ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MEETING NO. 11
JUNE 11, 2026

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Meyers.

All members present, except Ms. Vinal.

An Invocation was held, led by Mr. Greene, who offered a short prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kooshoian.

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

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 10 from 2026. MS. ST. JEAN TARD seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4 – No Public Hearings.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Item 5 – Miscellaneous Resolutions were offered, as follows:

MAJORITY CAUCUS	Recognizing National Homeownership Month
MAJORITY CAUCUS	Recognizing Community Health Improvement Week
DUPRE	Honoring the Legacy of Gail Wells - 2nd Annual Gail V. Wells Day
DUPRE	Acknowledging and Recognizing Gina R. Davis and the Jes Breathe Cancer Awareness Group
DUPRE	Honoring Graduates of the Youth Guardian Program
DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD	Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Buffalo Juneteenth Festival

DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD	Celebrating African American Black Music Month
DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD	Recognizing Project Play WNY during National Little League Baseball Week
ST. JEAN TARD	Recognizing Audrey Garverick
KOOSHOIAN	Recognizing Grand Island Little League during National Little League Baseball Week
BARGNESI	Recognizing Tonawanda American Little League during National Little League Baseball Week
VINAL	Recognizing Mathewson McCarthy Baseball during National Little League Baseball Week
VINAL	In Remembrance of William A. Miles
GREENE	Honoring Buffalo Choral Arts Society on the Occasion of Its 60th Anniversary
MEYERS	Recognizing Cheektowaga Youth Baseball and Softball during National Little League Baseball Week
TODARO	Recognizing the 90th Anniversary of the Allied Sportsmen of Western New York
TODARO	Recognizing Sealing Devices Chairman & CEO Terry Galanis Jr. for being named Manufacturer of the Year
TODARO	Congratulating St. Mary's Softball on Winning Their Third Consecutive Monsignor Martin Title
TODARO	Recognizing Caleb Voelker on Being a Recipient of the 2026 Michael P. Wutz Memorial Scholarship
TODARO	Recognizing Charles Trzepacz for Receiving the 2026 Michael P. Wutz Memorial Scholarship
GILMOUR	Recognizing Hamburg Junior Baseball and Softball Little League during National Little League Baseball Week
GILMOUR	In Remembrance of John T. "Dooley" Evans

LORIGO	Recognizing Scott Farr as a Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce 2026 Educator of the Year
LORIGO	Recognizing Judi Slowik as a Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce 2026 Educator of the Year
LORIGO	Recognizing Jeffrey Shelley as a Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce 2026 Educator of the Year
LORIGO	Recognizing Jen Breier as a Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce 2026 Educator of the Year
LORIGO	Recognizing Madelyn Reisch upon Winning the 2026 Erie County Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Organization Scholarship
LORIGO	Recognizing Senior Sunshine Senders for Exceptional Volunteer Service
LORIGO	Recognizing James Siminski for a Lifetime of Service to the Concord and Springville Fire Community
MILLS	Recognizing June as National Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month
MILLS	Honoring Alicja Hendershot
MILLS	Celebrating John Eggen on His 100th Birthday
MILLS	Honoring John Schroeder New York State Veterans' Hall of Fame Inductee

MR. GILMOUR moved for consideration of the above thirty-three items. MR. MILLS seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved for approval of the above thirty-three 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 88

June 4, 2026	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR KOOSHOIAN.
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

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

a. COMM. 10E-7 (2026)
SHERIFF
"Jail Management Facility Improvements"
(Chair's Ruling)

2. COMM. 10E-15 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Authorization to Accept FY23 and FY24 HazMat & FY23 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program Funds"

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has been awarded $309,807 in 100% state aid funding to special operations team responses through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the FY23 and FY24 Hazardous Materials Targeted (HazMat) and FY23 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept $189,800 for FY 2023 Hazardous Materials Targeted Grant from NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and be made available as a multi-year grant to Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in Fund 281, Funds Center 1670030 as follows:

Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
FY 2023 Hazardous Materials Targeted Grant
HS167HAZMAT2327
4/1/2026-08/31/2027

ACCOUNT	REVENUES	BUDGET
409000	State Aid Revenues	$189,800
	TOTAL	$189,800

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
516030	Maintenance Contracts	$10,000
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	$179,800
	TOTAL	$189,800

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept $70,007 for FY 2024 Hazardous Materials Targeted Grant from NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and be made available as a multi-year grant to Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in Fund 281, Funds Center 1670030 as follows:

Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
FY 2024 Hazardous Materials Targeted Grant
HS167HAZMAT2427
4/1/2026-08/31/2027

ACCOUNT	REVENUES	BUDGET
409000	State Aid Revenues	$70,007
	TOTAL	$70,007

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
516030	Maintenance Contracts	$3,000
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	$67,007
	TOTAL	$70,007

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept $50,000 for FY 2023 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant from NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and be made available as a multi-year grant to Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in Fund 281, Funds Center 1670030 as follows:

Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
FY 2023 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant
HS167TECH2327

4/1/2026-08/31/2027

ACCOUNT	REVENUES	BUDGET
409000	State Aid Revenues	$50,000
	TOTAL	$50,000

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	$50,000
	TOTAL	$50,000

and be it further

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Department of law, and Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0)

3. COMM. 10E-16 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Authorization to Accept the Combined SFY 2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Program Funds"

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has been awarded $689,655 in 100% state aid funding to special operations team responses through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the Authorization to Accept the Combined SFY 2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Program Funds; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept $689,655 for Combined SFY 2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Program Funds from NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

and be made available as a multi-year grant to Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in Fund 281, Funds Center 1670030 as follows:

Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
SFY 2024, 2025 & 2026 EMERGENCY SERVICES IP NETWORK (ESINet) GRANT
HS167ESINET2630
1/1/2026-12/31/2030

ACCOUNT	REVENUES	BUDGET
409000	State Aid Revenues	$689,655
	TOTAL	$689,655

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	$689,655
	TOTAL	$689,655

and be it further

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Central Police Services, Department of law, and Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0)

4. COMM. 10E-20 (2026)
SHERIFF
"Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative Renewal"
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 and Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative of the Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network have been offering an evidence-based parenting education program called the "Nurturing Fathers Program;" and

WHEREAS, the Nurturing Fathers Program is a six (6) week program that offers fatherhood workshops for up to fifteen (15) participants and provides evidence-based parenting curriculum regarding fathering, self-nurturing, overcoming barriers to parenting, discipline and co-parenting; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to continue offering this program within the Erie County Sheriff's Office Jail Management Division; and

WHEREAS, two (2) sessions will be offered at a total cost not to exceed $4,995.00; and

WHEREAS, commissary funds will be used to pay for this programming,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Sheriff and County Executive to enter into agreement with the Buffalo Pre-Natal-Perinatal Network, Inc. 625 Delaware Ave., Suite 410, Buffalo, New York, 14202 to provide for two "Nurturing Fathers Program" sessions in 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, the amount of the agreement is not to exceed $4,995.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, County Comptroller, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchase and the Erie County 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. 89

June 4, 2026	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 9

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:

a. COMM. 10E-4 (2026)
MILLS

"Veto Override Vote Request"
(Chair's Ruling)

b. COMM. 10M-1 (2026)
A. MITCHELL
"Letter in Support of the County Executive's Veto to Local Law 3-1 (2026)"
(Chair's Ruling)

2. COMM. 10E-13 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Buffalo & EC Botanical Gardens - National Grid Easement"
WHEREAS, the County of Erie owns the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, located within the City of Buffalo's South Park; and

WHEREAS, the said Botanical Gardens have been undergoing an expansion and renovation project, creating an increased electrical demand that requires higher capacity transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, National Grid is requesting a permanent easement that will enable the construction of upgraded transmission lines and allow maintenance of the lines; and

WHEREAS, the proposed easement will require restoration of disturbed areas to minimize impact on the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Lands Advisory Review Committee the action under NYS SEQRA and determined the action to be a Type II action, denoting the minimal environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Lands Advisory Review Committee reviewed and approved the easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature has reviewed the proposed action under SEQRA and hereby concurs with the Erie County Lands Advisory Review Committee's assessment of the action under SEQRA, determining the action to be a Type II action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into a permanent easement with National Grid at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, located at 2451 South Park, Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the County Executive's Office, Department of Law, Department of Public Works, and Department of Environment and Planning.
(6-0)

JOHN A. BARGNESI, JR.
CHAIR

Item 9 – MR. DUPRE presented the following report and moved to separate Item No. 4 from the report and approve the balance. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. DUPRE moved to approve Item No. 4 from the report. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

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

AYES: MS. LORIGO, MR. BARGNESI, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, MR. KOOSHOIAN, CHAIR MEYERS, MS. ST. JEAN TARD. NOES: MR. GREENE, MR. MILLS and MR. TODARO. (AYES: 7; NOES: 3)

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 90

June 4, 2026	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 8

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR VINAL.
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:

a. COMM. 10E-5 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Appointment to Erie County Arts & Cultural Advisory Board"
(Chair's Ruling)

b. COMM. 10M-4 (2026)
EC ARTS & CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD
"Meeting Minutes - Jan. & Feb. 2026"
(Chair's Ruling)

2. COMM. 10E-17 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Authorization to Accept Funding and Enter into Contract to Provide Outreach and Application Assistance for the NYS Rental Supplement Program"
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services has been awarded an amount of $3,874,658 in 100% State Aid funds to provide Outreach and Application Assistance for the New York State Rental Supplement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) on February 14, 2022 to qualified agencies interested in providing Outreach and Application

Assistance Services to customers in Erie County applying for New York State Rental Supplement Program funding; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the RFP the Erie County Department of Social Services has identified Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers as the recipient of this funding to provide administrative services in the amount of $569,575 and rental supplements in the amount of $3,227,590 to the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services requires legislative approval to accept the State funds and to amend the Adopted 2026 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this State Aid to serve individuals residing in Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept State funds for the Outreach and Application Assistance for the New York State Rental Supplement Program in the amount of $3,874,658 and modify the Department of Social Services 2026 Adopted Budget as follows:

Erie County Department of Social Services
Fund 110, Fund Center 120

REVENUE	CHANGE
409010 State Aid - Other	$3,874,658
TOTAL	$3,874,658

APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGE
502000 Fringe Benefits	$77,493
516010 Contract Payments Nonprofit Purchasing Services	$3,797,165
TOTAL	$3,874,658

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to establish a contract with Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers in the amount of $3,797,165 to provide administrative services in the amount of $569,575 and rental supplements in the amount of $3,227,590 to residents of Erie County; and be it further

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

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

(5-0)

3. COMM. 10E-18 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Acceptance of SNAP-ED (formerly SHINE) Grant Funding"
WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) has recently awarded the Department for the Aging (Department) $92,000 of SNAP-Ed grant funds and requires no additional County funds as it is 100% grantor funded; and

WHEREAS, the SNAP-Ed grant funds are to be utilized to help address nutritional needs, increase nutrition education, and promote healthy behaviors among the County's low-income older adult population; and

WHEREAS, the grant period runs from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to contract with NYSOFA to accept the $92,000 and be made available as a grant to the Department of Aging in Fund 281, Funds Center 1632010 as follows:

Erie County Department of Aging
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Ed
163SNAP-Ed2526
October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026

REVENUES		BUDGET
414000	Federal Aid Revenues	$92,000
	TOTAL	$92,000

APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET
505000	Office Supplies	$ 200
505400	Food & Kitchen Supplies	$ 6,500
510200	Training & Education	$ 2,000
530000	Other Expenses	$13,000
916390	ID Senior Srvs Grant	$70,000
980000	ID DISS Services	$ 300
	TOTAL	$92,000

and be it further

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Aging, and Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0)

4. COMM. 10E-19 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Department of Health Lab Personnel Adjustment"
WHEREAS, the Department of Health has identified a need for a personnel adjustment to convert the Laboratory Information Management System Coordinator from Regular Part Time (RPT) budgeted at 39 hours per week to Full Time (FT) at 40 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, the change in title from Regular Part Time (RPT) budgeted at 39 hours per week to Full Time (FT) at 40 hours per week would be a net increase of $1,809.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the conversion of one (1) Regular Part Time (RPT) Laboratory Information Management System Coordinator, Job Group 9 to (1) full-time Laboratory Information Management System Coordinator, Job Group 9 within the Health Division Public Health Laboratory (Funds Center 1273010) (B100 # 15892) effective May 30, 2026; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Department of Health, Department of Personnel, and Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0)

LAWRENCE J. DUPRE
CHAIR

Item 10 – MS. ST. JEAN TARD presented the following report and moved to separate Item Nos. 3 & 5 from the report and approve the balance. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MS. ST. JEAN TARD moved to approve Item No. 3 from the report. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

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

AYES: MR. GREENE, MR. BARGNESI, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, MR. KOOSHOIAN, CHAIR MEYERS, MS. ST. JEAN TARD. NOES: MS. LORIGO, MR. MILLS and MR. TODARO. (AYES: 7; NOES: 3)

CARRIED.

MS. ST. JEAN TARD moved to approve Item No. 5 from the report. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

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

AYES: MR. BARGNESI, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, MR. KOOSHOIAN, CHAIR MEYERS, MS. ST. JEAN TARD. NOES: MR. GREENE, MS. LORIGO, and MR. TODARO. ABSTAINED: MR. MILLS. (AYES: 6; NOES: 3; ABSTAINED: 1)

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 91

June 4, 2026	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 8

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR VINAL.
CHAIR MEYERS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:

a. COMM. 7E-15 (2026)
COUNTY CLERK
"Resolution to Authorize Entry into Contract with 1093 Group, LLC"
(Chair's Ruling)

a. COMM. 9E-19 (2026)
COUNTY CLERK
"Request to Discharge & Vote on COMM. 7E-15 - Proposed Northtowns Auto Bureau Lease"
(Chair's Ruling)

2. COMM. 10E-10 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Rath Building Elevator Modernization Project - Contingency Fund Increase"
WHEREAS, on March 3, 2022 your Honorable Body authorized the Construction Contracts for the Rath Building Elevator Modernization project via Comm. 4E-8 (2022); and

WHEREAS, the loading dock elevator (elevator number 13) and the high-rise freight elevator (elevator number 9) are not connected to the Rath building's micro grid emergency power system; and

WHEREAS, New York State Buildings Codes and the Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators (ASME A17.1) require having at least one elevator on standby power that serves all floors in high-rise buildings; and

WHEREAS, High rise freight elevator (elevator number 9) is the only elevator that serves every floor of the Rath building; and

WHEREAS, Connection to the micro-grid system will allow for safe operation, emergency service access, and continued operation during a power disruption; and

WHEREAS, installation of the Rath Building micro grid emergency backup system was authorized after the construction contracts for the Rath Building Elevator Modernization project was awarded; and

WHEREAS, Construction Contingency Fund increase is required to allow work to be completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the Department of Public Works to increase the current construction contingency fund by $250,000 with authorization for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed the Contingency fund; and be it further:

RESOLVED, that Contract Amendments will be negotiated and issued to the previously approved contractor to complete the additional work; and be it further

RESOLVED, that change order deductions will result in these funds being returned to the Construction Contingency fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding for all the above is available in Fund 410, Funds Center 122 as follows:

A.24001 – 2024 Rath Building Improvements	$250,000.00
Total	$250,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that any contingency funds that remain unspent will be returned to the capital budget as applicable; 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 and Division of Budget and Management.

(5-0)

3. COMM. 10E-11 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Willowdale Park Pro Shop Design"

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry (Parks) has identified a capital improvement project at Willowdale Park requiring professional design services; and

WHEREAS, the qualifications and proposals were solicited by the Erie County Department of Public Works (DPW) in coordination with Parks to renovate the Willowdale Park Pro Shop; and

WHEREAS, DPW received professional Architectural/Engineering design qualifications and proposals for the Willowdale Park Pro Shop Design project on 20 March 2026; and

WHEREAS, after an extensive review of qualifications submitted by all respondents, it was deemed via the County's consultant selection process that DiDonato Associates Engineering and Architecture, P.C. has the necessary expertise, experience, vision and manpower to provide the required architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work will include a full-scale renovation of the existing pro shop building to include building envelope improvements, ADA Accessibility and restrooms, structural improvements, new HVAC, electrical, plumbing, new roof, interior finishes for the pro shop and office areas, site design, including pathways, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with DiDonato Associates Engineering and Architecture, P.C. for providing professional architecture and engineering services for the Willowdale Park Pro Shop Design Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into an agreement with DiDonato Associates Engineering and Architecture, P.C. for the Willowdale Park Pro Shop Design Project for an amount not to exceed $99,600.00 for Professional Base Design, Bidding and Construction Administration Fee, and a $10,400.00 design contingency; and be it further

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

A.25063 2025 Willowdale Park $110,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies each 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, Division of Budget and Management and Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry.

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4. COMM. 10E-12 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Chestnut Ridge Conservancy MOU"
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry is responsible for identifying and funding essential capital projects at Chestnut Ridge Park; and

WHEREAS, the Chestnut Ridge Conservancy (CRC), a 501(c)(3) corporation, wishes to continue to support the success of Chestnut Ridge Park; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry and the CRC have established the scope of CRC involvement at Chestnut Ridge Park; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers in Erie County will directly benefit from any assistance that the CRC provides to Chestnut Ridge Park.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into an agreement, as well as any ancillary documents, with the Chestnut Ridge Conservancy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Department of Law, Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry and Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0)

5. COMM. 10E-14 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Authorization to Enter into Contract with ErieNet for Dark Fiber IRU & Managed Network Services"
WHEREAS, ErieNET is a not-for-profit, local development corporation, incorporated in September 2022, designed to provide stewardship for the construction and ongoing management of a municipal-based open access fiber optic backbone that will span nearly 400 miles throughout Erie County, NY; and

WHEREAS, ErieNet's mission is to create a foundation to address the broadband needs of unserved and underserved areas of our community, which will ultimately enhance economic development opportunities and promote better quality of life across Erie County; and

WHEREAS, Erie County wishes to contract with ErieNet for the indefeasible right to use dark fiber to interconnect 72 facilities including Sewer, Emergency Services, PSAP/911 and new Highmark Stadium first responder sites; and

WHEREAS, the County also wishes to contract for ErieNet to provide Managed Network Services to "light" the dark fiber providing internet access; and

WHEREAS, including monthly reoccurring charges and one-time IRU buildout and network equipment costs, the County will realize savings with ErieNet beginning in the 2nd year of the agreement and totaling $6,201,851 over the first 5-year term versus continuing the existing services with Verizon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with ErieNet Local Development Corporation for the Indefeasible Right to Use ("IRU") lease of dark fiber for an initial 5-year term with the option to extend for up to 3 additional 5-year terms, and for Managed Network Services to "light" the dark fiber network for an initial 5-year term with the option to extend for up to 2 additional 1-year terms; and

RESOLVED, that sufficient funds exist within the Department of Information and Support Services' 2026 Adopted Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 10500) Accounts 515000 – Utility Charges & 516030 – Maintenance Contracts for the 1-time and monthly reoccurring IRU costs and the monthly reoccurring Managed Network Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds, in the total amount of $2,253,394.36 be made available the upfront equipment costs for Managed Network Services from Capital Project A.25007 – WAN Upgrades; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, the Comptroller's Office, Department of Law, Department of Information and Support Services and Division of Budget and Management.
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TAISHA ST. JEAN TARD
CHAIR

LEGISLATOR RESOLUTIONS

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 92 RE: Establishing a Standard Work Day for Elected Officials
(INTRO. 11-1)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY CHAIR MEYERS

WHEREAS, the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System requires that a standard work day be established for retirement credit purposes; and

WHEREAS, in order to be in full compliance with Regulation 315.4, legislative action is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected officials and will report the following Standard Work Day to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Legislature:

Title	Name	Standard Work Day	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in TKS?	Day/Month
Legislator	Taisha St. Jean Tard	6	1/1/2026-12/31/2026	No	24.20
Legislator	Lawrence J. Dupre	6	1/1/2026-12/31/2026	No	25.23

and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be posted on the Legislature's website pursuant to rules promulgated by the New York State Comptroller, and a copy shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the Legislature to the New York State Comptroller, Erie County Commissioner of Personnel, and to the Erie County Department of Personnel Senior Payroll/Roster Clerk.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 93 RE: Re-Allocation of Public Benefit Funds (INTRO. 11-2)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR VINAL

WHEREAS, the Eggertsville Hose Company Inc. was awarded $5,000 in public benefit funding by the Erie County Legislature in Intro 8-3 (2026); and

WHEREAS, it has since been determined the allocation needs to be adjusted; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer $5,000 of public benefit funding from the Eggertsville Hose Company Inc. to the Eggertsville Fire District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make any adjustments necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution or any other changes identified by the Office of the County Comptroller; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Erie County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Director of Budget and Management, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

COMMUNICATIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE

There were none.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 13 – (COMM. 11E-1) EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Torn Space Theater

Item 14 – (COMM. 11E-2) EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Ballet Artists of WNY

Item 15 – (COMM. 11E-3) EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - The Colored Musicians Club & Jazz Museum

Item 16 – (COMM. 11E-4) EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - El Batey Inc.

Item 17 – (COMM. 11E-5) EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Buffalo Opera Unlimited

Item 18 – (COMM. 11E-6) Department of Law Risk Retention Fund Spending - April 2026

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

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 19 – (COMM. 11E-7) Appointment to the Board of Health

Item 20 – (COMM. 11E-8) Authorization to Contract with HEALTHeLINK

Item 21 – (COMM. 11E-9) Acceptance of NYSDOH Performance Incentive Program

Item 22 – (COMM. 11E-10) Authorization to Contract with Forensic Dentists

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

FROM THE MINORITY CAUCUS

Item 23 – (COMM. 11E-11) Requesting a Discussion about Erie County's Efforts to Manage the Tick Population

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 24 – (COMM. 11E-12) Authorization to Contract with Selected Artist

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR LORIGO

Item 25 – (COMM. 11E-13) Follow-Up Letter Regarding ErieNet

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 26 – (COMM. 11E-14) Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park Green Infrastructure Parking Lot Design Contract Amendment

Item 27 – (COMM. 11E-15) Old County Hall Service Elevator Modernization Project & Elevator Life Cycle Study

Item 28 – (COMM. 11E-16) SUNY ECC North Campus Salt Storage Building - AE Agreement

Item 29 – (COMM. 11E-17) Agreement with NYSDOT & Award of Construction Contracts - 3 Bridges: Towns of Amherst, Orchard Park & West Seneca (NYS PIN 5764.18)

Item 30 – (COMM. 11E-18) Replacement of Youngs Road Bridge over Branch Ellicott Creek - Towns of Amherst & Cheektowaga (CAP-BR554-02-Design)

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

FROM THE SHERIFF

Item 31 – (COMM. 11E-19) Authorization of Urban Institute Contract

Item 32 – (COMM. 11E-20) Amending Capital Project A.24059 Budget

Item 33 – (COMM. 11E-21) Locking Mechanism Malfunctions at Holding Center

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

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 34 – (COMM. 11E-22) SUNY ECC 2026-2027 Budget

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 94 RE: Maple Road - Phase 2: I-290 to Ellicott Creek, Contract for Construction Services; Town of Amherst (ECDPW Project No. CAP-192-26) (COMM. 11E-23)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, it is necessary to rehabilitate Maple Road (CR 192) from the bridge over the Youngmann Expressway (I-290), BIN 1045040 to the bridge over Ellicott Creek, BIN 3326390 in the Town of Amherst, including pavement resurfacing; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to execute a construction contract with Amherst Paving, Inc. for construction services, in an amount not to exceed $2,534,445.00; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to establish a project contingency in an amount not to exceed $465,555.00; and

WHEREAS, the necessary funds for the construction contract and contingency are $3,000,000, and were approved by your honorable in the Consolidated Bond Resolution Comm on May 13,2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into a contract with Amherst Paving, Inc. for the Maple Road Phase 2 project in an amount not to exceed $2,534,445.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is given for the sum of $465,555.00 to be allocated to Project Contingency Fund with authorization for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to approve change orders and amendments in an amount not to exceed the Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding for the Maple Road Phase 2 Project is available in Fund 420, Fund Center 123 in the amounts as follows:

B.26002 – Preservation of Roads-Construction-Maple Road	$3,000,000.00
	$3,000,000.00

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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

FROM THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER - AUDIT DIVISION

Item 36 – (COMM. 11D-1) EC Comptroller's Office Analysis of the RFP Process for the Northtowns Auto Bureau Location

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE ECDSS COMMISSIONER

Item 37 – (COMM. 11D-2) COMM. 12E-34 Compliance Report - May 2026

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES

FROM THE NYS OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

Item 38 – (COMM. 11M-1) List of Certified 2026 Class Equalization Rates

Item 39 – (COMM. 11M-2) List of Certified 2026 Class Equalization Rates

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

FROM VBN & BCC PRESIDENT AND CEO

Item 40 – (COMM. 11M-3) 2025 Audited Financial Statements, 2026 Financial Statements & 2026 First Quarter Reports

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:

Todd Hariaczyi, Williamsville – encouraged the Legislature to support the passing of the NYS Legislature "One Fair Price Act" banning surveillance pricing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 41 – Chair Meyers announced that the Legislature will conduct committee meetings on Thursday, June 18, 2026, and the schedule will be distributed. Chair Meyers further announced that the next session of the Legislature will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

Item 42 – Legislator Greene requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Philip A. Longo.

Item 43 – Legislator Lorigo requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Donald E. Cerrone.

Item 44 – Legislator St. Jean Tard requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Reola Wiley.

ADJOURNMENT

Item 45 – At this time, there being no further business to transact, CHAIR MEYERS announced that the Chair would entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MS. ST. JEAN TARD moved that the Legislature adjourn until Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 11:30 AM. MR. GREENE seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR MEYERS declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 11:30 AM.

OLIVIA M. OWENS
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE