificates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article VII of the Erie County Tax Act, the Director of Real Property Tax Services be, and hereby is, authorized to bid for and purchase, on behalf of the County of Erie, all Tax Lien Certificates upon real estate in Erie County for which 2025 real property taxes have not been paid, along with any other unsold Tax Lien Certificates upon real estate in Erie County for which real property taxes have been paid; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Real Property Tax Services, Department of Law and Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0)

MICHAEL H. KOOSHOIAN
CHAIR

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 173

October 30, 2025	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 11
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 19E-10 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Erie County Central Police Services provides critical support, coordination, and technical services to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies for the County of Erie; and

WHEREAS, there is an identified need for specialized training in criminal justice systems, including but not limited to record management, computer-aided dispatch, evidence-based practices, and emerging public safety technologies; and

WHEREAS, Central Police Services has determined that engaging a qualified training specialist through a professional services contract will enhance staff knowledge, improve system efficiency, and ensure compliance with applicable standards and regulations; and

WHEREAS, funding for this contract is available in the current budget of Central Police Services fund center 516020, at no additional cost; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has the expertise necessary to provide said services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the Department of Central Police Services to contract with a Part-Time Training Specialist-Criminal Justice Systems, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000, subject to approval by the Erie County Department of Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding exists within the Department of Central Police Services' 2025 E-911 Budget (Fund 230, Funds Center 16500) Account 516020 – Professional Services, Contracts & Fees; 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, Department of Personnel, Department of Labor Relations, Department of Purchasing and Department of Central Police Services.

(5-0) Chair Meyers not present for vote.

JOHN J. GILMOUR
CHAIR

LEGISLATOR RESOLUTIONS

Item 11 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 174

RE: Addressing Therapy Reimbursement
Rates & to Urge Continued Care at 705
Maple Road in Amherst, New York
(INTRO. 20-1)

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR VINAL**

WHEREAS, Buffalo Therapy Services provides a full spectrum of therapies including pre and post operative services, physical therapy for speech and occupational therapy for stroke patients as well as palliative care and maintenance for chronic conditions being the aftermath of neuro injuries and other traumatic events to maintain strength, endurance, range of motion and the ability to work despite severe conditions and to maintain independence living at home instead of nursing home care and/or dependence on addicting pain medications; and

WHEREAS, for example, a 14 year old boy had an accident 17 years ago, injuring his carotid artery causing paralysis; he was and has been treated with rehab at 705 Maple Rd. that was described as miraculous, and has been able to work with going once every two weeks; and

WHEREAS, for example, a senior had an event that left her in a wheelchair and unable to operate a car and is a patient there to increase strength, range of motion and decrease deconditioning which can become permanent in the elderly; and

WHEREAS, a union contract did raise salaries and staffing to fairly compensate workers and this should not be used to close service areas that are not as profitable as others given that the

hospital is a not for profit enjoying the privilege of tax free status to hold profits year after year to advertise at Bills games and provide substantial salaries to management; and

WHEREAS, the hospital has enjoyed the benefits of state licensure which allowed it limited exclusiveness of competition for decades; and

WHEREAS, closure can only be done with approval of the NYS Dept. of Health upon showing there are other services in the area and after public hearing; and

WHEREAS, there was a public hearing in downtown Buffalo for health care in the rehab area with complaints that the notice was insufficient as not posted at the site and too far from the site; and

WHEREAS, the space rented has not changed in area but Kaleida chose to use some of the space and the landlord is unilaterally charging a large increase in rent; and

WHEREAS, other insurance rates have been stagnant for physical therapy, such as NYS workers' compensation for physical therapy when chiropractors went up after decades in October of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the federal reimbursement for physical therapy under physician supervision did go up slightly, but the conversion factor for reimbursement decreased 2.83% to \$32.35 down from \$33.29 in 2024 until Congress intervenes; and

WHEREAS, Budget neutrality adjustments since 1992 have made it so there is no inflation adjustment and in 2013 there was a multiple procedure redirection which reduced payment by an average of 8.5% in 2013 which continued; and

WHEREAS, other physical therapy centers are also closing such as the downtown location of Excelsior which is closing in November 2025 and also need increased reimbursement rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this body urges Kaleida to reconsider this closure and to continue the good work of Buffalo Therapy Services at 705 Maple Rd. in Amherst; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this body asks Benderson Development to reconsider the additional rent at 705 Maple Rd. if Kaleida continues to operate therapy there; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this body urges Governor Hochul, the NY Senate and NY Assembly to give workers' compensation reimbursements of all therapy at fair levels reflecting the inflationary growth over the last 30 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this body urges the President of the United States and both houses of congress to reverse all therapy cuts and add onto the reimbursement rates to reflect inflationary growth over the last 30 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this body urges the NYS Department of Health to carefully examine that there is this spectrum of care and type of care within a reasonable distance as patients have anecdotally stated there is not; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk is instructed to send this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the WNY delegation of the State Senate and Assembly, the President of the United States and the WNY delegation of the U.S. Senate and House, and to the CEOs of Kaleida and Benderson.

Item 12 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 175

RE: Re-Appropriation of Funding
(INTRO. 20-2)

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR MEYERS**

WHEREAS, \$40,000 in public benefit funding by the Erie County Legislature was carried forward in the 2025 Budget in Fund 110, Fund Center 1332010 Community Neighborhood Development, Funds Reservation 100001242; and

WHEREAS, the organization is not able to accept the funds, and the funding should be transferred to an alternative organization; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer \$40,000 of Community/Neighborhood Development Funds to the Town of Cheektowaga's Office of Emergency Management; and be it further

RESOLVED, that while the agency names are changing the overall budget line amount is to remain the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Budget Management is authorized to make any adjustment 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

There were none.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

FROM CHAIR MEYERS

Item 13 – (COMM. 20E-1) 2026 Erie County Budget Hearings Schedule

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

Item 14 – MR. GREENE moved to amend COMM. 20E-2. MS. LORIGO seconded.

CHAIR MEYERS motioned for recess at 12:16PM. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED.

CHAIR MEYERS called The Legislature back to order at 12:40PM

All members present.

CHAIR MEYERS directed that a roll-call vote be taken on the motion to amend COMM. 20E-2.

AYES: MR. GREENE, MS. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. TODARO., and CHAIR MEYERS. NOES: MR. BARGNESI, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, MR. KOOSHOIAN, MS. ST. JEAN TARD and MS. VINAL. (AYES: 5; NOES: 6)

FAILED.

MR. GILMOUR moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

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

AYES: MR. GREENE, MS. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. TODARO, MR. BARGNESI, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, MR. KOOSHOIAN, CHAIR MEYERS, MS. ST. JEAN TARD and MS. VINAL. NOES: None. (AYES: 11; NOES: 0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 176

RE: Department of Social Services - Delay in
Federal SNAP Benefits
(COMM. 20E-2)

WHEREAS, a monthly average of \$27.5 million dollars is transferred by the Federal government to SNAP recipients in Erie County each month; and

WHEREAS, the inaction of Congressional leadership has led to Erie County residents and the country facing an unprecedented level of food insecurity due to a delay in Federal benefits; and

WHEREAS, 78,000 SNAP households living in every city, town and village in Erie County will need to turn to local food pantries to meet their daily needs until the Federal shutdown is resolved by Congress; and

WHEREAS, FeedMore Western New York, Inc. is the primary hunger relief organization in the region, distributing millions of meals through the local food pantry network each year; and

WHEREAS, FeedMore Western New York, Inc. has a working relationship with local food pantries in every community in Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorize the transfer of \$1,000,000 in funding from County-wide Budget Account – 559000 – County Share Grants (Fund 110, Funds Center 14010) and into the Department of Social Services’ 2025 General Fund Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 120) as follows:

County-Wide Budget Accounts
Fund 110, Funds Center 14010

APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGE
559000 County Share Grants	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

Department of Social Services
Fund 110, Funds Center 120

APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGE
559010 Federal Cut Impacts	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County

Executive to enter into contract with FeedMore Western New York, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to create an emergency food distribution fund to support additional food needed by local food pantries across Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management to return any unused funding to its original location (Fund 110, Funds Center 14010, Account 559000) should the Federal Government shutdown be resolved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to 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, Comptroller's Office, Department of Social Services, and Division of Budget and Management.

Item 15 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 177

RE: Authorization to Deduct Mortgage Tax
Expenses for the 2025 Fiscal Year
(COMM. 20E-3)

WHEREAS, under Section 262 of the New York State Tax Law, County Clerks as Recording Officers are entitled, but not required, to recover expenses associated with the administration and collection of the Mortgage Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office has provided reasonable and sufficient documentation of the following expenses related to the collection of mortgage tax, consisting of \$928,750 for salaries and fringe benefits and \$71,250 for computer and data processing expenses, for a total of \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance requires certification from the local legislature that such expense is reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby certify that the expense incurred in the collection of the State Mortgage Tax as per Section 262 of the New York State Tax Law equals \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2025, as submitted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature send certified copies of this resolution to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; the Director of the Erie County Division of Budget and Management; the Erie County Comptroller; and the Erie County Clerk.

FROM THE COUNTY CLERK

Item 16 – (COMM. 20E-4) Update Regarding COMM. 18E-10/Buffalo News Occupation
Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM CHAIR MEYERS

Item 17 – (COMM. 20E-5) Appointments to EC Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board
CHAIR MEYERS directed that the item be received and filed.

FROM THE SHERIFF

Item 18 – (COMM. 20E-6) Correctional Health Budget Reallocations
Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 19 – (COMM. 20E-7) Department of Social Services - Shelter Improvement Plan

Item 20 – (COMM. 20E-8) Acceptance of State Aid for Code Blue Services

Item 21 – (COMM. 20E-9) Donation by Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo to
Support Child Poverty Reduction

The above three items were received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 22 – (COMM. 20E-10) ECSD No. 6 - Dorrance Ave Pumping Station Force Main
Improvements Project (Contract No. 67, Construction Close Out)

Item 23 – (COMM. 20E-11) ECSD No. 4 - Depew Pumping Station Forcemain
Replacement (Contract No. 60A, Construction Close Out)

Item 24 – (COMM. 20E-12) ECSD No. 3 - Southtowns Incinerator Heat Exchanger
Replacement Project (Contract No. 71, Close Out)

Item 25 – (COMM. 20E-13) ECSD No. 3 - Southtowns Influent Screening Replacement
Project (Contract No. 73-D, Construction Close Out)

Item 26 – (COMM. 20E-14) ECSD No. 6 - Wilmuth Ave. Pumping Station Grit Collection
System Replacement (Contract No. 65, Construction Close Out)

Item 27 – (COMM. 20E-15) ECSD No. 6 - Lackawanna WRRF & ORF Disinfection Systems Improvements Project (Contract No. 62-A, Construction Close Out)

Item 28 – (COMM. 20E-16) ECSD Engineer Term Contract Agreement - Change Order No. 2 & Work Order No. GHD-6

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

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 29 – (COMM. 20E-17) Authorization to Accept SFY2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911) Grant Program Funds

Item 30 – (COMM. 20E-18) Authorization to Accept FY2024 SAFER Program, Recruitment & Retention of Volunteer Firefighters Activity (R&R)

Item 31 – (COMM. 20E-19) Authorization to Enter into Contract with Emergency Services Marketing Corp.

The above three items were received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 32 – (COMM. 20E-20) Right-of-Way Acquisition for Replacement of Culverts in Towns of Collins, Concord, & Boston

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 33 – (COMM. 20E-21) Interim Financial Report - Third Quarter 2025

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 34 – (COMM. 20E-22) Appointment to EC Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 35 – (COMM. 20E-23) Appointments to EC Arts & Cultural Advisory Board

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

FROM THE ECDSS

Item 36 – (COMM. 20D-1) Federal Shutdown and SNAP Funding

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM PRINCIPAL PLANNER GATTI

Item 37 – (COMM. 20D-2) Public Hearing Minutes - EC Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EEO

Item 38 – (COMM. 20D-3) Disparity Study Update

Received and referred to the MINORITY & WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES

Item 39 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 178

RE: Buffalo Place 2026 Budget & Special
Charge Levy Approval
(COMM. 20M-1)

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature approved Local Law No. 8-1984, establishing a downtown pedestrian/transit mall special district; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature approved on December 19, 1985, a resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into agreement with Downtown Buffalo Management Corporation, now known as Buffalo Place Inc., designating Buffalo Place Inc. as the not-for-profit corporation with which Erie County shall contract for the performance of mall special district services, for which annual contracts were executed in 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and

WHEREAS, the said Local Law requires that the mall corporation present an annual budget to the Legislature regarding the amount to be raised by mall district special charges; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the said Local Law, Buffalo Place Inc. held a public hearing, on due notice to property owners within the district, regarding the proposed 2026 annual budget on October 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2013 the Board of Directors of Buffalo Place Inc. approved a resolution approving a payment in lieu of service charges for the HSBC Atrium Building and have included the same as part of its proposed 2026 budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby determine that the total amount to be raised by mall district service charges in 2026 shall be the sum of \$1,925,179 as contained in the attached budget which shall be a part of this Resolution, which amount does not exceed 80% of the service charges that could be assessed or levied against properties in the district; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Erie be and hereby is authorized to enter into agreement with Buffalo Place Inc., the not-for-profit corporation described in Section 9 of Erie County Local Law No. 8-1984, providing for the performance by Buffalo Place Inc. of the mall special services set forth in Section 8 of said Local Law; the payment to Buffalo Place Inc. of the proceeds of the mall special district charges, less administrative costs, to be used by Buffalo Place Inc. in providing mall special district services; and such other terms and conditions as to the County Attorney appear necessary or appropriate for the implementation of Erie County Local Law No. 8-1984 and Chapter 673 of the Laws of 1982; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Place Inc. revenues, in addition to the special charges assessed as above set forth, include for the year 2026, \$18,000 in payment in lieu of service charges for KeyBank Center (1 Seymour H. Knox III Plaza, Buffalo, NY) and \$38,436 for HSBC Atrium Building (95 Washington Street, Buffalo, NY) totaling \$56,436 as set forth in said budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Commissioner of Finance shall, not later than November 21, 2025, cause to be established a Mall District Special Charge Roll apportioning the amount herein above determined to be raised by mall district special charges and payment in lieu of special charges for 2026 in conformance with the formula set forth in Section 7 of Erie County Local Law N. 8-1984 using the latest available final general or special assessment roll prepared by The City of Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution in its final form be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Mayor of the City of Buffalo, the Chairman and the Executive Director of Buffalo Place Inc., and the Erie County Commissioner of Budget and Management.

FROM THE NFTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Item 40 – (COMM. 20M-2) Opposition to Proposed Disinvestment in Transit & Municipalities in the 2026 EC Budget

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

FROM THE ECIDA

Item 41 – (COMM. 20M-3) 2026 Budgets for ECIDA, RDC and ILDC

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Meyers opened the Second Public Comment Session. No members of the public requested to speak during the Public Comment Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 42 – Chair Meyers announced that the Legislature will conduct committee meetings on Thursday, November 13, 2025, and the schedule will be distributed. Chair Meyers further announced that the next session of the Legislature will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2025. Finally, Chair Meyers announced that there would be two days of Departmental Budget Hearings on November 12 and November 14, starting at 9:30AM each day.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

Item 43 – Legislator Bargnesi requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Rita M. Chapman, and Anthony Spina.

Item 44 – Legislator Todaro requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Kathleen M. Marzec, David R. Schaefer, James W. Hehr, and Douglas J. Grimmer.

Item 45 – Legislator Lorigo requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Arthur “Art” J. Clark.

Item 46 – Legislator Mills requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Nelson A. Thiel.

ADJOURNMENT

Item 47 – 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 13, 2025 at 11:30 AM. MR. GREENE seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR MEYERS declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 11:30 AM.

OLIVIA M. OWENS
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE