

ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MEETING NO. 6
MARCH 26, 2026

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Meyers.

All members present, except Legislator Greene.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Dupre.

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

Paul Wolf, Amherst – expressed his opinions about the process of electing Commissioners of the Erie County Water Authority.

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 5 from 2026. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4 – No Public Hearings.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Item 5 – Miscellaneous Resolutions were offered, as follows:

DUPRE	Honoring Catherine M. Roberts during Women’s History Month (2026)
DUPRE	Recognizing Girl Scouts of Western New York MLK Service Unit during Girl Scout Week
ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring Dr. Kenyani Shareen Davis MD, MPH during Women’s History Month (2026)
ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring Kristen Elmore-Garcia during Women’s History Month (2026)
ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring Dr. April R. Sanders during Women’s History Month (2026)
ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring Meghan Aldrich during Women’s History Month (2026)

ST. JEAN TARD Honoring Jennifer Rizzo-Choi during Women’s History Month (2026)

ST. JEAN TARD Honoring Chelsea Lovell during Women’s History Month (2026)

ST. JEAN TARD Honoring Danielle Womack during Women’s History Month (2026)

ST. JEAN TARD Honoring Pheben Kassahun during Women’s History Month (2026)

ST. JEAN TARD Honoring Alexa Wajed during Women’s History Month (2026)

ST. JEAN TARD Honoring Lisa M. Chimera during Women’s History Month (2026)

ST. JEAN TARD Honoring New York State Majority Leader Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes during Women’s History Month (2026)

ST. JEAN TARD Celebrating the 80th Birthday of Eva Doyle

KOOSHOIAN Honoring Debbie Lombardo as Erie County Citizen of the Month - March 2026

KOOSHOIAN Honoring Diane Cwick during Women’s History Month (2026)

BARGNESI Honoring Christine Hausrath during Women’s History Month (2026)

BARGNESI Honoring Jessie Fisher during Women’s History Month (2026)

BARGNESI Honoring Kathleen Fieramusca during Women’s History Month (2026)

VINAL Honoring Emily Vezina during Women’s History Month (2026)

GREENE Honoring Jessica Bork in Recognition of National School Librarian Day

GREENE Honoring Andrew Johnston in Recognition of National School Librarian Day

GREENE Honoring Laura Penn in Recognition of National School Librarian Day

GREENE Honoring Jane Kershenski in Recognition of National School Librarian Day

MEYERS Honoring Kim Reynolds during Women’s History Month (2026)

TODARO Honoring Chester Popiolkowski for His 20 Years of Service as President of the Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corps

TODARO Honoring Depew Basketball Coach Larry Jones on His 2026 BCANY Hall of Fame Selection

- TODARO Congratulating the Depew Girls Basketball Team on Winning Back-to-Back A-2 Section VI Championships
- GILMOUR Honoring Annette Iafallo during Women’s History Month (2026)
- GILMOUR In Remembrance of Daniel E. Redmond
- LORIGO Recognizing Crystal Holst on Being Named “Manager of the Year” for Lowe’s
- LORIGO Recognizing Anita Pfeiffer upon Being Named the 2026 Small Business Person of the Year by the Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce
- LORIGO Recognizing sasi on Being Named the 2026 Non-Profit of the Year by the Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce
- LORIGO Recognizing Dr. Dick O’Connor upon Receiving the 2026 Legends Award from the Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce
- LORIGO Recognizing Sana Health & Wellness for Being Named the 2026 Rookie Business of the Year by the Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce
- LORIGO Recognizing Rachel Krajewski upon Being Named the 2026 Small Business Person of the Year by the Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce
- LORIGO Recognizing Zoe Sharp on Being Named the 2026 Young Professional of the Year by the Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce
- MILLS Celebrating School Librarian Day and Honoring Orchard Park High School Librarian Beth Yarbrough
- MILLS Celebrating School Librarian Day and Honoring Orchard Park Middle School Librarians
- MILLS Celebrating the Opening of Half Baked Cookies in Orchard Park
- MILLS Honoring the Orchard Park Rifle Team, 30-Shot Standing State Champions

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LOCAL LAWS

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

GRANTED.

Item 7 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 2 (Print #1) 2026 remain on the table and in the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 8 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 3 (Print #1) 2026 remain on the table and in the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 9 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 4 (Print #1) 2026 be directed to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 41

March 19, 2026	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3
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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. 4E-2 (2026)
SHERIFF: “Holding Center Sewage Leak”
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 5E-16 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Re-Appointments to the Conditional Release Commission”
March 6, 2026

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

Re: Re-Appointments to the Conditional Release Commission

Dear Honorable Members,

Please be advised that, pursuant to Local Law No. 2 of 2015, I hereby (re)appoint and submit for your confirmation the following individuals to the Conditional Release Commission for terms expiring December 31, 2029.

William Crowe
250 Argonne Dr
Kenmore, NY 14217
Re-appointment

Penny Wolfgang
344 Mill St
Williamsville, NY 14221
Re-appointment

Robert Lonski
452 Westgate Road
Kenmore, NY 14217
Re-appointment

Karima Amin
4305 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
Re-appointment

Dixie Farr
34 Edge Dr
Cheektowaga, NY 14225
Re-appointment

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments or the appointment process, please feel free to contact my office at (716) 858-8500

Sincerely yours,
Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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JOHN J. GILMOUR
CHAIR

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 42

March 19, 2026	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3
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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. 5E-17 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Re-Appointments to the Board of Health”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 5E-18 (2026)
ECDSS COMMISSIONER: “Appointment to the Board of Health”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - c. COMM. 5D-1 (2026)
ECDSS COMMISSIONER: “COMM. 12E-34 Compliance Report – February 2026”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 5E-8 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Authorization to Contract with Pace Analytical Labs”
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) regularly uses outside laboratories to provide testing of samples when ECDOH has an instrument that is nonfunctional. During such times, additional outside testing allows testing to be completed while ECDOH’s equipment is repaired and returned to normal; and

WHEREAS, ECDOH’s current outside vendor for send-out testing services was purchased and renamed from Alpha Analytical Labs to Pace Analytical Labs; and

WHEREAS, ECDOH is seeking authorization to contract with Pace Analytical Labs for its outside send out testing vendor services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to contract with Pace Analytical Labs for ECDHO’s outside send-out testing vendor services. and be it further

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

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3. COMM. 5E-19 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Re-Appointments to the B&ECPL Board of Directors”

March 6, 2026

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin St., 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Re-appointments to the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library

Dear Honorable Members,

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

Theodore K. Johnson
1700 Elmwood Ave
Buffalo, NY 14207
Term Expiration: 12/31/2030
Re-appointment

Sharon Kelly
299 Leydecker Rd. Apt. B4
West Seneca, NY 14224
Term Expiration: 12/31/2030
Re-appointment

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LAWRENCE J. DUPRE
CHAIR

Item 12 – MS. ST. JEAN TARD presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 43

March 19, 2026	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4
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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. 5E-3 (2026)
EC CLERK “Letter Regarding COMM. 4E-15: Transfer Tax Appropriation”
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 5E-9 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Rath Building - 4th Floor Space Allocation & Renovation (2025-816-01)”

WHEREAS, the Social Services Department located on the 4th floor of the Rath Building requires an efficient, secure and safe office space and infrastructure to provide reliable service for it operations and for the public; and

WHEREAS, the renovation of the existing floor is required to reduce maintenance costs, update the space to the Social Service Department needs and provide reliable services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (DPW) received professional Architectural/Engineering design service proposals for the Rath Building 4th Floor Space Allocation and Renovation project on October 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County selected Watts Architects & Engineers through the County's standard qualifications-based selection process to design the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to issue an Agreement to Watts Architects & Engineers to provide professional design and construction administration services for the Rath Building 4th Floor Space Allocation and Renovation project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with Watts Architects & Engineers to provide professional design and construction administration services for the 2025-816-01 Rath Building 4th Floor Space Allocation and Renovation project for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 including design contingency; and be it further

RESOLVED, a design contingency will be included as part of the Project in the amount of \$40,170.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, any unused design contingency will be returned to the Design Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above and approved capital budgets, Fund 410, Funds Center 122, as follows:

A.17030 Renovations of Office Space	\$ 88,630.94
A.19028 Fourth Floor Rath Renovation	\$211,369.06
TOTAL	\$300,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that two 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, Department of Social Services and Division of Budget and Management.

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3. COMM. 5E-10 (2026)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “County-Wide Roof Replacement & Exterior Waterproofing Term Agreement”

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (“DPW”) has identified the need for on-call professional design services for future necessary County-wide Roof Replacement and Exterior Waterproofing capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, DPW received A/E professional design qualifications and proposals for the County-wide Roof Replacement and Exterior Waterproofing Term Agreement on July 3, 2025; and WHEREAS, a review of qualifications evaluated each firm’s expertise, experience, and manpower to provide the required services; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined via the County’s consultant selection process that DiDonato Associates and the Clark Patterson Lee (CPL) Team has the appropriate expertise and resources to provide such services as required; and

WHEREAS, each assignment will be approved on a lump-sum basis negotiated based on the agreed-upon work scope prior to beginning any services, or on an on-call basis based on the hourly rate according to the rate schedule per their proposal; and

WHEREAS, there are many County Buildings that are in need of upcoming repairs, are outside of their useful life and/or have expired warranties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into a three (3)-year Term Agreement with DiDonato Associates and the CPL Team with the possibility of two, one (1)-year extensions, for providing professional architectural and engineering services for the County-wide Roof Replacement and Exterior Waterproofing Term Agreement for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, including a hazardous materials allowance and reimbursables; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such contract extensions are subject to Legislative approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller’s Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from the following Capital Projects in the approved and adopted capital budgets, Fund 410, Funds Center 122:

A.23001– Roof Replacement and Exterior Waterproofing (Countywide)	
For a Total Amount Not to Exceed	\$ 500,000.00

RESOLVED, that two 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.

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TAISHA ST. JEAN TARD
CHAIR

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 44

March 19, 2026	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR GILMOUR.
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM 3E-20 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
“ECSD No. 4 - Engineer Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: GHD-1)”
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 5E-11 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “2026 External Capital Projects - Authorization to Enter into Contract with Nonprofit Organizations”
WHEREAS, the adopted 2026 Erie County Capital Budget allocated funding to a variety of community development and County projects; and

WHEREAS, the Organizations were among those selected for funding allocations; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie is interested in the fostering of tourism and supporting organizations providing behavioral health services to County residents; and

WHEREAS, additional legislation is needed to enter into contracts with awarded nonprofit organizations to facilitate the projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute contracts with the organizations as noted in the amounts indicated, from the capital accounts as noted:

Organization	Amount	Project	Account #
Roycroft Campus Corporation or related entities	\$173,400	Print Shop Entry Restoration	A.26060

Mental Health Services - Erie County South East Corporation V (dba Spectrum Health and Human Services) or related entities	\$400,000	1280 Main Street Construction	A.26061
Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, Inc. or related entities	\$100,000	Adler Chapel Rehabilitation	A.26062

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Director of Budget and Management to make any necessary budgetary adjustments as needed to administer this project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Department of Law and County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute easements, deed restrictions, intermunicipal agreements and/or place additional requirements on the aforementioned contracting entity and associated real property (project location) as necessary to implement the projects; and be it further

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

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3. COMM. 5E-12 (2026)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE: "Authorization to Accept Funding & Enter into Agreements for EC and NYS America 250 Programming"

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, representing a historic opportunity to commemorate the founding of the United States and recognize the nation's shared heritage and democratic values; and

WHEREAS, the New York State 250th Commemorative Commission has provided funding to support local and regional activities commemorating this milestone; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has committed to participating in the commemoration through coordinated programming, public events, and partnerships with cultural and historical organizations throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Planning, in coordination with the Erie County Historical Commission, is overseeing the County's America 250 activities; and

WHEREAS, Visit Buffalo possesses the regional expertise, tourism promotion infrastructure, and organizational capacity necessary to administer funding and coordinate countywide commemorative programming; and

WHEREAS, due to the specialized nature of these services and the time-sensitive implementation of America 250 activities, a waiver of Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that these actions serve a valid public purpose by promoting cultural enrichment, tourism, economic development, and public education for the residents of Erie County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with the New York State Department of Education to accept \$64,100 in funding on behalf of the New York State 250th Commemorative Commission into the Department of Environment and Planning's 2026 Adopted Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 16200) as follows:

Department of Environment and Planning
Fund 110, Funds Center 16200

REVENUES	CHANGE
409000 State Aid Revenue	\$64,100
TOTAL	<u>\$64,100</u>

APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGE
516020 Professional Services, Contracts & Fees	\$64,100
TOTAL	<u>\$64,100</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 New York Public History Trust in order to distribute \$44,100 in funding awarded to the organization by the New York State 250th Commemorative Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management to carry-forward \$322,300 in available funding within the Department of Environment and Planning's 2025 Adopted Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 16200) Account 516020 – Professional Services, Contract and Fees into 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management to carry-forward \$20,586.20 in available funding within the Department of Environment and Planning's 2025 Adopted Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 16200) Account 517595 – Erie County Historical Commission into 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to waive Section 26.08 and enter into contract with Visit Buffalo in the amount of \$342,300 for the administration of funds to cultural and historical organizations across Erie County to plan and hold events as part of the commemoration of 250 of American history since the signing of the Declaration of Independence; 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 will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Department of Environment and Planning, and Division of Budget and Management.

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4. COMM. 5E-13 (2026)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE: "ECSD No. 3 - Southtowns AWTF Ash Landfill Reclamation (Contract No. 82 Close Out)"

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 9E-23 (2025), Contract No. 82 was awarded to Union Concrete & Construction Corp. for general construction associated with the Southtowns Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility Ash Landfill Reclamation 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.82, in the final contract amount of \$1,715,992.05 which includes Change Order No. 1 (Final), a decrease of \$303,724.45, and recommends approval for final payment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes Contract No. 82 between the County of Erie and Union Concrete & Construction Corp. (435 Meyer Road, West Seneca, New York 14224) be accepted in the final contract amount of \$1,715,992.05 which includes Change Order No. 1 (final), a decrease of \$303,724.45; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Erie County Comptroller to make final payment for Contract No. 82 to Union Concrete & Construction Corp. for a total contract amount of \$1,715,992.05; 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.

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5. COMM. 5E-14 (2026)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE: "ECSD No. 2 - North Creek PS Backup Battery Energy Storage System Project (Contract No. 104 Close Out)"

WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 10E-27 (2025), Contract 104 was awarded to MORS Service Group LLC to construct the North Creek Pumping Station (PS) Backup Battery Energy Storage System in Erie County Sewer District No. 2; and

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

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has recommended the acceptance of Contract 104 in the final contract amount of \$131,425.13, which includes Change Order No. 1 (final), a decrease of \$2,595.31, and recommends approval for final payment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes that Contract No. 104 between the County of Erie and MORS Service Group LLC (1001 East Delevan Ave., Suite 20, Buffalo, NY 14215) is accepted in the final contract amount of \$131,425.13 which includes Change Order No. 1 (final), a decrease of \$2,595.31; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Erie County Comptroller to make final payment for Contract 104 to MORS Service Group LLC for a total contract amount of \$131,425.13; 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 the Division of Sewerage Management.

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6. COMM. 5E-15 (2026)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE: "ECSD No. 4 - Board of Managers Appointment"

WHEREAS, the County Executive has made an appointment to the Erie County Sewer District No. 4 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. 4 Board of Managers is hereby confirmed:

Erie County Sewer District No. 4 Term Expires

Hon. Mark Burkard (New)
Councilmember, Town of Lancaster 12/31/27
21 Central Avenue
Lancaster, NY 14086

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.

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WHEREAS, probation officers perform critical public safety functions at every stage of the criminal justice process, including investigations, pre-sentence reporting, community supervision, case management, treatment coordination, and other preventive and corrective services; and

WHEREAS, probation officers frequently work with individuals involved in the criminal legal system who may present elevated risks, including risks of violence, instability, retaliation, and other hazards associated with field work, supervision, and enforcement responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, as alternatives to incarceration and detention have become more central to modern criminal justice systems, probation officers increasingly perform duties that expose them to risks comparable in many respects to those faced by personnel in law enforcement and correctional settings; and

WHEREAS, despite the nature of these responsibilities and the hazards attendant to them, probation officers are not presently afforded the same disability coverage protections available to certain other public employees injured in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, S.8837 and A.2535 would not impose a mandatory statewide benefit, but would instead permit counties and employee representatives, through collective bargaining, to negotiate such coverage at their option and under terms determined by the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature recognizes the importance of ensuring that probation officers, who serve an essential role in public safety, rehabilitation, and community supervision, have access to fair and appropriate workplace protections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby expresses its support for New York State Senate Bill S.8837 and Assembly Bill A.2535; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body respectfully urges the New York State Senate, the New York State Assembly, and the Governor of the State of New York to enact this legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York; to the members of the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly representing all or part of Erie County; and to the Erie County Commissioner of Probation and Youth Detention Services.

Item 16 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that the following resolution be referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 6-2 from the MINORITY CAUCUS. A Resolution Calling on the NYSDOCCS to Change Their Decision to Release Convicted Murderer Chad Campbell in Erie County.

The meeting was called to order by Legislature Chair Timothy J. Meyers and, upon roll being called, the following Legislators were:

PRESENT: Legislator Lorigo, Legislator Mills, Legislator Todaro, Legislator Bargnesi, Legislator Dupre, Legislator Gilmour, Legislator Kooshoian, Legislator Meyers, Legislator St. Jean Tard, and Legislator Vinal.

ABSENT: Legislator Greene.

The following resolution was offered for consideration upon motion by Legislator John Gilmour, with the motion for consideration being seconded by Legislator Jeanne Vinal, to wit;

RESOLUTION NO. 48, 2026

A RESOLUTION, DATED MARCH 26, 2026, FURTHER CLARIFYING AND AMENDING A BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK (THE "COUNTY") THAT WAS ORIGINALLY ADOPTED ON JULY 20, 2023 AND AMENDED ON JULY 24, 2025.

(Introduced) March 3, 2026

(Adopted) March 26, 2026

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2025, the County of Erie, New York (the "County"), adopted a resolution (the "July 24, 2025 Resolution") entitled:

AN AMENDING AND RESTATING FINAL ORDER / BOND RESOLUTION, DATED JULY 24, 2025, OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK (THE "COUNTY"), AMENDING THE BOND RESOLUTION THAT WAS ADOPTED ON JULY 20, 2023, AND AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES OF ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3 (THE "PROJECT") STATING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF THE PROJECT TO BE \$215,000,000, APPROPRIATING SUCH AMOUNT THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$215,000,000 OF BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE COUNTY (COLLECTIVELY, THE "OBLIGATIONS") TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING ANY AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND/OR THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR ANY OTHER SOURCE FOR THE PROJECT TO BE EXPENDED TOWARDS THE COST OF THE PROJECT AS INDICATED HEREIN, OR TOWARDS THE REDEMPTION OF ANY OF THE OBLIGATIONS ISSUED THEREFOR, OR TO BE BUDGETED AS AN OFFSET TO THE TAXES FOR PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE OBLIGATIONS AND MAKING OTHER DETERMINATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PROJECT
and;

WHEREAS, the July 24, 2025 Resolution expressed the County's general plan and intention to issue up to \$215,000,000 of serial bonds or other obligations for the financing of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature now wishes to amend and clarify the July 24, 2025 Resolution to specifically reiterate and reaffirm such intention and plan of financing, in order to

access and potentially utilize highly favorable borrowing arrangements that are to be made available through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION A. The County hereby clarifies and amends the July 24, 2025 Resolution as follows:

Section 3 of the July 24, 2025 Resolution is hereby amended by revising such Section to read in its entirety as follows:

The increased maximum estimated cost of the Project is \$215,000,000, the County plans to finance the estimated maximum cost of the Project by the issuance of serial bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$215,000,000 of the County hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law, and unless paid for from other sources or charges, such cost will be apportioned among the benefitted real properties in the District in accordance with charges based on usage and/or special assessments based on units, assessed value and/or footage, as these or other applicable cost apportionment standards may be specified in the District's Benefit and User Charge formulas (as those currently exist or as they may be amended from time to time in accordance with the County's sewer rents local law and the rules and procedures adopted by the Board of Managers of the District).

SECTION B. Except as set forth herein, the July 24, 2025 Resolution has not been modified, amended or revoked since its adoption. The July 24, 2025 Resolution remains in full force and effect and is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved (as amended and clarified hereby).

SECTION C. This resolution is effective immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Legislator John Gilmour and seconded by Legislator Jeanne Vinal, before being duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Legislator Lorigo, Legislator Mills, Legislator Todaro, Legislator Bargnesi, Legislator Dupre, Legislator Gilmour, Legislator Kooshoian, Legislator Meyers, Legislator St. Jean Tard, and Legislator Vinal.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Legislator Greene.

Dated: Buffalo, New York,
March 26, 2026

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

FROM LEGISLATOR DUPRE

Item 21 – (COMM. 6E-1) Request for Review of Financial Relationship Between EC & Seneca-Babcock Community Association

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR DUPRE

Item 22 – (COMM. 6E-2) Request for Legal Opinion Regarding EC & Seneca-Babcock Community Association

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM CHAIR MEYERS

Item 23 – (COMM. 6E-3) Public Notice Concerning Position of Commissioner of the ECWA

Item 24 – (COMM. 6E-4) Letter to Democratic Party Caucus Regarding Position of Commissioner of the ECWA

Item 25 – (COMM. 6E-5) Letter to Republican Party Caucus Regarding Position of Commissioner of the ECWA

FROM THE LEGISLATURE CLERK

Item 26 – (COMM. 6E-6) Public Notice: Letters of Interest & Resumes for Position of Commissioner of the ECWA

Chair Meyers directed that the above four items be received and filed.

FROM THE SHERIFF

Item 27 – (COMM. 6E-7) Peer Support Services RFP

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 28 – (COMM. 6E-8) Authorization to Accept Donations from The Aliver Foundation & University of Rochester

Item 29 – (COMM. 6E-9) Authorization to Accept NYSACHO's Grant for Climate & Health Adaptation Initiatives

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

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 30 – (COMM. 6E-10) Authorization to Accept a Donation for the Betterment of the Erie County Parks

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 31 – (COMM. 6E-11) ECSD No. 3 - Milestrip Rd. to Lake Ave. Cured in Place Pipe Lining Project (Contract No. 88)

Item 32 – (COMM. 6E-12) ECSD No. 3 - Blasdell Village Barn Bid Opening (Contract No. 86)

Item 33 – (COMM. 6E-13) ECSD No. 3 - Southtowns AWTF Phase 1 & 2, Expansion Project Amendment No. 3.A

Item 34 – (COMM. 6E-14) ECSD No. 3 - Elma Pumping Station & Force Main Upgrades Project Agreements

Item 35 – (COMM. 6E-15) Replacement of Culverts in EC - Group 1 Contract for Construction, Towns of: Concord, Collins & West Seneca

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

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 36 – (COMM. 6E-16) 2026 Consolidated Bond Resolution

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Item 37 – (COMM. 6E-17) Absence Letter – Session No. 6

CHAIR MEYERS directed that the item be received, filed and printed.

March 24, 2026

Olivia Owens
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

RE: Absence from Session

Dear Clerk Owens,

Pursuant to the Rules of the Legislature I am writing to notify you that I will be absent from the Legislative Session taking place March 26, 2026, due to a previously scheduled out-of-town event.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher Greene
Erie County Legislator, District 6

FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Item 38 – (COMM. 6E-18) Authorization for Professional Services

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 49

RE: Allocation of Unanticipated Revenue
(COMM. 6E-19)

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
THE 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, as a result of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) strike in 2025, DOCCS suspended intake of new incarcerated individuals for several weeks; and

WHEREAS, this suspension created a backlog of state-ready Incarcerated Individuals who were forced to remain in Erie County Sheriff's Office custody that did not clear up for several months; and

WHEREAS, DOCCS has reimbursed the Erie County Sheriff's Office \$1,949,600 for state-ready incarcerated individuals who remained in local custody from April 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this reimbursement made up a significant portion of the \$2,348,200 in revenues the Erie County Sheriff’s Office obtained from other governments for incarcerating their detainees at the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility in 2025; and

WHEREAS, this revenue was not anticipated when the 2025 Erie County budget was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office now seeks to recognize a portion of this unanticipated revenue and carry it forward into its 2026 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the modification of the Erie County Sheriff’s Office, Jail Management Division 2025 Adopted Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 11610) to recognize \$260,000 in New York State revenue as reimbursement for the housing of state inmates as follows:

Division of Jail Management
Fund 110, Funds Center 11610

REVENUES	CHANGE
<u>420040 – Jail Facility – Other Government</u>	<u>\$260,000</u>
TOTAL	\$260,000

APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGE
<u>561410 – Lab and Technical Equipment</u>	<u>\$260,000</u>
TOTAL	\$260,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget & Management to carry-forward \$392,163.22 in available funds within the Erie County Sheriff’s Office, Jail Management Division 2025 Adopted Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 11610) Account 561410 – Lab and Technical Equipment into 2026; 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, Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Purchasing Department, the Erie County Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management and the Erie County Sheriff’s Office.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

FROM THE DEP DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Item 40 – (COMM. 6D-1) Annual Climate Action Update - 2025

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

Item 41 – (COMM. 6D-2) Cost to Prepare Village Tax Rolls & Bills

Item 42 – (COMM. 6D-3) Cost to Prepare School District Tax Rolls & Bills

Item 43 – (COMM. 6D-4) Cost to Prepare City of Lackawanna Tax Rolls & Bills

Item 44 – (COMM. 6D-5) Cost to Prepare City of Tonawanda Tax Rolls & Bills

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES

FROM T. HARIACZYI

Item 45 – (COMM. 6M-1) Constituent Letter Regarding EC Bar Association & Assigned Counsel Program

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER RIVERA, PPG, & NYIC

Item 46 – (COMM. 6M-2) Request to Hold Public Hearing

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Todd Hariaczyi, Williamsville – encouraged further discussion on the DL&W Terminal.

Shane Seymour, Cheektowaga – expressed concerns regarding contracts and grants.

Peter Flanagan, Buffalo – encouraged further conversation on Parks Concessions of Chestnut Ridge Park & requested further investigation into Parks RFPs.

Brian Nowak, Cheektowaga – spoke in support of LL INTRO. 3-1 (2026) and LL INTRO. 4-1 (2026) with adjustments made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 47 – Chair Meyers announced that the Legislature will conduct committee meetings on Thursday, April 2, 2026, and the schedule will be distributed. Chair Meyers further announced that the next session of the Legislature will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

Item 48 – Legislator Lorigo requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Robert R. Voelker.

Item 49 – Legislator Todaro requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of John F. Schaller, Robert R. Voelker and Nancy A. Paner.

Item 50 – Legislator Kooshoian requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Daniel Barry.

Item 51 – Legislator Vinal requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Gary Grelick and Sister Donna Marie Anthony.

ADJOURNMENT

Item 52 – 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, April 16, 2026 at 11:30 AM. MR. DUPRE seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR MEYERS declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 11:30 AM.

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