

**ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**MEETING NO. 10**  
**MAY 28, 2026**

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Meyers.

All members present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bargnesi.

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

Shane Seymour, Cheektowaga – discussed budget, and property rights.

Jim Steel, Alexander  
Ken Delano, Depew  
Jerry Lewandowski, Holland  
Jack Bouquin, Concord

The above four speakers all commented on LL INTRO. 3-1 (2026), expressing their support of the reconsideration and approval of the Local Law.

Item 1 – No tabled items.

**ITEMS FOR RECONSIDERATION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Item 2 – MR. GILMOUR moved for the reconsideration of LL INTRO. 3-1 (2026) that was vetoed by the County Executive pursuant to Section 205 of the Erie County Charter. MR. TODARO seconded.

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

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

CARRIED.

MR. GILMOUR moved to approve LL INTRO. 3-1 (2026). MR. TODARO seconded.

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

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

CARRIED.

LOCAL LAW TO BE ENACTED BY  
THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
IN THE COUNTY OF ERIE  
LOCAL LAW INTRO. – NO. 3-1-2026  
LOCAL LAW – NO. \_\_\_\_-2026

A Local Law authorizing twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of a licensed adult

SECTION 1. Legislative Intent

Historically, twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old residents of New York State have only been able to hunt deer with a bow, or small game with appropriate firearms. This rule has left New York as the only state to prohibit twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters from using firearms to hunt deer.

The 2021 New York State Budget included legislation allowing residents aged twelve (12) and thirteen (13) to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow under the supervision of an experienced adult hunter, provided the county in which they are hunting has opted into the program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law 11-0935. This program has been extended through 2028.

Environmental Conservation Law 11-0935 provides for counties to allow young residents, aged twelve (12) and thirteen (13) years old, the opportunity to safely learn to hunt deer with firearms under adult supervision. It is the intent of this law to permit twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old residents to hunt deer with firearms and crossbows, by opting into New York’s existing program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law 11-0935. It does not expand youth access to firearms; it simply increases the opportunity to hunt bigger game.

Hunting is a valued tradition for many families. Providing this opportunity will allow experienced adult hunters to introduce the value of hunting to the next generation. Teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth while contributing to important deer management population control practices.

A 2021 version of this law was passed by this Honorable Body and vetoed by County Executive Poloncarz. Executive Poloncarz cited the “many unfortunate firearm hunting accidents across the state and county, especially those involving youth hunters” as the reason for the law’s veto. The first five-year period of the pilot program has ended, and the Department of Environmental Conservation has issued a report on hunting incidents across New York State. According to the report, only two eligible counties failed to enter into the pilot program, Erie County and Rockland County. During the initial five-year period of the pilot program, an average of 12,650 youths aged 12-13 participated in the youth hunting program each year. Over this time, the DEC documented no hunting-related shooting incidents, violations, or hunting license revocations involving 12- and 13-year-old deer

hunters. Furthermore, the program has been deemed so successful that the DEC recommends making it permanent.

#### SECTION 2. Program Authorization

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law 11-0935, Erie County elects to participate in the temporary program allowing young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through December 31, 2028.

#### SECTION 3. State Requirements to Adhere Once Authorized

Per New York State requirements twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer with the following requirements:

- i. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, aged 21 years or older, with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas where, and during the hunting season in which, such firearms may be used; and
- ii. Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, aged 21 years or older, with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows; and
- iii. Supervision of a licensed adult hunter, aged twenty-one (21) years or older, with at least three (3) years of experience who exercises dominion and control over the youth hunter at all times is required; and
- iv. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters as well as their adult supervisors shall be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York; and
- v. All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters shall remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader; and
- vi. Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters with a firearm or crossbow.

#### SECTION 4. Filing Requirements

A copy of this Local Law shall be sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Department of State.

#### SECTION 5. Effective Date

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

#### SECTION 6. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or the application thereof, to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance, shall be

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

Sponsors: Legislator Todaro, Legislator Mills, Legislator Greene, Legislator Lorigo

Item 3 – MR. GILMOUR moved for the approval of the minutes for Meeting Number 9 from 2026. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4 – No Public Hearings.

**MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS**

Item 5 – Miscellaneous Resolutions were offered, as follows:

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| MAJORITY CAUCUS                                    | Recognizing National Pet Month  |
| MAJORITY CAUCUS                                    | Recognizing National Military Appreciation Month                            |
| MAJORITY CAUCUS                                    | Recognizing National Safety Month   |
| MAJORITY CAUCUS                                    | Recognizing National Physical Fitness and Sports Month                      |
| MEYERS, GILMOUR,<br>DUPRE, KOOSHOIAN<br>& BARGNESI | Recognizing Men’s Mental Health Awareness Month                             |
| MEYERS, GILMOUR,<br>DUPRE, KOOSHOIAN<br>& BARGNESI | Recognizing Men’s Health Month  |
| DUPRE  | Recognizing National Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day in Erie County |
| ST. JEAN TARD                                      | Honoring JoAnn S. Wolf, MS-MHA, RN - Distinguished Nursing Honoree          |
| ST. JEAN TARD                                      | Honoring Thomas J. Quatroche Jr.  |
| ST. JEAN TARD                                      | Honoring Christopher A. Ritter, MD - Distinguished Physician Honoree        |
| BARGNESI   | Recognizing National CPR and AED Awareness Week                             |

VINAL	Honoring Mike MacDonald as Erie County Citizen of the Month - May 2026
GREENE	Clarence Veterans Memorial Wall Honorees
TODARO	Recognizing Madison Knaub for Breaking the New York State Record for Career Saves in Lacrosse
TODARO	Congratulating Mykah Moreland for Being Named a Bee Newspapers Teen of the Year
TODARO & GREENE	Congratulating Henry Bartholomew for Winning Bee Newspapers Teen of the Year Award
GILMOUR	Honoring Keith D. Mobley on His 12th Pastoral Anniversary of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Lackawanna, New York
LORIGO	Recognizing the 70th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of East Aurora's Chicken Barbecue
LORIGO	Recognizing May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month
MILLS	Celebrating the Grand Opening of World of Desserts in the Village of Orchard Park
MILLS	Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Gowanda's Historic Hollywood Theatre
MILLS	Celebrating Tiny Flips in the Village of Orchard Park

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved for approval of the above twenty-two items as amended. MS. ST. JEAN TARD seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**LOCAL LAWS**

Item 6 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 4 (Print #1) 2026 remain on the table and in the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 80

May 21, 2026	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 9E-13 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
“Appointment to the EC Department of Central Police Services Board of Trustees”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 8E-27 (2026)  
SHERIFF  
“FY23 Bomb Squad Grant”

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 U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded \$155,000 to the Erie County Sheriff’s Office in funding specifically allocated to agencies with established Bomb Squads Units; and

WHEREAS, this funding will be used to purchase necessary equipment for the Erie County Sheriff’s Office Bomb Squad; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contract and accept \$155,000 in federal resources to provide funds for specialized equipment to protect the residents of Erie County and the State of New York from terrorist attacks involving explosive devices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive and Sheriff to enter into contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept grant funding in the amount of \$155,000 for FY23; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding for FY21 in the Grant Fund 281 and budget those funds as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office  
FY 2023 Bomb Squad Grant  
April 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027

REVENUE	Increase
Account 414000 – Federal Revenue	\$ 155,000.00

APPROPRIATIONS	Increase
Account 561410 - Lab & Technical Equipment	\$ 155,000.00

and be it further

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

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

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

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3. COMM. 8E-28 (2026)  
SHERIFF

“FY24 Bomb Squad Grant”

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 U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded \$44,014 to the Erie County Sheriff's Office in funding specifically allocated to agencies with established Bomb Squads Units; and

WHEREAS, this funding will be used to purchase necessary equipment and training for the Erie County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contract and accept \$44,014 in federal resources to provide funds for specialized equipment to protect the residents of Erie County and the State of New York from terrorist attacks involving explosive devices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive and Sheriff to enter into contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept grant funding in the amount of \$44,014 for FY24; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding for FY21 in the Grant Fund 281 and budget those funds as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office  
FY 2024 Bomb Squad Grant  
April 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027

REVENUE	Increase
Account 414000 – Federal Revenue	\$ 44,014.00

APPROPRIATIONS	Increase
Account 561410 - Lab & Technical Equipment	\$ 34,014.00
Account 510200 – Training and Education	\$ 10,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Division of Purchase are hereby authorized to execute purchasing with Improvised Electronics LLC for Explosive Ordnance Disposal 3D Printing training.; and be it further

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

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

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

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4. COMM. 8E-29 (2026)  
SHERIFF  
"2026 Canal Patrol Grant"

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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

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

Erie County Sheriff's Office  
FY 26-27 NYS Canal Corp. Grant  
April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027

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

APPROPRIATIONS	INCREASE
Account 501000 – Overtime	\$40,000

and be it further

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

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

(5-0)

JOHN J. GILMOUR  
CHAIR

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 81

May 21, 2026	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 8
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR ST. JEAN TARD.  
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 6E-11 (2026) – AS AMENDED  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
“ECSD No. 3 - Milestrip Rd. to Lake Ave. Cured in Place Pipe Lining Project (Contract No. 88)”

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has received the following lowest responsible bid for Contract No. 88R at 10:00 a.m. on April 21, 2026:

Contract	Lowest Responsible Bidder	Amount
Contract No. 88R	United Survey, LLC 25145 Broadway Avenue Oakwood Village, OH 4414	\$475,660.00

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 award of the Milestrip Road to Lake Avenue Cured in Place Pipe Lining Project, Contract No. 88R, as follows:

Contract	Lowest Responsible Bidder	Amount
Contract No. 88R	United Survey, LLC 25145 Broadway Avenue Oakwood Village, OH 4414	\$475,660.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive 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 given for the Director of Budget and Management and the County Comptroller to allocate Contract No. 88R costs in Erie County Sewer District No. 3 Capital Account C.26300; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for 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.  
(5-0)

2. COMM. 9E-10 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

"ECSD No. 3 - Southtowns Influent Screening Replacement Project (Contract No. 73-A)"

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 5E-7 (2023), Contract No. 73-A was awarded to Hohl Industrial Services, Inc. for General 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-A between the County of Erie and Hohl Industrial Services, Inc. (770 Riverview Blvd, Tonawanda, NY 14150) be accepted in the final contract amount of \$2,849,078.60, which includes Change Order No. 2 (final), a decrease of \$43,921.40; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Erie County Comptroller to make final payment for Contract No. 73-A, to Hohl Industrial Services, Inc. for a total contract amount of \$2,849,078.60; and be it further

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

(5-0)

3. COMM. 9E-14 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
"Appointments to EC Environmental Management Council"  
May 8, 2026

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Appointments to Erie County Environmental Management Council

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to the Erie County Charter Article 10, Section 1004.2, I, Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive, do hereby submit for your confirmation the following individuals to be re-appointed to the Erie County Environmental Management Council. Their terms shall expire May 31, 2028.

Anne K.C. McCooey  
107 Homer Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14216  
Re-appointment

Joshua J. McClain  
33 Helen Street  
Buffalo, NY  
Re-appointment

Athena Clabeaux  
493 Mill St  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
Re-appointment

Dr. Susan McCarthy  
SUNY Buffalo State  
Grover Cleveland Hall 206  
1300 Elmwood Ave  
Buffalo, NY 14222  
Re-appointment

Noemi Waight  
University at Buffalo

580 Baldy Hall  
Dept. of Learning and Instruction  
Re-appointment

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

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive  
(5-0)

4. COMM. 9E-15 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
“ECSD No. 8 Board of Managers Appointment”

WHEREAS, the County Executive has made an appointment to the Erie County Sewer District No. 8 Board of Managers pursuant to the power vested to him by Article 5-A of the County Law and Section 2204 of the County Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following appointment to the Erie County Sewer District No. 8 Board of Managers is hereby confirmed:

Erie County Sewer District No. 8	Term Expires
Hon. Timothy Bojanowski (New) Trustee, Village of East Aurora 585 Oakwood Avenue East Aurora, New York 14052	12/31/27

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive’s Office, the appointee, and the Division of Sewerage Management.  
(5-0)

JOHN A. BARGNESI, JR.  
CHAIR

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 82

May 21, 2026	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 9D-1 (2026)  
ECDSS COMMISSIONER  
“COMM. 12E-34 Compliance Report - April 2026”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 9E-16 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
“Appointment to EC Health Equity Advisory Board”

May 8, 2026

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Appointment to the EC Health Equity Advisory Board

Dear Honorable Members,

Pursuant to Article 5, Sec. 5.04 of the County Administrative Code, I, Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive, do hereby submit for your confirmation the following individuals to be appointed to the Erie County Health Equity Advisory Board for a full three-year term expiring on May 8, 2029.

Daniel Robertson  
Director of Say Yes Buffalo  
1166 Jefferson Ave Suite A  
Buffalo, NY 14208  
New Appointment

Dr. Kenyani Davis  
Primary Care Physician  
Recommendation of Legislator St. Jean Tard  
Re-appointment

Dr. Pamela Reed  
Buffalo OBGYN  
Recommendation from the National Medical Association Buffalo Chapter  
New-appointment

Pastor George Nicholas  
34 Roman Lane  
Amherst, NY 14226  
Re-appointment

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 716-858-8500.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive  
(5-0)

3. COMM. 9E-17 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
“Appointments to the Commission on the Status of Women”  
May 8, 2026

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4 Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Appointments to the Commission on the Status of Women

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to the Erie County Charter Section 1705, I, Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Executive do hereby submit for your confirmation the following individuals to be appointed to the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women for a term ending December 31, 2028.

Annika Samuels  
28 Thomas Jefferson Lane  
Amherst, NY 14226  
New Appointment

Jesena Gadley  
494 Highgate Ave  
Buffalo, NY 14215  
New Appointment

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact my office at 716-858-8500.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz

Erie County Executive  
(5-0)

LAWRENCE J. DUPRE  
CHAIR

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 83

May 21, 2026	FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7
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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. 7E-13 (2026)  
COMPTROLLER  
“Recommendations for 2025 Budget Surplus”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 8E-30 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
“RE: Proposed Permanent Motor Fuel Sales Tax Exemption - Fiscal Impact on EC & Municipal Partners”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. COMM. 9E-2 (2026)  
COMPTROLLER  
“Department of Law Risk Retention Fund Spending - March 2026”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - d. COMM. 9E-3 (2026)  
COMPTROLLER  
“Interim Financial Report - First Quarter 2026”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 9E-18 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
“Division of Purchase Personnel Change”

WHEREAS, the Erie County Division of Purchase has concluded that reorganization of staffing and title change of existing position is necessary and beneficial for the effectiveness of the important public services provided; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Purchase has determined that the reorganization will improve the efficiency of its operations in a cost-effective manner.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the deletion of one FT Account Clerk position, JG 4, Step A, and creation of one FT Contract Control Clerk, JG 5, Step 5 (B100 # 15854), effective May 30, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding exists within the General Fund 110, Cost Center 10610 to cover the costs of this position conversion; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management, Department of Personnel, and Division of Purchase 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, Division of Purchase, Department of Personnel, and Division of Budget and Management.  
(6-0)

MICHAEL H. KOOSHOIAN  
CHAIR

Item 11 – MS. ST. JEAN TARD presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. DUPRE seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 84

May 21, 2026	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR ST. JEAN TARD.  
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. COMM. 9E-5 (2026)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
“Rehabilitation of Borden Road - Phase 3: Contracts for Construction & Construction Period Engineering Services”

WHEREAS, it is necessary to rehabilitate Borden Rd (CR322) from Seneca Creek Rd (CR325) to French Rd (CR321), including a two-course pavement mill and overlay, drainage infrastructure replacement, sanitary sewer replacement, curb ramp installation, bridge rehabilitation, curb and gutter replacement, and new signs and pavement markings.; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature previously approved participation in the Project via Comm. 15E-12 dated July 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (DPW) received bids for the construction of this project on March 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to execute a construction contract with Concrete Applied Technologies Corp. dba CATCO, the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to execute an amendment with Bergmann Associates, Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects & Surveyors, D.P.C. (Bergmann) for construction period engineering services (construction inspection and construction administration); and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds for the construction contract with CATCO; the amendments for additional engineering design services and construction period engineering services with Bergmann; and the project contingency are \$7,813,706.77, and are available in Fund 420, Funds Center 123, Capital Project B.18023 – 2018 Various Roads Reconstruction, B.21102 – Pres of Rds - Borden Ph 1 Const, B.21162 – 2021 Pres of Rds Design Borden Ph 2&3, B.23002 – 2023 Pres of Rds Construction, and B.25009 – 2025 Pres of Rds Construct – Borden Rd.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter a construction contract with CATCO, the lowest responsible bidder, for the Rehabilitation of Borden Road (CR322) project in an amount not to exceed \$6,654,641; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute an amendment to the agreement with Bergmann, the project design engineers, for construction period engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$771,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is given for the sum of \$302,065.77 be allocated to a project contingency fund to be utilized on Borden Rd construction projects with authorization for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to approve change orders and amendments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute an amendment to the agreement with Bergmann, the project design engineers, for additional engineering design services in an amount not to exceed \$86,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding for the Rehabilitation of Borden Road (CR322) is available in Fund 420, Fund Center 123 in the amounts as follows:

B.18023 – 2018 Various Roads Reconstruction	\$ 102,179.24
B.21102 – Pres of Rds - Borden Ph 1 Const	\$ 16,384.31
B.21162 – 2021 Pres of Rds Design Borden Ph 2&3	\$ 86,000.00
B.23002 – 2023 Pres of Rds Construction	\$ 111,443.22
B.25009 – 2025 Pres of Rds Construct – Borden Rd	\$7,497,700.00
	\$7,813,706.77

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 for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

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

(5-0)

2. COMM. 9E-6 (2026)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

“Environmental Research Institutes Inc. - Enterprise GIS System Upgrade & Restructuring”

WHEREAS, the Department of Publics Works had Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc. ( ESRI) perform a technical evaluation of their Geographic Information System (GIS) in 2025, with the permission of your honorable body in COMM 16E-30 (2025); and

WHEREAS, the results of this evaluation determined Public Works needs to update software, add components and restructure the system to ensure a reliable service during weather events, emergencies, daily operations and future requirements; and

WHEREAS, New York State Centralized Contract No. PM67345 has a contract with ESRI for the necessary technical services and software upgrades which Erie County as a local government agency can use to purchase these services; and

WHEREAS, these upgrades and services can be performed for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute a contract with ESRI using the New York State Centralized Contract in an amount not to exceed \$150,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funds for this contract are in project B.25052 – 2025 IT & GIS Services, Fund 420, Fund Center 123 in the amount of \$112,065 and B.26055 – 2026 – IT & GIS Services Fund 420, Fund Center 122 in the amount of \$37,935, thus totaling \$150,000 ; 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.  
(5-0)

3. COMM. 9E-7 (2026)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

“EC - On-Call Construction Manager as Advisor”

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (DPW) determined that an on -call construction management as advisor service is necessary due to construction project volume to assist DPW with efficiently support upcoming capital projects, ensure schedule adherence, and maintain quality and safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works received professional service proposals for the Erie County On-Call Construction Manager as Advisor term agreement on March 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, proposals were duly received, reviewed and evaluated by staff in accordance with RFP criteria, including qualifications, relevant experience, staffing capacity and pricing; and

WHEREAS, based on the County’s standard qualification selection and evaluation process, Campus Construction Management Group was determined to be the most qualified and responsible respondent, offering demonstrated expertise in construction management as advisor and an asset to the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works finds that engaging in Campus Construction Management as the on-call Construction Manager as Advisor is in the best interest of the Department of Public Works to assist DPW on construction projects, facilitating timely delivery of projects while optimizing cost, mitigating risk and providing construction oversight; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to issue an Agreement to Campus Construction Management Group to provide professional services for the Erie County On-Call Construction Manager as Advisor term agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into a 3-year term agreement with the Campus Construction Management Group with the possibility of two, 1-year extensions for professional services on the Erie County – On-Call Construction Manager as Advisor for an amount not to exceed a total of \$250,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funds exist within the Department of Public Works

Commissioner’s Division 2026 Adopted Budget (Funds Center 12210, Fund 110) Account 516020 – Professional Services, Contracts and Fees in the amount of \$250,000.00; and it be further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies each of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, and one copy each to the County Executive’s Office and Division of Budget and Management.

(5-0)

4. COMM. 9E-8 (2026)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

“PILOT Agreement for St. Paul’s Apartments II - Town of Evans, Affordable Housing Development”

WHEREAS, St. Paul’s Apartments II consists of the new construction of a 52-unit affordable housing complex for seniors at 930 Lake Street, Town of Evans, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature adopted a policy on Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) on December 16, 1999, and the PILOT is consistent with said policy; and

WHEREAS, in order to make the Project economically feasible for St. Paul’s Apartments II Housing Development Fund Corporation, St. Paul’s Apartments II LLC to operate the housing project it is necessary to extend tax relief from the County of Erie and the Town of Evans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or Deputy County Executive is hereby authorized to execute a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with St. Paul’s Apartments II Housing Development Fund Corporation, St. Paul’s Apartments II LLC, and the Town of Evans, and any other organizations necessary to conclude this PILOT Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said Agreement shall include an annual PILOT in the amount of taxes due as set forth on Schedule A attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive’s Office, Comptroller’s Office, Department of Real Property Tax Services, Department of Environment and Planning, Department of Law and Division of Budget and Management.

SCHEDULE A  
PILOT Payments

Year	Town	County	School District	Total
1	\$4,166	\$2,586	\$7,613	\$14,365
2	\$4,291	\$2,663	\$7,842	\$14,796
3	\$4,420	\$2,743	\$8,077	\$15,240
4	\$4,552	\$2,825	\$8,319	\$15,697
5	\$4,689	\$2,910	\$8,569	\$16,168
6	\$4,829	\$2,998	\$8,826	\$16,653
7	\$4,974	\$3,087	\$9,091	\$17,153

8	\$5,123	\$3,180	\$9,364	\$17,667
9	\$5,277	\$3,275	\$9,644	\$18,197
10	\$5,435	\$3,374	\$9,934	\$18,743
11	\$5,599	\$3,475	\$10,232	\$19,305
12	\$5,767	\$3,579	\$10,539	\$19,885
13	\$5,940	\$3,687	\$10,855	\$20,481
14	\$6,118	\$3,797	\$11,181	\$21,095
15	\$6,301	\$3,911	\$11,516	\$21,728

(5-0)

LAWRENCE J. DUPRE  
ACTING CHAIR

**LEGISLATOR RESOLUTIONS**

There were none.

**COMMUNICATIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE**

Item 12 – MR. GILMOUR moved to discharge the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE of further consideration of COMM. 7E-16 (2026). MS. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved to amend COMM. 7E-16 (2026). MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MS. LORIGO moved to amend the amended item with an amendment presented by the Minority Caucus. MR. TODARO seconded.

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

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

FAILED.

MR. GILMOUR moved to approve the item as amended. MS. ST. JEAN TARD seconded.

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



- d. County. “County” shall mean Erie County, New York.
- e. County Attorney. “County Attorney” shall mean the County Attorney for Erie County.
- f. County Executive’s Office. “County Executive’s Office” shall mean those County employees directly supervised by the County Executive and the County Executive’s Chief of Staff.
- g. Department of Information and Support Services. “Department of Information and Support Services” shall mean the Erie County Department of Information and Support Services (“DISS”).
- h. Department of Personnel. “Department of Personnel” shall mean the Erie County Department of Personnel.
- i. Formal Guest. “Formal Guest” shall mean a County official who receives and possesses a ticket to the Center for the purpose of attending a Bills game, including any Pre-Season Game, Regular Season Game, or Post-Season Game.
- j. Economic Development Organizations. “Economic Development Organizations” shall mean the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, Visit Buffalo Niagara, and Empire State Development Corporation.
- k. Games. “Games” shall mean any Home Game or Home Playoff Game.
- l. Home Game. “Home Game” shall mean any Regular Season Game between the Bills and any other NFL team, which is designated by the NFL in its official schedule as a “home game” for the Bills and is played at Highmark Stadium.
- m. Home Playoff Game. “Home Playoff Game” shall mean any Post-Season Game between the Bills and any other NFL team, which is designated by the NFL in its official post-season schedule as a “home game” for the Bills and is played at Highmark Stadium, but excluding any Super Bowl in which the Bills are a participant.
- n. Informal Guest. “Informal Guest” shall mean any County official who attends a Game with a ticket unrelated to this policy but has access to the Suite area and chooses to visit the Center. Informal Guests are expected to enter the stadium without the use of Center tickets or parking. This definition shall not apply to any New York State Officials.
- o. Lease. “Lease” shall mean the Stadium Lease Between Erie County Stadium Corporation and Bills Stadium and Events Company, LLC which is dated March 29, 2023.
- p. Lottery. “Lottery” shall mean a random selection process as determined by the Department of Information and Support Services to allocate Ticket Materials for Pre-Season Games, Regular Season Games and Post Season Games. The Lottery process, in the sole discretion of the County Executive’s Office, may be conducted in one or more methods for each type of game but shall in all circumstances allocate Ticket Materials to eligible recipients on a random basis. The

assignment of Games with which each Charitable Organization shall receive tickets and parking passes to shall be random, with no organization being given preference and each having an equal likelihood to be distributed Tickets Materials for all Games. To ensure no preference is given, Department of Information and Support Services, in consultation with the County Attorney, shall create a selection process that ensures randomness. Each Lottery for pre-season and regular season games shall be completed no later than August 1 preceding the season.

q. Policy. "Policy" shall mean the Erie County Hospitality Access Center Policy.

r. Post-Season Games. "Post-Season Games" shall mean the total schedule of all play off, championship and "Super Bowl" football games played by NFL Teams.

s. Pre-Season Games. "Pre-Season Games" shall mean the total schedule of all football games or any type of practice opened to the public played at Highmark Stadium prior to the commencement of the Regular Season Games.

t. Regular Season Games. "Regular Season Games" shall mean the total schedule of all football games played by NFL teams used by the NFL to determine which NFL teams participate in Post-Season Games.

u. Ticket Materials. "Ticket Materials" shall collectively mean the sixteen (16) tickets and four (4) parking passes allotted to the Center for each Pre Season, Regular Season and Post Season Bills game.

v. County Official: "County Official" shall mean anyone by virtue of their position with the County is deemed a Public Officer under New York State Law.

### 3. Center Allocation.

#### a. Reserved Tickets.

(i) Tickets Reserved for Use by County Civil Servants. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the County shall reserve, for distribution to all full-time civil servants employed by the County, Ticket Materials for all Pre-Season Games. The Department of Personnel will generate the eligible list. Such list shall not include any elected official, their staffs or any County employee designated as a management confidential. The County Executive's Office will conduct a Lottery to choose among those eligible.

(ii) Tickets Reserved for Economic Development. Ticket Materials for three (3) Games per season shall be reserved for the purpose of fostering economic development. Ticket Materials under this Section 3(a)(ii) shall be reserved for the Economic Development Organizations, with one (1) Game being reserved for each organization each year. The Game each organization shall attend is subject to the Lottery selection process in Section 4(a)(iv) and subsequent Distribution in Section 4(b). Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4(a)(iv) regarding the number tickets allocated to Charitable Organizations, each Economic Development Organization shall receive sixteen (16) tickets and four (4) parking passes for the game that is assigned to it through the Lottery. Furthermore, the Economic Development

Organizations are not required to provide the documents and certifications required of Charitable Organizations in Section 4(a)(ii).

b. Charitable Organizations. Ticket Materials for all remaining Games not reserved pursuant to Section 3(a)(i-ii) shall be allocated to Charitable Organizations.

4. Lottery and Distribution. At all times, the County Executive's Office shall be charged with all responsibilities and duties related to the management and operation of the Lottery and distribution of Ticket Materials in accordance with this Policy.

a. Lottery Procedures. The procedures described under this Section 4(a) shall take place no later than August 1 preceding the season, except for the allocation of Post-Season Games which may take place during the season. The results of the Lottery shall apply only to that season. No Charitable Organization or county employee shall have any rights to Ticket Materials for Games beyond the season it was selected for, independent of whether the Game it was selected for occurred.

(i) Application. Charitable Organizations may apply for the Lottery prior to each season, at a time and in a form determined by the County Executive's Office. By applying, Charitable Organizations must acknowledge and agree (1) that in the event it wins the Lottery, it shall accept, only for its use, all Ticket Materials for the Game it is selected for; and (2) to the terms of this Policy and all related agreements. The County Executive's office reserves the right to establish its own criteria for application approval, including what criteria it considers when determining whether or not to approve an application, but in no event shall such criteria (1) contradict or violate this policy or (2) violate the terms of the Lease. All such policies and procedures to the maximum extent feasible shall ensure that the Lottery and allocation of Ticket Materials is fair, unbiased, and complies with this Policy.

(ii) Application Materials. In addition to all other requirements in the application, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, any Charitable Organization applying for the Lottery shall provide the following materials: (1) a statement of final determination or valid temporary designation that it has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a organization described in Section 501(c)(3); (2) the organization's previous 5 years of completed and filed Form 990's; (3) documentation showing the organization is based in Erie County and serves the residents of Erie County; (4) a statement of intent for use of the tickets should they be selected; (5) confirmation that they have not been awarded Ticket Materials in the previous 3 seasons

(iii) DISS shall be responsible for creating an online application portal where all above Application Materials may be submitted. There shall be a publicly available list displayed on the Erie County web page of all approved applications. Such list shall be updated regularly by the County Executive's Office and must be finalized prior to the Lottery.

(iv) Selection. Once the deadline for applications has passed, all Charitable Organizations whose applications were approved shall be entered into a Lottery to determine who is awarded Ticket Materials for each Game allotted under Section 3(b). Two (2) Charitable Organizations shall be selected for each Game allocated under Section 3(b), with

each Charitable Organization being allotted eight (8) tickets and two (2) parking passes. The total number of Charitable Organizations randomly selected as winners in the Lottery shall equal twice the number of Games allocated under Section 3(b).

b. Distribution Procedures. After completion of the Lottery Procedures and once all Games for the upcoming season are allotted, including the games reserved for the Economic Development Organizations, Ticket Materials for all Games in the upcoming season shall be distributed in a two-part process. First, each Economic Development Organization shall be randomly assigned to one (1) Game in the upcoming season, and each organization shall receive all Ticket Materials for its corresponding Game. Second, all remaining Games shall be split into two sections, A and B. Each Charitable Organization shall then be assigned a Game and corresponding section, signifying for which Game each Charitable Organization shall receive its eight (8) tickets and two (2) parking passes.

c. Return of Tickets. If a Charitable Organization or an Economic Development Organization is unable to utilize one or more individual tickets or parking passes in a way that furthers the intent of this policy, they shall notify the County Executive's office who will then redistribute said Ticket Materials to another Charitable Organization which entered the Lottery but was not selected pursuant to section 4(a)(iv) above. Receipt of Ticket Materials under this provision shall not prevent the Charitable Organization from entering the Lottery for three years as specified in Section 5(a).

5. Miscellaneous.

a. Lottery Waiting Period. If a Charitable Organization is selected in the lottery, it shall be ineligible to apply to the lottery for the following three (3) seasons thereafter, independent of whether it was distributed Ticket Materials or whether the Game it was selected for occurred. For purposes of clarity, the Economic Development Corporations shall receive Tickets each year, notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision.

b. Redistribution. No Charitable Organization shall resell any of the distributed tickets. Nothing in this policy prevents a Charitable Organization from raffling off the distributed tickets so long as the proceeds from the raffle are used for its own charitable purposes. Any raffle shall be consistent with New York Gaming and other applicable laws and regulations. No County employee awarded Ticket Materials pursuant to section 3(a)(i) shall transfer their ticket to anyone else.

c. Food and Beverage. Any Charitable Organization using the Center may contract with the Bills hospitality staff for food and beverage. In no event shall the County be responsible for providing food or beverages in the Center or paying for food and beverages ordered by a Charitable Organization.

d. Violations. Any person or organization that violates any section of this Policy shall be ineligible for future use of the Center and may be subject to further sanctions by Erie County Stadium Corporation and/or the Bills. A violation may be defined as use of the Suite that contradicts or in no way furthers the intent of this policy. The County Executive or the Erie County Legislature or both may declare that a violation has occurred. All violations shall be stated in writing and sent to the violating organization or individual. All violations shall be publicly disclosed.

e. Children. Any organization using the Center shall be responsible for adequate supervision of children in the Center.

f. Alcohol. No alcoholic beverages shall be served in the Center.

g. Cannabis Products. No cannabis products shall be present or used in the Center at any time.

h. Tobacco and Similar Products. No tobacco products, vaping devices, or similar products shall be present or used in the Center at any time.

i. Waiver. No attendee shall hold the County responsible for any potential cause of action arising out of use of the Center.

j. Stadium Rules. All attendees shall comply with all of the Bills' rules and regulations.

k. County Officials.

(i) Formal Guest. If any County Official or county employee is attending a Bills game as a Formal Guest, they shall reimburse the face value of the ticket, as determined by the Buffalo Bills, in the form of a payment to the charitable organization awarded the Ticketing Materials, in accordance with applicable Public Officer law. The County Official shall also be responsible for 1/16th of the cost of any food and beverage ordered to the Center for that Bills game.

(ii) Informal Guest. If a County Official is attending a Bills game without a ticket to the Center and briefly enters the Center, that official is not required to reimburse the face value of a ticket, or to contribute to food and beverage expenses.

l. Other Stadium Events. The County Executive's Office reserves the right to create a policy for other events at Highmark Stadium that are not Bills home games.

m. Political Events. The center shall not be used for political events, including but not limited to fundraisers in support or opposition to any candidate for political office; in support or opposition to any public policy issue. Nor can the center be made available for any political party, political committee or political action committee.

n. Freedom of Information Law: All application materials submitted by Charitable Organizations shall be subject to disclosure pursuant to New York's Freedom of Information Law.

o. Disclosure of Ticket Usage: All names of Formal Guests who use the Suite shall be disclosed to the Erie County Legislature within 30 days of usage.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

There were none.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Item 13 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following be received and filed.

GRANTED.

COMM. 10E-1 from the COUNTY EXECUTIVE Submission Pursuant to EC Code of Ethics (Local Law #2, 2018)

Item 14 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following be received and filed.

GRANTED.

COMM. 10E-2 from the SHERIFF Submission Pursuant to EC Code of Ethics (Local Law #2, 2018)

Item 15 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following be received, filed, and printed.

GRANTED.

COMM. 10E-3 from the COUNTY EXECUTIVE Veto of Erie County Local Law 3-1 of 2026

May 19, 2026

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Veto of Erie County Local Law 3-1 of 2026

Dear Honorable Members:

Erie County Local Law 3-1-2026, entitled “A Local Law authorizing twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of a licensed adult” was adopted by your Honorable Body on April 30, 2026, and presented to me for approval. A public hearing regarding this Local Law was duly held on May 13, 2026.

Pursuant to Erie County Charter Section 205, I hereby Disapprove and Veto Local Law Intro. No. 3-1-2026.

Hunting is a longstanding and valued tradition in Erie County and throughout New York State. Many residents participate in hunting safely and responsibly, often as part of family traditions,

conservation efforts, and a lifelong appreciation for the outdoors. Erie County also remains one of the most active hunting counties in New York State, issuing hundreds of thousands of hunting licenses in recent years, including a substantial number for hunting involving firearms and crossbows.

At the same time, firearms and crossbows are tools that require sustained judgment, focus, and discipline. Like any dangerous tool, they carry the possibility of catastrophic harm when misused or when concentration is lost, even momentarily. Local Law 3-1-2026 would authorize children as young as twelve and thirteen years of age to hunt deer using rifles, shotguns, muzzle-loading firearms, and crossbows under adult supervision. While supervision and hunter education are important safeguards, the County also has an obligation to carefully consider the heightened risks associated with expanding access to these weapons among youth hunters.

The available evidence demonstrates that the risk associated with unintentional firearm injury among youth is not theoretical. In a peer-reviewed study examining unintentional firearm deaths in the United States from 2005 to 2015, Solnick and Hemenway (2019) found that older children and adolescents between the ages of 10 and 19 represented one of the groups at highest risk for unintentional firearm death. The authors further noted that hunting-related activity constitutes a meaningful proportion of unintentional firearm deaths across multiple age groups and that incidents involving big-game hunting were particularly common among individuals between the ages of 10 and 59.

The study found that 14.7% of the reported unintentional firearm deaths in the United States from 2005-2015 involved hunters aged 10-19, with 6.5% of those cases coming from big game hunting. In fact, the study stated that “[f]or ages 10 to 59, the hunts leading to unintentional firearm deaths are more likely to be for big game, such as deer or moose, than for small game, such as rabbits, ducks, or squirrels.”

National hunting incident data similarly reflects the continuing risks associated with firearm hunting activity. According to The International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) – USA, a professional hunter education association affiliated with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and the fish and hunter education programs across all fifty (50) states, there have been four hundred and sixty-nine (469) incidents involving a shooting resulting in injury or death while engaged in hunting activity in the United States from 2021-2025.

Forty-seven (47) of those four hundred and sixty-nine (469) incidents from 2021-2025, over 10% of the total, were reported from New York. Of the forty-seven (47) incidents, IHEA found that there were thirty-eight (38) incidents involving a “shooting while engaged in legal hunting activity” in New York, with four fatalities. IHEA found that there were an additional 9 incidents involving a “shooting while engaged in illegal hunting activity” with one fatality.

Among those incidents were recent cases involving a thirteen-year-old who shot and injured a member of their hunting party and a fourteen-year-old who unintentionally injured themselves while hunting. Both incidents occurred within the past two years, with the incident involving the fourteen-year-old child occurring directly south of Erie County in the adjoining county, Chautauqua County, New York, on November 19, 2025.

To be clear, the incidents contained within the data reviewed by IHEA are not constrained only to those with minimum experience or young age; from 2021 to 2025, IHEA found incidents involving hunters ranging from thirteen (13) years of age to eighty-eight (88), with zero to decades worth of experience. Age nor experience eliminates the possible risk of losing focus or maintaining shooting discipline required when using these tools.

There is no question that New York State benefits from dedicated hunter education instructors and responsible adult hunters who work diligently to promote safe hunting practices. Hunter education remains an important component of responsible firearm use. However, completion of hunter education requirements does not eliminate the possibility of lapses in judgment, attention, or firearm discipline. This concern is further heightened where portions of required hunter education may be completed through abbreviated online instructional formats rather than traditional in-person instruction.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) offers an in-person course that lasts a “[m]inimum of 7 hours”, allowing hands on, trainer to student learning for prospective hunters. However, NYSDEC also allows prospective hunters to certify completion of an on-line course in satisfaction of the hunting course training requirement. Of the three approved online safety courses, each promotes a learning period shorter than that of the in-person hunting course. , Some specifically promote a learning period that is half as long as the in-person course length.

There is ample research which demonstrates that even where the Course materials and subject matter are the same, students who learn solely from an on-line course, like those offered in satisfaction of the hunting education course, do not retain the information to the same degree as those that learn in an in-person environment.

In a 2022 study, “Asynchronous Online Instruction Leads to Learning Gaps When Compared to a Flipped Classroom”, by Jensen, J., Smith, C.M., Bowers, R. et al., published in the Journal of Science Education and Technology, researchers compared the outcomes of an in person student group and an online only student group, with the same curriculum and framework. The study found that in the “baseline model (i.e., asynchronous), online students consistently perform lower than in-person flipped classroom students suggesting that online environments where no synchronous interaction occurs are less effective at fostering learning” (Emphasis added).

Moreover, even when a hunter has completed the requirements and has been certified for their hunting license, that education does not eliminate the possible risk of losing focus or maintaining shooting discipline required when using these tools. According to available IHEA data, almost, if not all, of the hunters involved in incidents reported, had undergone the necessary hunter’s education training required by NYSDEC.

It is indisputable that firearms are tools that require continuous discipline and maximal focus to utilize properly and to minimize the risk of harm to oneself or others. It is a high burden to require a child of twelve or thirteen years of age to maintain such discipline and focus, and based on the data available, it is the children aged 10 to 19 who are most likely to be harmed through unintentional firearm incidents and deaths.

The data is underscored by the continuing instances of hunting incidents involving young hunters across the Country. Since 2020, we have seen examples of firearm deaths while hunting that include a 14-year-old who was hunting with his brother in Arkansas, a 9-year-old hunting with his father in Nebraska, an 11-year-old who was shot and killed by his stepfather while hunting in Michigan, and a 9-year-old who was shot and killed by his father on Thanksgiving in South Carolina. These tragedies continue to occur, as evidenced by a hunting incident in 2024, in South Carolina, where a 13-year-old lost his life after he was shot by another youth hunter.

The issue presented by this legislation is therefore not whether hunting is a valued tradition, nor whether many hunters act responsibly and safely. They do, and that tradition deserves respect. Rather, the question before the County is whether Erie County should affirmatively authorize children ages twelve and thirteen to participate in deer hunting with firearms and crossbows despite the documented risks associated with unintentional firearm injury among youth and the continued occurrence of hunting-related shooting incidents even amongst those with decades of experience.

As County Executive, I receive all fatality reports for the accidental or intentional death of child in Erie County. During my tenure as county executive, I have read hundreds of these reports, including multiple reports related to a shooting. Each report is gut-wrenching, knowing that a young, vibrant child's life was taken, often in a circumstance that was wholly preventable. It is, I am convinced, nothing compared to the pain felt by a parent who has lost a child.

The risk of injury or death is amplified where the burden asked of youth hunters is to be maximally disciplined and focused past what may be possible for them. In those instances, the possibility of harm is too great, and the cost of tragedy is too high to ignore. Based on the information demonstrated across the country and compiled by hunting groups themselves, I cannot agree to the passage of the bill with such a high possible cost.

No parent should have to live with the loss of a child knowing that their death could have been prevented. No parent should have to live with the loss of a child, knowing that we could have prevented such a tragedy by refusing to pass this bill.

As such, for the reasons stated above, I hereby Disapprove and Veto Local Law 3-1-2026.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

FROM LEGISLATOR MILLS

Item 16 – (COMM. 10E-4) Veto Override Vote Request

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 17 – (COMM. 10E-5) Appointment to Erie County Arts & Cultural Advisory Board

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 18 – (COMM. 10E-6) Analysis of Enterprise Lease Program for the Period of 1/1/2018-12/31/2024

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE SHERIFF

Item 19 – (COMM. 10E-7) Jail Management Facility Improvements

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR VINAL

Item 20 – (COMM. 10E-8) Request for Formal Fiscal Analysis - Senior Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption Impact

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR BARGNESI

Item 21 – (COMM. 10E-9) Request for Review of RFP Procurement Process Concerning the EC Clerk's Office's Northtown Auto Bureau Location

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 22 – (COMM. 10E-10) Rath Building Elevator Modernization Project - Contingency Fund Increase

Item 23 – (COMM. 10E-11) Willowdale Park Pro Shop Design

Item 24 – (COMM. 10E-12) Chestnut Ridge Conservancy MOU

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

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 25 – (COMM. 10E-13) Buffalo & EC Botanical Gardens - National Grid Easement

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 26 – (COMM. 10E-14) Authorization to Enter into Contract with ErieNet for Dark Fiber IRU & Managed Network Services

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 27 – (COMM. 10E-15) Authorization to Accept FY23 and FY24 HazMat & FY23 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program Funds

Item 28 – (COMM. 10E-16) Authorization to Accept the Combined SFY 2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Program Funds

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

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 29 – (COMM. 10E-17) Authorization to Accept Funding and Enter into Contract to Provide Outreach and Application Assistance for the NYS Rental Supplement Program

Item 30 – (COMM. 10E-18) Acceptance of SNAP-ED (formerly SHINE) Grant Funding

Item 31 – (COMM. 10E-19) Department of Health Lab Personnel Adjustment

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

FROM THE SHERIFF

Item 32 – (COMM. 10E-20) Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative Renewal

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

Item 33 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be received, filed and printed.

GRANTED.

COMM. 10E-21 from KOOSHOIAN. Absence Letter – Session No. 9

May 22, 2026

Olivia Owens, Clerk  
92 Franklin St., 4th Floor

Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Madam Clerk,

Please accept this letter as a notice of my absence from the May 13th formal session due to an existing conflict.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Kooshoian  
3rd District Legislator

**FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 86

RE: NYSDOT Agreement & Contracts for  
Construction and Inspection Services - Maple  
Street, Village of East Aurora  
(COMM. 10E-22)

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Reconstruction of Maple Street (CR 241) from Main Street (NYS 16/78/US 20A) to the Village Line, in the Village of East Aurora, PIN 5764.22 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23, U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of federal funds and a non-federal share; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie desires to execute a Supplemental Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to obtain federal and non-federal reimbursement funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie desires to advance the Project by making a commitment to advance the reimbursable federal and non-federal shares of the costs of the construction and construction inspection phases of the Project; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is in the amount of \$5,480,000, which provides for the County of Erie’s required local share commitment of \$274,000 and acceptance of federal revenue in the amount of \$4,384,000 and State Marchiselli revenue in the amount of \$822,000 for the construction and construction inspection phases of the Project, and

WHEREAS, after the Federal Aid RFQ process, the firm of C&S Engineers, was selected as having the necessary expertise, experience, and manpower to provide the County of Erie with design

and construction inspection services for the reconstruction of the above noted segment of Maple Street; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to enter into an Engineering Services agreement with C&S Engineers for construction inspection with the agreement total not to exceed \$370,000; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (DPW) received bids for the construction of this project on April 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to execute a construction contract with Union Concrete & Construction Corp. and establish a project contingency with the construction total not to exceed \$5,110,000; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds for the project in Fund 420, Funds Center 123, B.25003 – 2025 Federal Aid – Road Construction – Maple Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute the Agreement between the County of Erie and NYSDOT; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NYSDOT Agreement, in the amount of \$5,480,000 provides for \$4,384,000 in federal aid, \$822,000 in Marchiselli State funds, and \$274,000 in local County funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding for the above is available in Capital Project B.25003 – 2025 Federal Aid – Road Construction – Maple Street, Fund 420, Funds Center 123; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to award and execute an agreement between the County of Erie and the selected Project Design Engineers, C&S Engineers Inc, for construction inspection services in an amount not exceed \$370,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive to award and execute an agreement between the County of Erie and Union Concrete & Construction Corp. for construction services plus a project contingency in an amount not exceed \$5,110,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Director of Budget and Management to adjust the Project budget for any and all additions or reductions in federal and/or non-federal revenue that are made available for this Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to accept all federal and state reimbursements from the NYSDOT Agreement, as well as any other federal or non-federal funding which may be made available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County of Erie to pay for the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal shares of the cost of the Project or portions thereof, with an understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for federal aid and non-federal aid reimbursement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the amount required to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal shares of the cost of the Project's construction and construction inspection phases exceeds the amount appropriated above, the County of Erie shall convene its Legislature as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive of the County of Erie to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for federal and non-federal aid on behalf of the County of Erie with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project; and providing for the administration of the Project and the County's first instance funding of Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and be it further

RESOLVED the County executive be authorized to execute any necessary change orders, amendments, and agreements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation, by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature forward six (6) certified copies of this Resolution to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner, to be forwarded to the New York State Department of Transportation; 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 County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office and Division of Budget.

Item 35 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. ST. JEAN TARD seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 87

RE: CARP Grant Budget Changes  
(COMM. 10E-23)

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

WHEREAS, the District Attorney through the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Service’s (DCJS) Crimes Against Revenue Program (CARP) Grant provides needed services to the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the contract received from the NYS DCJS authorizes funding levels different from the adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, Section 2507b of the Erie County Charter states that independently elected officials, including the District Attorney, have the power to manage their departments within the parameters of their adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the funds necessary to effectuate the changes are available in the District Attorney’s 2026 budgets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that effective June 1, 2026, a position of Assistant District Attorney IV, position #51003879, be transferred from fund 281, cost center 1140050, grant 114CARP2026, to fund 110, cost center 1140030 and a position of Assistant District Attorney V, position #51012089 be transferred from fund 110, cost center 1140030 to fund 281, cost center 1140050, grant 114CARP2026 (B100 #15955 and #15915); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby provide authorization to reallocate funds within the CARP grant to comply with State approved funding levels, to be adjusted as follows:

Crimes Against Revenue Program Grant  
114CARP2026  
January 1, 2026– December 31, 2026

	ORIGINAL	INCREASE (DECREASE)	FINAL
Revenue			
409000 State Aid Revenue	\$414,100	\$15,634	\$429,734
479000 County Share Cont.	213,921	(10,424)	203,497
Total Revenue	\$628,021	\$5,210	\$633,231
Appropriation			
500000 Full Time Salaries	\$437,206	\$3,669	\$440,875
500350 Other Employee Payments	6,688	- 0 -	6,688
502000 Fringe Benefits	183,627	1,541	185,168
510100 Out of Area Travel	500	- 0 -	500
Total Appropriations	\$628,021	\$5,210	\$633,231

General Fund 110  
2026

559000 Count Share -Grants (DECREASE)  
(10,424)

and be it further

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

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County District Attorney, the Erie County Executive, Erie County Personnel, Erie County Comptroller and the Director of Budget and Management.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS**

**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT**

Item 36 – (COMM. 10D-1) March 2026 Budget Monitoring Report

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES**

**FROM A. MITCHELL**

Item 37 – (COMM. 10M-1) Letter in Support of the County Executive's Veto to Local Law 3-1 (2026)

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE NFTA**

Item 38 – (COMM. 10M-2) Letter Regarding INTRO. 7-3 (2026)

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE ECCSAB**

Item 39 – (COMM. 10M-3) Request for Funding Directed to ECSO for the Purpose of Upgrading Security Camera Systems

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

FROM THE EC ARTS & CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

Item 40 – (COMM. 10M-4) Meeting Minutes - Jan. & Feb. 2026

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Meyers opened the Second Public Comment Session, the following speaker addressed the Legislature:

Brian Nowak, Cheektowaga – expressed support for the passage of LL INTRO. 3-1 (2026), encouraged further research on LL INTRO. 4-1 (2026), thanked the Legislature for their consideration of INTRO. 7-3 (2026).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Item 41 – Chair Meyers announced that the Legislature will conduct committee meetings on Thursday, June 4, 2026, and the schedule will be distributed. Chair Meyers further announced that the next session of the Legislature will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

Item 42 – Legislator Todaro requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Robert R. Samrock.

Item 43 – Legislator Greene requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Tunney Murchie.

Item 44 – Legislator Vinal requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Miles A. Williams.

Item 45 – Legislator Gilmour requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of John “Dooley” Evans.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Item 46 – At this time, there being no further business to transact, CHAIR MEYERS announced that the Chair would entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MR. GILMOUR moved that the Legislature adjourn until Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 11:30 AM. MR. DUPRE seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR MEYERS declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 11:30 AM.

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