

ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MEETING NO. 21
NOVEMBER 20, 2025

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Meyers.

All members present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Gilmour.

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), discussed Fair Ballot Access being implemented in Erie County.

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 20 from 2025. MR. MILLS seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4 – No Public Hearings.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Item 5 – Miscellaneous Resolutions were offered, as follows:

MAJORITY CAUCUS Recognizing National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

MAJORITY CAUCUS Recognizing National Career Development Month

MAJORITY CAUCUS Recognizing National Scholarship Month

MAJORITY CAUCUS Recognizing National Family Literacy Month

MAJORITY Recognizing World Kindness Day

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MAJORITY CAUCUS Recognizing Lung Cancer Awareness Month

MAJORITY CAUCUS Recognizing National Healthy Skin Month

MAJORITY CAUCUS Honoring National Homeless Awareness Month

MAJORITY CAUCUS Acknowledging National Prematurity Awareness Month & World Prematurity Day

DUPRE Honoring Jeffrey Chambless on His 11th Pastoral Anniversary of Mount Mariah Baptist Church

DUPRE Honoring and Highlighting Putting the Neighbor Back in the Hood Initiative

DUPRE Honoring the Life of Johnnie M. Mayo – Celebrating the Auditorium Dedication in Her Name at BUILD Community School

DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD Acknowledging International Black Veterans Day

ST. JEAN TARD Honoring the Bennett High School Boys' Football – 2025 Section IV Class AA Champions

KOOSHOIAN Honoring the McKinley High School Boys' Football – 2025 Section IV Class A Champions

GREENE Honoring the Clarence Schools Family Support Center as Recipient of the New York State School Boards Association "Champions of Change" Recognition

GREENE Honoring Karl and Beverly Haist for Their Record-Breaking 2,741.5- Pound Pumpkin

GREENE Honoring Kate Coffman and Rooted Beginnings, LLC

TODARO Recognizing Alden Bakery & Café on Small Business Saturday

TODARO Recognizing Farmer's Daughters' Diner for Small Business Saturday

TODARO Recognizing Country Crossroads of Marilla on Small Business Saturday

TODARO Recognizing Under One Roof on Small Business Saturday

- TODARO Celebrating the Grand Opening of The Rooted Cup
- TODARO Celebrating the Grand Opening of Willy’s Laundromat
- GILMOUR Honoring the Lackawanna High School Boys’ Football – 2025 Section IV Class B Champions
- LORIGO Honoring Zachary Armstrong as the Citizen of the Month for the Erie County Legislature’s 10th District
- LORIGO Honoring the Life and Legacy of Arthur “Art” J. Clark
- LORIGO Recognizing the East Aurora High School “Blue Devil Coffee Cart” for Student Education and Inclusion
- LORIGO Recognizing the St. Vincent de Paul Parish of Spring Brook, NY on its 175th Anniversary
- LORIGO Recognizing the East Aurora Union Free School District During “National Education Week”
- MILLS Honoring Kevin Karstedt Eden Chamber of Commerce 2025 Citizen of the Year
- MILLS Honoring Angle Acres Greenhouse on Small Business Saturday
- MILLS Celebrating the Grand Opening of Mario’s Bistro & Brews on Small Business Saturday

MR. GILMOUR moved for consideration of the above thirty-three items. MS. ST. JEAN TARD seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LOCAL LAWS

Item 6 – MR. BARGNESI moved to take Local Law Intro. No. 5-3 (2024) from the table. MS. VINAL seconded.

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

AYES: MR. BARGNESI, MR. KOOSHOIAN, and MS. VINAL. NOES: MR. GREENE, MS. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. TODARO, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, CHAIR MEYERS, and MS. ST. JEAN TARD (AYES: 3; NOES: 8)

FAILED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 179

November 13, 2025	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 12
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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. 20E-22 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “Appointment to EC Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 20E-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 Erie County Sheriff’s Office, Correctional Health Division is responsible for providing medical care for Incarcerated Individuals within the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Correctional Health Division utilizes contracted nurses through Supplemental Health and Pinnacle Travel Staffing; and

WHEREAS, the increased reliance on contracted agency nurses has resulted in an increased cost associated with the service; and

WHEREAS, due to the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's inability to accept transfers in a timely manner, the Erie County Sheriff's Office Jail Management Division's census has been inflated through much of 2025; and

WHEREAS, due to the increased count of incarcerated individuals, the Erie County Sheriff's Office Correctional Health Division is on pace to exceed its budgeted medical supply amount for 2025; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding exists elsewhere within the existing Correctional Health Division budget to cover those costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the following budget adjustment within the Erie County Sheriff's Office, Correctional Health Services Division budget (Fund 110, Fund Center 11650):

APPROPRIATIONS	DECREASE
500000 – Full Time – Salaries	\$280,000.00
APPROPRIATIONS	INCREASE
516020 – Professional Services Contracts and Fees	\$250,000.00
505800 – Medical and Health Supplies	\$30,000.00

and be it further

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

RESOLVED, certified copies shall be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Office of the Comptroller and Erie County Sheriff's Office for implementation.

(6-0)

3. COMM. 20E-17 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has been awarded \$1,937,477 in state aid funding to enhance public safety operations, including strengthening 911 communication infrastructure through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the SFY2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services requires legislative approval to accept the State funds and to amend the Adopted 2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this State aid to enhance public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$1,937,477 from NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and be made available as a multi-year grant to Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (Fund 281, Funds Center 16700) as follows:

Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
Next Generation 911 Grant Program
HS167NG9112530
09/01/2025-08/31/2030

ACCOUNT	REVENUES	BUDGET
409000	State Aid Revenues	\$1,937,477
	TOTAL	\$1,937,477

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	\$1,937,477
	TOTAL	\$1,937,477

and be it further

RESOLVED, these funds will be utilized to ensure that DHSES are able to continue to deliver and maintain quality 911 services and communications; and be it further:

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Department of Law, and Division of Budget and Management.

(6-0)

4. COMM. 20E-18 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has been awarded \$75,000 in federal funding to enhance strengthen recruitment marketing planning and implementation efforts across Erie County’s volunteer fire community infrastructure through the DHS and FEMA FY 2024 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program, Recruitment & Retention of Volunteer Firefighters Activity (R&R); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services requires legislative approval to accept the Federal funds and to amend the Adopted 2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this Federal aid to enhance public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$75,000 from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and be made available as a multi-year grant to Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (Fund 281, Funds Center 16700) as follows:

Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response Program, Recruitment & Retention of Volunteer
Firefighters Activity Grant
HS167SAFER2527
10/01/2025-09/30/2027

ACCOUNT	REVENUES	BUDGET
409000	Federal Aid Revenues	\$75,000
	TOTAL	\$75,000

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	\$75,000
	TOTAL	\$75,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, these funds will be utilized to ensure that DHSES are able to continue to assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments and provide support for critically needed resources to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters; and be it further:

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Department of Law, and Division of Budget and Management.

(6-0)

5. COMM. 20E-19 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding to continue the implementation of programs to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services is responsible for supporting and managing public safety communication in emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, I Am Responding has been a successful paging and quick response public safety communications platform; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into annual contract for three years (March 1, 2026-March 31, 2029) with Emergency Services Marketing Corp. maintain the current paging and quick response platform at an annual cost of \$90,400 per year; and

WHEREAS, the contract will be managed by the Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract beginning March 1, 2026, with Emergency Services Marketing Corp. in the amount of \$90,400 per year for maintaining/updating the current paging and quick response system for the purposes of public safety; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding exists to cover this expense in concurrent State Homeland Security Program grant budgets (Fund 281, Funds Center 16700, Grant HS167SHSP2326, 2427 and 2528) Account 516030 – Maintenance Contracts; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Erie County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services, Department of Law, and the Division of Budget and Management.
(6-0)

**JOHN J. GILMOUR
CHAIR**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 180

November 13, 2025	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 11
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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. 20E-23 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE “Appointments to EC Arts & Cultural Advisory Board”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 20E-7 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Division of Budget presented a plan which was approved by your honorable body with COMM. 8E-4 (2024); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services was awarded funding under this plan in the amount of \$1,000,000 to provide grants to shelters to make necessary upgrades needed to recertify; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) 2025-042VF to seek out Homeless Shelters needing Certification Support; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Department of Social Services desires to contract with Saving Grace Ministries in the amount of \$360,000 and Friends of Little Portion Friary in the amount of \$25,500 to complete repairs to make their shelters certifiable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive or the Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with Saving Grace Ministries the amount of \$360,000 and Friends of Little Portion Friary in the amount of \$25,500 to complete repairs to make their shelter certifiable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funds to cover the cost of this contract already exist within the Department of Social Services' 2025 General Fund Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 120) Account 516039 – Shelter Improvements; and be it further

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

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

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

3. COMM. 20E-8 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) appropriated \$20 million for district costs related to implementing emergency measures for the homeless during inclement winter weather (Code Blue); and

WHEREAS, the funds awarded are to provide Code Blue Services when temperatures are expected to fall below 32° F; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services has been awarded funding in the amount of \$645,000; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services distributed a Request for Proposal (RFP #2025-039VF) to interested parties, and the panel recommendations were utilized to determine contract award amount; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the RFP, the Erie County Department of Social Services has identified The City Mission, Inc. as the recipient of this funding to provide Code Blue Services in the amount of \$645,000; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$645,000 in State Aid into the Department of Social Services' 2025 Adopted Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 1201010) for Code Blue Services as follows:

Department of Social Services

Fund 110, Funds Center 1201010

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
407795	State Aid – Code Blue	<u>\$645,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$645,000</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
516465	Code Blue Winter Shelter	<u>\$645,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$645,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with The City Mission, Inc. (RFP #2025-039VF) in the amount of \$645,000 for the provision of Code Blue Services; 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.

(6-0)

4. COMM. 20E-9 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services has been awarded \$12,250,000 in Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to fund the Child Poverty Reduction Initiative (CPRI) to support child poverty reduction over the next three years in the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, this program will pay stipends to individuals for completing milestones to aid in the pursuit of a higher paying position; and

WHEREAS, in order to prevent these stipends from being counted as income in the determination of Temporary Assistance (TA) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits the Department of Social Services needed to seek out funding to support the program; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo agreed to support the program with a \$20,000 award which fits the vision of the Department of Social Services to create a community where children, adults, and families are healthy and safe and enjoy a quality life; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law, all donations must be approved and accepted by the Erie County Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the Department of Social Services to modify its 2025 Adopted Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 12010) and accept the donation of \$20,000 from the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo to support the Child Poverty Reduction Initiative (CPRI) as follows:

Department of Social Services
Fund 110, Funds Center 12010

REVENUES	CHANGE
418430 Donated Funds	\$20,000
TOTAL	\$20,000
APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGE
530000 Other Expenses	\$20,000
TOTAL	\$20,000

and be it further

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

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

(6-0)

LAWRENCE J. DUPRE
CHAIR

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 181

November 13, 2025	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATORS GILMOUR & KOOSHOIAN.
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

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

a. COMM 20D-2 (2025)
PRINCIPAL PLANNER GATTI “Public Hearing Minutes - EC Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 18E-17 (2025) – AS AMENDED
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has received the following lowest responsible bid for Contract No. 62 at 2:00 p.m. on October 22, 2025:

Contract	Lowest Responsible Bidder	Amount
Contract No. 62	Concord Electric Corporation 305 Pinewild Dr, Suite #4 Rochester, NY 14606	\$274,000.00

and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned lowest responsible bidder has successfully completed projects of this size in the past; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the awarding of the Broadway East Pumping Station Generator Replacement, Contract No. 62, as follows:

Contract	Lowest Responsible Bidder	Amount
Contract No. 62	Concord Electric Corporation 305 Pinewild Dr, Suite #4 Rochester, NY 14606	\$274,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to execute the Contract with the aforementioned lowest responsible bidder, 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 authorization is hereby provided for the Director of Budget and Management and the County Comptroller to allocate Contract No. 62 costs in Erie County Sewer District No. 4 Capital Bond Account C.17401 in Fund 430, Funds Center 181; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the Director of the Division of Budget and Management to implement any budget adjustments necessary to facilitate this funding; and be it further

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

3. COMM. 20E-10 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 11E-10 (2024) Contract No. 67 was awarded to Kandey Company, Inc. to construct the Dorrance Ave Pumping Station Force Main Improvements Project in Erie County Sewer District No. 6; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Division of Sewerage Management has advised that all scheduled improvements are now complete and recommends approval for final payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Contract No. 67 between the County of Erie and Kandey Company, Inc. (19 Ransier Drive, West Seneca, NY 14224) is accepted in the final contract amount of \$1,028,483.95, which includes Change Order No. 2 (Final), a decrease of \$71,130.05; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Erie County Comptroller to make final payment for Contract No. 67 to Kandey Company, Inc. for a total contract amount of \$1,028,483.95; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send one (1) certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and the Division of Sewerage Management.
(4-0)

4. COMM. 20E-11 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 16E-19 (2023) Contract No. 60A was awarded to Concrete Applied Technologies Corp., dba CATCO to construct the Depew Pumping Station Forcemain Replacement at Cayuga Creek Project in Erie County Sewer District No. 4; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Division of Sewerage Management has advised that all scheduled improvements are now complete and recommends approval for final payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes Contract No. 60A between the County of Erie and Concrete Applied Technologies Corp., dba CATCO (1266 Townline Road,

Alden, NY 14004) to be accepted in the final contract amount of \$1,172,893.40, which includes Change Order No. 1 (final), an increase of \$1,663.40 and a time extension to July 22, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Director of Budget and Management and the County Comptroller to allocate \$1,663.40 in Capital Account C.17401 to fund Contract No. 60A Change Order No. 1 (final); and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Director of the Division of Budget and Management to implement any budget adjustments necessary to facilitate this funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Comptroller be directed to make final payment for Contract No. 60A to Concrete Applied Technologies Corp., dba CATCO for a total contract amount of \$1,172,893.40; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send one (1) certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and the Division of Sewerage Management.
(4-0)

5. COMM. 20E-12 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 2E-23 (2024), Contract No. 71 was awarded to Hohl Industrial Services, Inc. for general construction associated with the Southtowns Incinerator Heat Exchanger Replacement Project in Erie County Sewer District No. 3; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Division of Sewerage Management has advised that all scheduled improvements are now completed; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has recommended the acceptance of Contract No.71, in the final contract amount of \$1,480,351.28 which includes Change Order No. 2 (Final), a decrease of \$12,648.72, and recommends approval for final payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes Contract No. 71 between the County of Erie and Hohl Industrial Services, Inc. (770 Riverview Boulevard, Tonawanda, New York, 14150) to be accepted in the final contract amount of \$1,480,351.28 which includes Change Order No. 2 (final), a decrease of \$12,648.72; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Erie County Comptroller to make final payment for Contract No. 71 to Hohl Industrial Services, Inc. for a total contract amount of \$1,480,351.28; 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, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and the Division of Sewerage Management.

(4-0)

6. COMM. 20E-13 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 5E-7 (2023), Contract No. 73-D was awarded to CIR Electric Construction Corporation for Electrical Construction associated with the Southtowns Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility Influent Screening Replacement Project in Erie County Sewer District No. 3; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Division of Sewerage Management has advised that all scheduled improvements are now completed and recommends approval for final payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes Contract No. 73-D between the County of Erie and CIR Electric Construction Corporation (2517 Long Road, Grand Island, NY 14072) to be accepted in the final contract amount of \$342,489.70, which includes Change Order No. 2 (final), a decrease of \$9,270.30; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Erie County Comptroller to make final payment for Contract No. 73-D, to CIR Electric Construction Corporation for a total contract amount of \$342,489.70; and be it further

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

(4-0)

7. COMM. 20E-14 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 10E-20 (2024), Contract No. 65 was awarded to H&K Services, Inc. for General Construction associated with the Wilmuth Avenue Pumping Station Grit Collection System Replacement in Erie County Sewer District No. 6; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Division of Sewerage Management has advised that all scheduled improvements are now completed and recommends approval for final payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes Contract No. 65 between the County of Erie and H&K Services, Inc. (12025 Leon New Albion Road, Conewango Valley, NY 14726) to be accepted in the final contract amount of \$772,400.00, which includes Change Order No. 1 (final), with no cost change; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Erie County Comptroller to make final payment for Contract No. 65, to H&K Services, Inc. for a total contract amount of \$772,400.00; and be it further

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

8. COMM. 20E-15 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 6E-9 (2023), Contract No. 62-A was awarded to H&K Services, Inc. for General Construction associated with the Lackawanna Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and Overflow Retention Facility (ORF) Disinfection Systems Improvements Project in Erie County Sewer District No. 6; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Division of Sewerage Management has advised that all scheduled improvements are now completed and recommends approval for final payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes Contract No. 62-A between the County of Erie and H&K Services, Inc. (12025 Leon New Albion Road, Conewango Valley, NY 14726) being accepted in the final contract amount of \$2,493,659.00, which includes Change Order No. 3 (final), with no cost change; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Erie County Comptroller to make final payment for Contract No. 62-A, to H&K Services, Inc for a total contract amount of \$2,493,659.00; and be it further

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

9. COMM. 20E-16 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 16E-11 (2022), GHD Consulting Services, Inc. (285 Delaware Ave, Suite 500, Buffalo, NY 14202) was retained to provide engineering services for various initiatives in the Erie County Sewer Districts through a three-year term agreement; and

WHEREAS, through the three-year term agreement, GHD Consulting Services, Inc. is assisting with construction administration services for Erie County Sewer District No. 3 Contract No. 73, the Southtowns AWTF Influent Screen Replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management has identified additional engineering services required to assist with Contract No. 73, and recommends issuance of a work order with GHD Consulting Services, Inc. to complete; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management has determined that proceeding with this work order would increase the total cost of services under the three-year term agreement above the Legislative authorization provided; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning recommends issuance of a change order to the three-year term agreement with GHD Consulting Services, Inc. to allow for completion of the aforementioned work order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes an increase the total amount for the engineering term agreement between the County of Erie and GHD Consulting Services, Inc. (285 Delaware Ave, Suite 500, Buffalo, NY 14202) for the various initiatives in Erie County Sewer Districts by \$35,000.00 to a total of \$306,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Deputy Commissioner in the Division of Sewerage Management to execute Change Order No. 2 for this term agreement, increasing the total compensation under the agreement by an additional \$35,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the Director of Budget and Management and the County Comptroller to allocate \$35,000.00 in Erie County Sewer District No. 3 Capital Bond Account C.17301 to fund the issuance of work order GHD-6; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the Director of the Division of Budget and Management to implement any budget adjustments necessary to facilitate this funding; and be it further

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

JOHN A. BARGNESI, JR.
CHAIR

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 182

	COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 17E-5 (2025)
ST. JEAN TARD “Discussion Request Regarding the One Big Beautiful Bill Act”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 20M-3 (2025)
ECIDA “2026 Budgets for ECIDA, RDC and ILDC”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 20E-20 (2025)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, a design project for the replacement of three large culverts; Jennings Road (CR 487) Culvert over Clear Creek Tributary, CIN 487-03, in the Town of Collins, Belscher Road (CR 419) Culvert over Spooner Creek Tributary, CIN 419-01B, in the Town of Concord, and Back Creek Road (CR 438) Culvert over 18 Mile Creek Tributary, CIN 438-02A, in the Town of Boston, (the “Project”) is being progressed; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of these large culverts requires the County to acquire by fee and/or easement portions of real property in the vicinity of each large culvert;

PROPERTY TAX MAP SBL NUMBERS	TOWNSHIP
SBL 330.000-2-21	Collins
SBL 343.000-1-3.100	Collins
SBL 321.00-2-22	Concord
SBL 241.00-2-13.31	Boston

such properties to be acquired by the County are herein referred to as the “Subject Properties”; and

WHEREAS, to acquire the easement parcels for the Project, it is necessary for the County to establish an amount which it believes to represent just compensation for the real property interest to be acquired and to thereafter make a written offer to purchase the real property interest for the respective just compensation amount; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the portions of the Subject Properties is de minimis in nature so that the public interest will not be prejudiced by the construction of the new culverts; and

WHEREAS, should one or more owners of the Subject Properties refuse to convey such portions of their real property to the County for an amount not exceeding fair market value, it will be necessary for the County to acquire the Subject Properties by commencing eminent domain proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the acquisition of the necessary Right-of-Way (ROW) required to construct the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding is available for the acquisitions is available from Fund 420, Fund Center 123, project B.25051, 2025 Capital Right of Way in a sum not to exceed \$10,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements for the acquisition of the required ROW to construct the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, Commissioner of Public Works, or his authorized representatives, including C&S Engineers, Inc., are hereby authorized to establish the amounts representing just compensation for the real property to be acquired; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Public Works, or his authorized representatives, including C&S Engineers, Inc., are hereby authorized to negotiate and offer just compensation amounts to the owners of the Subject Properties for the purpose of acquiring interests in portions of their respective parcels of real property by fee and/or easement, which acquisitions are necessary for the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Works, or his authorized representatives, including C&S Engineers, Inc., are authorized to act on behalf of the County of Erie in connection with the acquisition of the required ROW from the owners of the Subject Property; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney shall prepare, and the County Executive shall execute all appropriate documents relating to acquiring fee and/or easement interests in the Subject Properties; and be it further

RESOLVED, should one or more owners of the Subject Properties refuse to convey such portions of their real property to the County for an amount not to exceed the just compensation determined by the Commissioner of Public Works, or his authorized representatives, the County is authorized to commence eminent domain procedures; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature forward three (3) certified copies of this resolution to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Office of the Comptroller.

(6-0)

TAISHA ST. JEAN TARD
CHAIR

COMMUNICATIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE

There were none.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 13 – (COMM. 21E-1) Department of Law Risk Retention Fund Spending - September 2025

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM CHAIR MEYERS

Item 14 – (COMM. 21E-2) Finance & Management/Budget Committee Member Notification

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

FROM LEGISLATOR MILLS

Item 15 – (COMM. 21E-3) Finance & Management/Budget Committee Member Notification

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

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 16 – (COMM. 21E-4) Comptroller's Review of the Proposed 2026 Erie County Budget

Item 17 – (COMM. 21E-5) Letter Regarding Construction of a New Jail Facility in Alden

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

Item 18 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 185

RE: Amendments to the Construction Coordination Agreement & Lease for the New Buffalo Bills Stadium
(COMM. 21E-6)

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, by that certain Second Amendment to 2013 Master Lease dated as of March 29, 2023, and by that certain Third Amendment to 2013 Master Lease dated as of October 9, 2025 (as so amended, the “2013 Master Lease”);

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, and by that certain Third Amendment to 2013 Stadium Lease dated as of October 9, 2025 (as so amended, the “2013 Stadium Lease”); 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 parties have agreed to amend certain portions of the Construction Coordinating Agreement and the Stadium Lease (respectively, the “First Amendment to Stadium Development and Construction Coordinating Agreement” and “First Amendment to Stadium Lease”) to reflect various modifications to the relative rights and responsibilities of each party; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to Stadium Lease Agreement and the First Amendment to Stadium Development and Construction Coordinating 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 October 9, 2025 by and among the Bills, the County, and ECSC including, but not limited to the First Amendment to Stadium Lease Agreement and the First Amendment to Stadium Development and Construction Coordinating 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 2023 Stadium Lease Documents

1. First Amendment to Stadium Lease
2. First Amendment to Stadium Development and Construction Coordinating Agreement

Item 19 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 186

RE: Abandonment of Millersport Highway Right-of-Way, Town of Amherst
(COMM. 21E-7)

WHEREAS, Millersport Highway located in the Town of Amherst was previously redesigned and reconstructed by New York State; and

WHEREAS, after the realignment, the County continued to own the Millersport Highway right-of-way and New York State was responsible for jurisdiction over the area; and

WHEREAS, New York State has leased the right-of-way to the neighboring property owner for use as additional parking for its business; and

WHEREAS, the neighboring property owner has expressed interest in purchasing the property in order to move forward with business improvements; and

WHEREAS, neither New York State nor the County has a need for the property; and

WHEREAS, New York State is willing to release jurisdiction to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Land Advisory Review Committee (“ARC”) has recommended that the former right-of-way be abandoned pursuant to NYS Highway Law §118-a; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has recommended that this portion of the former highway be abandoned; and

WHEREAS, an appraisal of the property completed by KLV Appraisal appraised the property for a value of \$46,000; and

WHEREAS, having no need for the property, the County is seeking to abandon and transfer the property to the adjacent property owner for the appraised value.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Erie County Legislature is authorized and directed to sign New York State Department of Transportation Map No. 47-C agreeing to accept jurisdiction of the highway right-of-way from New York State, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for Erie County to abandon the Millersport Highway right-of-way pursuant to New York State Highway Law §118-a; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Erie County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute a purchase and sale agreement, quit claim deed and any other necessary documents in order to transfer and sell the portion of Millersport Highway right-of-way located in the Town of Amherst at the intersection of Stahl Road and Campbell Boulevard to the adjacent property owner for the appraised value; and be it further

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

Item 20 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. DUPRE seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 187

RE: Abandonment of Home Road Right-of-Way,
Town of Alden
(COMM. 21E-8)

WHEREAS, the County highway right-of-way known as Home Road in the Town of Alden bisects the property wherein the former Erie County Home and Infirmary was once located; and

WHEREAS, Home Road was once connected by a railroad bridge over Ellicott Creek, that has since been abandoned and removed; and

WHEREAS, since the removal of the railroad bridge, the southern portion of Home Road has essentially been abandoned and is no longer in use; and

WHEREAS, the County is in the process of selling the parcel that Home Road bisects and the prospective buyers have requested that the southern portion of the highway right-of-way, commencing at the northern intersection with Walden Avenue (formerly known as Ellicott Creek Road) until its intersection with the southern edge of the highwater mark at Ellicott Creek, be abandoned and incorporated into the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the County Land Advisory Review Committee (“ARC”) has recommended that the former right-of-way be abandoned pursuant to NYS Highway Law §118-a; and

WHEREAS, having no need for the property, the County is seeking to ultimately transfer the property to the prospective property owner as part of the sale of the former Erie County Home and Infirmary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Erie County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to sign a quit claim deed in accordance with New York State Highway Law §118-a, agreeing to abandon the southern portion of the Home Road highway right-of-way, the description of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to Erie County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute a purchase and sale agreement, and any other necessary documents in order to transfer and sell the portion of Home Road right-of-way located in the Town of Alden to the prospective purchasers as part of the sale of the former Erie County Home and Infirmary; and be it further

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

Item 21 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 188

RE: Authorization to Increase Department of Law
Budget for Additional Risk Retention Needs
(COMM. 21E-9)

WHEREAS, the Department of Law serves as a pass through for that state funding that covers a portion of the costs for indigent defense in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, one portion of the state aid for indigent defense is a 50% reimbursement of the increased funding associated with the increase in the hourly rate of attorney who work on the Assigned Counsel panel; and

WHEREAS, during the Law Department's mid-year budget hearings, the County Attorney alerted this Honorable Body that the current allocation for the Risk Retention fund was likely going to be insufficient to cover all costs for the remainder of the year; and

WHEREAS, in the past two months, the Law Department settled two matters on the eve of trial, one for \$250,000 and one for \$325,000; and

WHEREAS, the Law Department owes an additional \$239,000 for an insurance premium to cover sheriff deputy liability at Highmark Stadium; and

WHEREAS, there are two more trials scheduled for this year, one of which has already begun, and both trials are being handled by outside counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Risk Retention fund has insufficient funding available to cover costs for the remainder of the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorize the modification of the Department of Law's Division of Law's 2025 Adopted Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 16010) to recognize \$1,300,000 in additional New York State ILS Aid to Localities revenue as a 50% reimbursement for the Article 18-B rate and transfer an equal amount to the Department of Law's Division of Risk Retention (Fund, 110, Funds Center 16020) as follows:

Department of Law
Division of Law
Fund 110, Funds Center 16010

REVENUES	CHANGE
409000 State Aid Revenues	<u>\$1,300,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,300,000</u>

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

APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGE
555000 General Liability	<u>\$1,300,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,300,000</u>

and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Law and Division of Budget and Management.

FROM LEGISLATOR ST. JEAN TARD

Item 22 – (COMM. 21E-10) Requesting an Update on Foster Care Alumni

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Item 23 – (COMM. 21D-1) Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Item 24 – (COMM. 21D-2) Opinion as to Form Local Law Intro. No. 6-1 (2025)

Chair Meyers directed that the item be received and filed.

FROM ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING

Item 25 – (COMM. 21D-3) Public Hearing Minutes - 2025 Assessment Rolls (2026 Budget)

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

Item 26 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 189

RE: Establishing Rate of Pay for Election Inspectors,
Coordinators, Poll Workers and Language
Interpreters
(COMM. 21D-4)

WHEREAS, Early Mail Voting ballots and applications were enacted by chapter 481 of the laws of 2023; and

WHEREAS, New York State has provided funding to Erie County in the amount of \$257,057.54 through the Vote by Mail grant program and requires no local funding; and

WHEREAS, Article 16 section 16.01(d) of the Erie County Charter provides the Board of Elections the power, without public advertisement for bids, to make all purchase of and contract for all primary and election supplies and services necessary for the operation of its office and the performance of its duties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to accept \$40,473.94 from NYS Board of Elections and be made available as a grant to the Erie County Board of Elections in Fund 281, Funds Center 1500020 as follows:

Erie County Board of Elections
2025 Elections
150ELECTIONS2025
4/1/2025 to 3/31/2026

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
409000	State Aid Revenues	<u>\$40,473.94</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$40,473.94</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
505000	Office Supplies	\$100
516020	Pro Services, Contracts and Fees	\$100
516030	Maintenance Contracts	\$100
530000	Other Expenses	\$100
545000	Rental Charges	\$3.94
561410	Lab and Technical	\$40,070
TOTAL		<u>\$40,473.94</u>

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to accept \$297,531.48 from NYS Board of Elections and be made available as a grant to the Erie County Board of Elections in Fund 281, Funds Center 1500020 as follows:

Erie County Board of Elections
Vote by Mail
150VOTEBYMAIL2025
4/1/2025 to 3/31/2026

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
409000	State Aid Revenues	<u>\$297,531.48</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$297,531.48</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
505000	Office Supplies	\$100,000
516020	Pro Services, Contracts and Fees	\$47,231.48
516030	Maintenance Contracts	\$100
530000	Other Expenses	\$150,000
545000	Rental Charges	\$100
561410	Lab and Technical	\$100
TOTAL		<u>\$297,531.48</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for a no-cost time extension for six existing State of New York grants: Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage (150ABSENTEEPOST2022), Early Voting Expansion (150EARLYVOTING2122), Early Voting Aid to Localities (150EARLYVOTING2122), Election Cybersecurity Remediation (150CYBERSECURITY1921), Ballot by Mail (150BALLOTBYMAIL2024), and Electronic Poll Book (150POLLBOOK2024) as well as future no-cost time extensions of New York State grants to the Erie County Board of Elections; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to apply any unused balance from one grant program to the same grant program of a subsequent year, and to transfer existing positions between one grant program to the same grant program of a subsequent year with the approval of the grantor, the Director of Budget and Management: and be it further

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

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

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Director of the Division of Budget to amend contracts as necessary to implement any no-cost extension that may be permitted by the grantor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Director of Purchasing to create all necessary documents to allow for eligible purchases authorized by the 2025 Elections Grant, and the Vote by Mail Grant; and that it be further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby instructed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Law, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchasing, and Board of Elections.

FROM THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER FOR AUDIT

Item 28 – (COMM. 21D-6) EC Comptroller's Office Analysis of Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry Concession Contract

Item 29 – (COMM. 21D-7) EC Comptroller's Office Analysis of Assigned Counsel Program Attorney Payments

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES

FROM P. WOLF, ESQ.

Item 30 – (COMM. 21M-1) Letter Regarding Fair Ballot Access for Erie County

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS 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 31 – Chair Meyers announced that the Legislature will hold a special session for the Budget process on Monday, December 1, 2025. Chair Meyers further announced that the next session of the Legislature will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

Item 32 – Legislator Dupre requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Bishop Troy Anthony Bronner.

Item 33 – Legislator St. Jean Tard requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Jannie B. Hill, and Bishop Troy Anthony Bronner.

Item 34 – Legislator Bargnesi requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Christopher Sheldon.

Item 35 – Legislator Lorigo requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Jim Incorvaia, and Aldo J. Canestrari.

Item 36 – Legislator Todaro requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Alice C. DiBease, Douglas M. Dyke, Robert T. Benzinger, and Stanley G. Swaine.

ADJOURNMENT

Item 37 – 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, December 4, 2025 at 11:30 AM. MR. GREENE seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR MEYERS declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 11:30 AM.

OLIVIA M. OWENS
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE