ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MEETING NO. 16
SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Meyers.

All members present.

An Invocation was held, led by Mr. Todaro, who offered a short prayer and requested a moment of silence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Dupre.

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

Shane Seymour, Cheektowaga – spoke about reports regarding healthcare facilities.

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 15 from 2026. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4 – No Public Hearings.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Item 5 – Miscellaneous Resolutions were offered, as follows:

LEGISLATURE	Honoring the Life and Legacy of Donald "Sandy Beach" Pesola
MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging and Honoring National Senior Citizens Day
MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging and Recognizing National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
MAJORITY CAUCUS	Recognizing National Library Card Sign-Up Month

MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging and Recognizing National Recovery Month
DUPRE	Honoring The Chautauqua Center during National Health Center Week
DUPRE	Honoring Universal Primary Care during National Health Center Week
DUPRE	Honoring Neighborhood Health Center during National Health Center Week
DUPRE	Honoring Jericho Road Community Health Center during National Health Center Week
DUPRE	Honoring Evergreen Health during National Health Center Week
DUPRE	Honoring Trillium Health during National Health Center Week
DUPRE	Honoring Christina Morris
DUPRE	In Remembrance of Wardell Conway Hunter Jr.
DUPRE	Recognizing the Second Annual Kaden J. Sickle Cell Foundation, Inc. Community Day
DUPRE	Celebrating and Honoring Ukrainian American Day
DUPRE	Celebrating and Honoring Dr. James McDaniel, Jr.
DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring National Black Business Month
DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD	Recognizing National Diaper Need Awareness Week
ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring Women's Equality Day
VINAL	Honoring and Recognizing Alisha Govindaraj
VINAL	Honoring and Recognizing Aria Knechtges
VINAL	In Remembrance of John R. "Jack" Hanny III
VINAL	Honoring and Celebrating the Opening of Complete Care Chiropractic
GREENE	Recognizing Melia Kupchanko for Being Named Amherst Bee Female Athlete of the Year

GREENE	Celebrating and Honoring Emily Bula on Her 106th Birthday
GREENE	Honoring Jan and Charlie Culligan of Clarence Country Doughnuts for 37 Years of Community Service
GREENE	Recognizing Sleep in Heavenly Peace Buffalo on Building Their 8,000th Bed
GREENE & TODARO	Celebrating the Grand Opening of Petros Barber & Co.
MEYERS	Acknowledging and Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of RGC Products
TODARO	Congratulating Flutter and Flow Massage on Their Ribbon Cutting
TODARO	Congratulating D&L Barbershop's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
TODARO	Recognizing 716 Dance Lab's 10th Season and Relocating
TODARO	Congratulating The Muffin Man of Buffalo on the Occasion of the Grand Opening of Their New Location
TODARO	Honoring Lancaster Town Clerk Diane Terranova for Her Retirement
LORIGO	Celebrating the Town of West Seneca's 175th Anniversary
LORIGO	Recognizing Ronald Major upon Being Named the 2026 Son of the Year by the New York Sons of Amvets
LORIGO	Recognizing Officer Travis Deubell for Leading America's 9/11 Ride 2026
LORIGO	Recognizing The Bookworm of East Aurora, New York on Its 40th Anniversary
MILLS	Congratulating Coach Stephen Pierce on His Induction into the Section VI Hall of Fame
MILLS	Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Langford Northeast Nationals Tractor Pull
MILLS	Honoring James Maltbie on Achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout
MILLS	Honoring National Dog Month & Hamburg Mutts for Freedom
MILLS	Honoring National Dog Month & Happy Tails Farm & Rescue Center

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved to amend the above forty-four items by including Et Al Sponsorship. MR. DUPRE seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved for approval of the above forty-four 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.

Item 7 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 6 (Print #1) 2026 remain on the table and in the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 8 – CHAIR MEYERS directed that Local Law No. 7 (Print #1) 2026 remain on the table and be directed to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

LEGISLATOR RESOLUTIONS

Item 9 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 128 RE: Reappropriation of Public Benefit Funds (INTRO. 16-1)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR LORIGO

WHEREAS, Love INC of Springville NY was awarded $2,000 by the Erie County Legislature in INTRO. 3-3 (2026); and

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

WHEREAS, as in similar situations, 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 $2,000 of funds designated to Love INC of Springville NY to Friends of Knox Farm State Park, Inc; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Budget 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 Erie County Comptroller; and be it further

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 129 RE: Amendment to Contract for Capital Improvements (INTRO. 16-2)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR DUPRE

WHEREAS, the County entered into an agreement effective February 5, 2025, with Buffalo River Fest Park for funds allocated in Intro 12-3 (2024); and

WHEREAS, Buffalo River Fest Park has requested that the two-year period for completion of the work be extended by one year to February 5, 2028, to allow sufficient time to complete the improvements outlined in the Scope of Work; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature wishes to continue supporting the public benefits provided by Buffalo River Fest Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and/or the Deputy County Executive to amend said contract with Buffalo River Fest Park as necessary to extend the period for completion of the work by one year to February 5, 2028.

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.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 130 RE: Reallocation of 2024 Capital Agency Capital Fund Grant, Town of Hamburg (INTRO. 16-3)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR GILMOUR

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 187 (2023), adopted at Meeting No. 23 on December 7, 2023, approved the 2024 Erie County Budget as amended, which at legislative amendment No. 116 authorized capital project grants to municipalities and non-profit organizations from Capital Project A.22095, Capital Agency Capital Fund, Fund 410, Funds Center 162; and

WHEREAS, that amendment allocated $250,000 to the Town of Hamburg for the Lake Avenue Pedestrian Safety Bridge, designated WBS element A.22095.1.67; and

WHEREAS, the original project will not be proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the funds allocated under WBS element A.22095.1.67 remain unexpended and unencumbered, and no contract for the prior project has been executed; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Gilmour has requested that the allocation be reallocated to police facilities and equipment; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding remains available in Capital Project A.22095, Capital Agency Capital Fund, Fund 410, Funds Center 162 to effect the reallocation without additional appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the allocation of $250,000 to the Town of Hamburg for the Lake Avenue Pedestrian Safety Bridge under WBS element A.22095.1.67 is hereby rescinded; and be it further

RESOLVED, that $250,000 is hereby reallocated to the Town of Hamburg for Police Facilities and Equipment, to be administered under WBS element A.22095.1.67, from Capital Project A.22095, Capital Agency Capital Fund, Fund 410, Funds Center 162; 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 the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Environment and Planning, the Department of Law, the Town of Hamburg, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 131 RE: Re-Allocation of Public Benefit & Cultural Funding
(INTRO. 16-4)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATOR ST. JEAN TARD

WHEREAS, public benefit funding was awarded to Liga De Mujeres Hispanas, Inc. within Community/Neighborhood Development, Fund 110, Funds Center 1332010, in the amount of $3,000 pursuant to COMM. 8E-11 (2025) / Resolution No. 78 of 2025, adopted May 8, 2025, and in the amount of $1,500 pursuant to INTRO. 1-2 (2026) / Resolution No. 2 of 2026, adopted January 8, 2026, for an aggregate of $4,500; and

WHEREAS, arts and cultural agency funding in the amount of $10,000 was awarded to the WNY Urban Arts Collective in 2022 within Cultural Agencies, Fund 110, Funds Center 1333020; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Budget and Management has confirmed that the balances of the aforesaid awards remain available and unobligated; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are not able to accept the funds, and the funding should be transferred to organizations serving the public; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of this Honorable Body to reallocate the aggregate sum of $14,500 as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer $1,500 of public benefit funding from Liga De Mujeres Hispanas, Inc. (Fund 110, Funds Center 1332010) to Pucho Inc. (Fund 110, Funds Center 1332010, Account 518740); and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer $6,000 of arts and cultural agency funding from the WNY Urban Arts Collective (Fund 110, Funds Center 1333020) to the African American Veterans Monument (Fund 110, Funds Center 1333020, Account 518622); and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer the aggregate sum of $7,000 to Buffalo Prep, Inc., consisting of $3,000 in public benefit funding from Liga De Mujeres Hispanas, Inc. (Fund 110, Funds Center 1332010) and $4,000 in arts and cultural agency funding from the WNY Urban Arts Collective (Fund 110, Funds Center 1333020); and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided for the Director of the Division of Budget and Management to identify the applicable accounts and to effectuate the transfer of the aforesaid $4,000 from Fund 110, Funds Center 1333020 to Fund 110, Funds Center 1332010 as necessary to complete the allocation to Buffalo Prep, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that no funds authorized herein shall be disbursed to any recipient until such recipient has satisfied all applicable County contracting, insurance, and documentation requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event any recipient named herein is unable or ineligible to receive the funds allocated to it, or declines such funds, the amount so allocated shall revert to the unallocated balance attributable to the Second Legislative District, shall not lapse, and shall be available for subsequent reallocation by resolution of this Honorable Body; 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 Erie County Comptroller; and be it further

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

Item 13 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. TODARO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 132 RE: Re-Scope of Capital Project & Authorization of

Contract with the Town of Cheektowaga
(INTRO. 16-5)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY CHAIR MEYERS

WHEREAS, by Comm. 13E-15 (2021), adopted July 8, 2021 as Resolution No. 129, this Honorable Body approved the American Rescue Plan Omnibus Spending Package known as the RENEW Plan; and

WHEREAS, by Comm. 9E-17 (2022), RENEW Plan Contracts Authorizations Phase 3, adopted May 26, 2022 as Resolution No. 84, this Honorable Body authorized the County Executive to execute a contract with Frank L. Gierlach Post 1320 in an amount not to exceed $40,000 for the project designated "Gierlach Post Renovation"; and

WHEREAS, the funding so authorized resides in Fund 410, Capital Project A.21147, and was appropriated for capital expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Gierlach Post Renovation project will not proceed, no contract was executed pursuant to Resolution No. 84 (2022), and the sum of $40,000 remains unexpended in Capital Project A.21147; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cheektowaga Office of Emergency Management maintains an Active Shooter and Hostile Event Response program, and has identified the need for equipment and related capital assets to strengthen the readiness and response capability of that program; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of such equipment and related capital assets constitutes a capital expenditure consistent with the purpose for which Capital Project A.21147 was established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 175 (2025), Intro. 20-2, is hereby rescinded; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract authorization granted by Resolution No. 84 (2022) with respect to Capital Project A.21147 is hereby rescinded; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Capital Project A.21147 is hereby designated "Town of Cheektowaga Office of Emergency Management Active Shooter and Hostile Event Response Equipment," with the appropriation of $40,000 to remain within Fund 410; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or Deputy County Executive is hereby authorized to execute a contract, agreement, or inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Cheektowaga in an amount not to exceed $40,000, from Fund 410, Capital Project A.21147, for the purchase of equipment and related capital assets in support of the Town of Cheektowaga Office of Emergency Management Active Shooter and Hostile Event Response program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Department of Law and the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute easements and/or place additional requirements on the aforementioned contracting entity and associated real property as necessary to implement the project; 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 certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Director of Budget and Management, the Department of Environment and Planning, the Town of Cheektowaga, 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 14 – (COMM. 16E-1) Notification of Forthcoming 2026 Bond Sale

Item 15 – (COMM. 16E-2) Sales & Compensating Use Tax Report - Second Quarter 2026

Item 16 – (COMM. 16E-3) Department of Law Risk Retention Fund Spending - May & June 2026

Item 17 – (COMM. 16E-4) EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Locust Street Neighborhood Art Classes, Inc.

Item 18 – (COMM. 16E-5) EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Society, Inc.

Item 19 – (COMM. 16E-6) EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Just Buffalo Literary Center

Item 20 – (COMM. 16E-7) 2026 Bond Sale

Item 21 – (COMM. 16E-8) 2026 Bond Sale Section 1802 - Notification to Legislature

Item 22 – (COMM. 16E-9) Department of Law Risk Retention Fund Spending - July 2026

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

FROM THE SHERIFF

Item 23 – (COMM. 16E-10) Letter Requesting Reimbursement for Incarceration of Parole Violators

Item 24 – (COMM. 16E-11) Incarcerated Individual Tablet Contract

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

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 25 – (COMM. 16E-12) Willowdale Park - North Forest Road Waterline Easement

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 26 – (COMM. 16E-13) Village of East Aurora Municipal Planning Grant Scope Modification

Item 27 – (COMM. 16E-14) Property Transfers from the County to the Village of Blasdell

Item 28 – (COMM. 16E-15) Property Transfers from the County to Taxpayers

Item 29 – (COMM. 16E-16) EC Refrigerant Recovery Program

Item 30 – (COMM. 16E-17) Notice of Public Hearing ECSD 2026 Assessment Rolls (2027 Levy)

Item 31 – (COMM. 16E-18) ECSD No. 2 - Big Sister Creek WRRF Secondary Aeration Blower Intake Hoods Replacement

Item 32 – (COMM. 16E-19) ECSD Nos. 1, 4 & 5 - Construction Inspection Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: WSA-5)

Item 33 – (COMM. 16E-20) ECSD Nos. 1-6 & 8 - User Charges for 2027

Item 34 – (COMM. 16E-21) ECSD No. 2 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: H&S-1)

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

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 35 – (COMM. 16E-22) SUNY ECC Campus-Wide Roof Replacement & Exterior Waterproofing Term Agreement - Additional Funding

Item 36 – (COMM. 16E-23) EC Health Lab Building 17 - Water Service Upgrades

Item 37 – (COMM. 16E-24) EC Medical Examiner's Office Renovations - Phase 7 Project, Contingency Fund Increase

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

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 38 – (COMM. 16E-25) Authorization to Contract with Therapy Resources Speech Language Pathology, Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy

Item 39 – (COMM. 16E-26) Authorization to Contract for Trauma-Informed Care Training

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

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 40 – (COMM. 16E-27) Authorization to Enter into a Professional Services Contract for Latent-Print Examination Services

Item 41 – (COMM. 16E-28) Acceptance of Combined FY2025 & FY2026 SICG Program Funds

Item 42 – (COMM. 16E-29) Acceptance of Combined FY2025 & FY2026 PSAP Grant Program Funds

Item 43 – (COMM. 16E-30) Acceptance of FY2025 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program Funds

Item 44 – (COMM. 16E-31) Acceptance of Donated Fire Engines for Training

Item 45 – (COMM. 16E-32) Appointments to the Fire Advisory Board

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

FROM THE SHERIFF

Item 46 – (COMM. 16E-33) KeyBank Center Police Services Agreement

Item 47 – (COMM. 16E-34) NFL Officials Escort Contract

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

Item 48 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 133 RE: Special Operations Tactical Training (COMM. 16E-35)

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, the SWAT/QRF Team within the Erie County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division is a highly trained tactical unit responsible for handling dangerous and high-risk calls throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the team is the only FEMA Type 1 tactical team in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, members of the team train extensively year-round to be prepared to respond to calls for service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has identified Northern Red, Inc. as an appropriate vendor to offer tactical training to the SWAT/QRF Team; and

WHEREAS, this training will build off previous grant and budget funded training the team has received from Northern Red, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the training focuses on maneuver tactics to counter domestic violence extremism, hostage rescue, and high level critical incident response; and

WHEREAS, 13 members of the SWAT/QRF Team will participate in this training at a cost not to exceed $16,800.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Sheriff's Office is authorized to engage Northern Red, Inc. for tactical training in an amount not to exceed $16,800.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature waives the procedures, as impractical, provided for in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code for the purposes of engaging with Northern Red, Inc. for tactical training; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Purchasing Director is authorized to create the documents necessary for the Erie County Sheriff's Office to engage Northern Red, Inc. for tactical training; and be it further

RESOLVED, Certified copies of this approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchase, the Comptroller and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

Item 49 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MS. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 134 RE: Resolution to Authorize Extension of Lease for Sheridan Auto Bureau (COMM. 16E-36)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §205, the Erie County Clerk shall act as an agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles and in such capacity the Erie County Clerk operates the Erie County Auto Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Auto Bureau, at full operations, maintains six (6) branch locations and one (1) mobile unit throughout the County of Erie to provide convenient services to Erie County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Auto Bureau has occupied space at Unit 3 of Sheridan Plaza, located at 2309 Eggert Road, Tonawanda, New York 14150, since 2016; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract with Sheridan Plaza LLC was for five (5) years, ending on February 28, 2021, with one extension; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the current lease was set to expire on February 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2025, this Honorable Body adopted COMM. 24E-5, authorizing an extension of ten (10) additional months, commencing on March 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2026, the First Amendment and Second Extension to the Lease Agreement was fully executed; and

WHEREAS, the second extension is set to expire on January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office is in the process of considering all options in providing continued service to Auto Bureau customers in the Northtowns; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office has determined that the best course of action to provide continued service to Auto Bureau customers in the Northtowns is by remaining at its current location in the Sheridan Plaza until a decision can be properly considered; and

WHEREAS, closing down the Sheridan Auto Bureau location for an extended period of time would provide a significant hardship to Erie County citizens in the Northtowns; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan Plaza LLC has graciously offered to provide a six (6) month extension to allow the Auto Bureau to remain open to allow additional consideration by the Erie County Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office has already included funds for the current Auto Bureau lease in its proposed 2027 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office is requesting authorization to enter into an emergency six (6) month extension with Sheridan Plaza LLC for the purpose of keeping the Erie County Auto Bureau open at Sheridan Plaza to allow sufficient time to consider all options in providing continued service to Auto Bureau customers in the Northtowns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County of Erie is hereby authorized to enter into an extension with Sheridan Plaza LLC for the purpose of keeping the Erie County Auto Bureau in Tonawanda at Sheridan Plaza; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said extension shall be for a term of six (months), at the current rate of $10,843.63 per month ($22.16 per square foot, for approximately 5,872 square feet; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms of the current lease agreement with Sheridan Plaza LLC remain intact during this six (6) month extension; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive, or the Deputy County Executive, is authorized to authorize the said Lease Agreement with the fundamental terms set forth above, subject to a form of the final Lease Agreement being approved by the County Attorney; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be sent to the Erie County Clerk, the Director of Budget and Management, the Erie County Attorney, and the Erie County Comptroller.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT

Item 50 – (COMM. 16D-1) Capital Projects Update - July 2026

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Item 51 – (COMM. 16D-2) Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

Item 52 – (COMM. 16D-3) Inquiry Response Regarding Implementation of LL No. 1-2026

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE ECDSS COMMISSIONER

Item 53 – (COMM. 16D-4) COMM. 12E-34 Compliance Report - July 2026

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY

Item 54 – (COMM. 16D-5) Health Equity in Erie County - 2024 & 2025 Annual Reports

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT

Item 55 – (COMM. 16D-6) June 2026 Budget Monitoring Report

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Item 56 – (COMM. 16D-7) Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County

Item 57 – (COMM. 16D-8) Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County

The above two items were received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE ECDSS COMMISSIONER

Item 58 – (COMM. 16D-9) COMM. 12E-34 Compliance Report - August 2026

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES

FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER MOLITOR

Item 59 – (COMM. 16M-1) Acknowledgment of Receiving Intro. 12-1 (2026)

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE TOWN OF LOCKPORT

Item 60 – (COMM. 16M-2) Town of Lockport Town Board - Notices of Public Hearings

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE LEGAL AID BUREAU

Item 61 – (COMM. 16M-3) Bi-Annual Financial Report: 7/1/2025-12/31/2025

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM T. HARIACZYI

Item 62 – (COMM. 16M-4) Commentary & Suggestions on Electric Bicycle Usage in Erie County

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

FROM THE NFTA

Item 63 – (COMM. 16M-5) Update on the DL&W Train Shed

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE NYS OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

Item 64 – (COMM. 16M-6) Certificate of County Equalization Rates for 2026 Assessment Rolls

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE NYS DEC

Item 65 – (COMM. 16M-7) Invitation for Public Comment Regarding Draft Work Plan

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE CITY OF BUFFALO - DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT & TAXATION

Item 66 – (COMM. 16M-8) Transit Mall, Final Roll - 2027

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE NYS OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

Item 67 – (COMM. 16M-9) List of Certified 2026 Equalization Rates

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM AN ORCHARD PARK TOWN BOARD MEMBER

Item 68 – (COMM. 16M-10) Letter Regarding Opposition to Legislator Vinal's Effort of Re-Instituting an Erie County Planning Board

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 – offered comments on COMM. 16M-4 & the safety of electric bicycles & scooters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 69 – Chair Meyers announced that the Legislature will conduct committee meetings on Thursday, September 17, 2026, and the schedule will be distributed. Chair Meyers further announced that the next session of the Legislature will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2026.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

Item 70 – Legislator Todaro requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Hans C. Mann, Carl G. Matthies, Jim Wood, Christopher R. Zent, Earl “Skip” Gingerich, Nunzio “Pino” Castelli, and Laura R. Gillette.

Item 71 – Legislator Gilmour requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Craig R. Nelson.

Item 72 – Legislator Lorigo requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Richard E. Danitz, Gerard T. "Jay" Mazurkiewicz Jr., Tyler A. Schenck, John L. Nason, Reed B. Braman Sr., Nicholas Kulik Sr., and Danielle D. Bleecher.

Item 73 – Legislator Vinal requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of John “Jack” Hanny III.

Item 74 – Legislator Bargnesi requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Lisa Guercio and Hans Mann.

Item 75 – Legislator Mills requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Eileen M. O’Neil, Paul Lewis Snyder, and William L. Ross.

ADJOURNMENT

Item 76 – 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, September 24, 2026 at 11:30 AM. MS. ST. JEAN TARD seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR MEYERS declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 11:30 AM.

OLIVIA M. OWENS
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE