ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MEETING NO. 17
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Meyers.

All members present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Lorigo.

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

Todd Hariaczyi, Williamsville – offered comments regarding the NFTA DL&W terminal, as well as the Public Safety Report No. 11, Item No. 7.

Shane Seymour, Cheektowaga – offered comments regarding LL INTRO. 7-1 (2026), and the Public Safety Report No. 11, Item No. 7.

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 16 from 2026. MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4 – Chair Meyers announced that there was a Public Hearing scheduled for October 1, 2026 at 6PM for the purpose of hearing public comment on LL INTRO. 7-1 (2026).

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Item 5 – Miscellaneous Resolutions were offered, as follows:

MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging and Honoring National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging and Honoring National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging and Honoring National Baby Safety Month

MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging and Honoring National Sickle Cell Awareness Month
MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging and Honoring National DMV Appreciation Month
MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging and Honoring National Disease Literacy Month
MAJORITY CAUCUS	Acknowledging and Honoring NICU Awareness Month
MINORITY CAUCUS	Celebrating National Hunting and Fishing Day in Erie County
DUPRE & ST. JEAN TARD	Celebrating the 16th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off in Recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month
ST. JEAN TARD	Honoring Casimiro Rodriguez during Hispanic Heritage Month
ST. JEAN TARD	Recognizing Dinorah E. Baines during Hispanic Heritage Month
BARGNESI	Honoring and Recognizing Zonta Club of Kenmore on Its 100th Anniversary
GREENE	Congratulating Center Stage Dance Studio on its New Location in East Amherst
GREENE	Celebrating the Opening of Frosted WNY Donuts in Akron
GREENE	Celebrating 57 Years of the Clarence Book Review Club
TODARO	Honoring Stephanie Speaker as the Erie County Legislature's Citizen of the Month for September 2026
TODARO	Celebrating Creative Photography's New Location in Lancaster
LORIGO	Recognizing Hawk Creek Wildlife Center During World Animal Month
LORIGO	Recognizing the Roycrofters at Large Association on Its 50th Anniversary
LORIGO	Recognizing Jeffrey Shelley for Receiving the Dr. James Ford Commitment to Education Award
MILLS	Honoring Dawn Flierl for Her Dedication to Our Veterans
MILLS	Recognizing School Resource Officer Shawn Bishop

MILLS Recognizing School Resource Officer Brian Burgstahler

MILLS Honoring Gary Tribula for Fifty-Eight Years of Service to Lake Shore Central School District

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved for approval of the above twenty-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 in the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 135

September 17, 2026	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 12

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

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

a. COMM. 12E-13 (2026)
MINORITY CAUCUS
"Re: Implementation of LL No. 1-2026, Biometrics Transparency & Privacy Act"
(Chair's Ruling)

b. COMM. 15E-10 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Appointments to the EC Historical Commission"
(Chair's Ruling)

c. COMM. 15E-11 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"EC Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board Appointments"
(Chair's Ruling)

d. COMM. 16D-3 (2026)
DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
"Inquiry Response Regarding Implementation of LL No. 1-2026"
(Chair's Ruling)

2. INTRO. 15-1 (2026)
ST. JEAN TARD
"Urging NYS to Protect Library Access to Electronic Literary Materials"

WHEREAS, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is a profoundly public institution that strives to curate and provide Erie County residents with materials in physical and digital formats; and

WHEREAS, across New York State, libraries have adapted to modern library users' needs and provide digital materials, which improve accessibility, particularly for seniors, individuals with disabilities, residents with limited transportation, and working families; and

WHEREAS, when public libraries purchase licenses for digital materials, many publishers impose restrictive licensing agreements that include high pricing, excessive limits on the number of loans, and restrictions on high-demand titles; and

WHEREAS, these current practices significantly increase costs for public libraries and thus the taxpayer, all while reducing the availability of digital resources; and

WHEREAS, New York State Senate Bill S.9339, sponsored by Senator Rachel May, and Assembly Bill A.3589, sponsored by Assembly Member Robert Carroll, would amend the Education Law to prohibit certain contractual provisions that restrict access or impose unreasonable licensing terms, which would strengthen consumer protections and ensure that libraries across the state can continue to provide digital materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby expresses its support for New York State Senate Bill S.9339 and Assembly Bill A.3589; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature urges the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, this important consumer protection legislation to ensure libraries can continue providing access to digital materials; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, the members of the Western New York Delegation to the New York State Legislature, the New York Library Association, and the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library.
(6-0)

3. COMM. 16E-25 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Authorization to Contract with Therapy Resources Speech Language Pathology, Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy"
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health's Children with Special Needs Division currently contracts with many Special Education programs providing Related Services; and

WHEREAS, according to the New York State Education Department (NYSED), if a Committee on Preschool Special Education mandates Related Services, the county must contract with agencies who can provide those services; and

WHEREAS, the ECDOH is experiencing capacity issues and children are waiting to receive mandated services; and

WHEREAS, Authorization to Contract with Therapy Resources Speech Language Pathology, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy (DBA Children's Creative Therapies) is able to provide Related Services to some children on waiting lists; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in Account 528000 Services to Handicapped Children to cover the costs incurred.

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 Therapy Resources Speech Language

Pathology, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy (DBA Children's Creative Therapies), waiving the procedures in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the Department of Budget and Management to make any other technical adjustments necessary to properly execute the terms of the agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Division of Budget and Management and Department of Health.
(6-0)

4. COMM. 16E-26 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Authorization to Contract for Trauma-Informed Care Training"
WHEREAS, the Department for the Aging (Department) is looking to strengthen the capacity of the aging services network to deliver trauma-informed, culturally responsive and resilient services to older adults and caregivers throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Department seeks to strengthen the system by adopting a Trauma-Informed approach across the aging services network, promoting improved outcomes for both clients and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Department, through an RFP process, selected The University at Buffalo School of Social Work's Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care (ITTIC), under the auspices of The Research Foundation for The State University of New York, to provide Trauma Informed Care Training for the Department and its contract agencies; and

WHEREAS, the ITTIC will provide the training over the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, at the cost of $60,472 with an option to extend for up to one additional twelve month period at prices and conditions agreed upon by County and Provider; and

WHEREAS, budgetary appropriations are available in the Department's 163UNMETNEED2627 grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account (#516020) to pay for the training through the period ending March 31,2027; and

WHEREAS, funding for the remaining months will be included as part of the Department's 2027 County Budget in the successor grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes County Executive or Deputy County Executive to contract with The University at Buffalo School of Social Work's Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care (ITTIC), under the auspices of The Research Foundation for The State University of New York, to provide to provide Trauma-Informed Care for the Department during the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, with an option to extend for up to one additional twelve month period at prices and conditions agreed upon by County and Provider; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given that budgetary appropriations are available in the Department's 163UNMETNEED2627 grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account (#516020) be utilized to pay for the training through the period ending March 31, 2027, with subsequent months finding to be included in the successor grant as part of the Department's 2027 County Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if necessary, the County Executive or Deputy County Executive is hereby authorized to execute amendments to the contract to effectuate adjusted funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Department of Law and Department for the Aging. (6-0)

LAWRENCE J. DUPRE
CHAIR

Item 10 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following report and moved to separate Item No. 7 from the report and approve the balance. MR. GREENE seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. GILMOUR moved to approve Item No. 7 from the report. MS. LORIGO seconded.

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

AYES: MR. GREENE, MS. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. TODARO, MR. BARGNESI, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, MR. KOOSHOIAN, CHAIR MEYERS, and MS. ST. JEAN TARD. NOES: MS. VINAL. (AYES: 10; NOES: 1)

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 136

September 17, 2026	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 11

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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

a. COMM. 16E-10 (2026)
SHERIFF
"Letter Requesting Reimbursement for Incarceration of Parole Violators"
(Chair's Ruling)

b. COMM. 16E-32 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Appointments to the Fire Advisory Board"
(Chair's Ruling)

c. COMM. 16M-4 (2026)
T. HARIACZYI
"Commentary & Suggestions on Electric Bicycle Usage in Erie County"
(Chair's Ruling)

2. COMM. 14E-30 (2026)
SHERIFF
"Agreement with Empower Federal Credit Union"

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, in 2024, the Erie County Sheriff's Office was awarded $1,000,000 through the Smart Reentry Housing Demonstration Program, which is administered by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA); and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2024, this Honorable Body approved Comm. 17E-1 (2024), which authorized the acceptance of this funding and agreements with the Osborne Association and Peaceprints of WNY to administer the Kinship Housing Buffalo Program; and

WHEREAS, through the Kinship Housing Buffalo Program, qualifying incarcerated individuals will receive resources and support to obtain and maintain safe and stable housing upon their release from custody; and

WHEREAS, Empower Federal Credit Union has agreed to provide financial literacy training to participants of the Kinship Housing Buffalo Program at no cost to the county; and

WHEREAS, this training will provide participants with techniques to properly manage the funds that are provided to them through this program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and Sheriff are authorized to enter into an agreement with Empower Federal Credit Union, 2141 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 100, Buffalo, NY 14207 to offer financial literacy programming to participants of the Kinship Housing Buffalo Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Sheriff's Office waives the procedures, as impractical, provided for in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code for the purposes of contracting with Empower Federal Credit Union to provide financial literacy training to participants of the Kinship Housing Buffalo Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, Certified Copies shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the County Attorney, and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.
(5-0)

3. COMM. 16E-28 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Acceptance of Combined FY2025 & FY2026 SICG Program Funds"

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services is responsible for providing public safety through planning, preparedness, training, response and coordination of emergency services resources such as communications; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has been awarded $2,736,718 in 100% state aid funding to advance interoperable and emergency communications through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the FY25 & FY 2026 State Interoperable Communications Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contact and accept $2,736,718 in grant funds to provide funding for eligible interoperable expenses; 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 enter into contract with the NYS Department of Homeland Security to receive $2,736,718 in funds and established as a multi-year grant within the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (Fund 281, Funds Center 1670030) as follows:

Erie County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
SFY 2025 & 2026 STATE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT (SICG)
(HS167SICG2630)
1/1/2026-12/31/2030

ACCOUNT	REVENUE	BUDGET
409000	State Aid Revenue	$2,736,718
	TOTAL	$2,736,718

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
516030	Maintenance Contracts	$ 760,000
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	$1,976,718
	TOTAL	$2,736,718

and be it further

RESOLVED, these funds will be utilized to ensure that DHSES are able to enhance public safety communications; 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)

4. COMM. 16E-29 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Acceptance of Combined FY2025 & FY2026 PSAP Grant Program Funds"
WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services is responsible for providing public safety through planning, preparedness, training, response and coordination of emergency services resources such as communications; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of $479,232 in federal assistance to continue the implementation of a program to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage public safety and emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contact and accept $479,232 in grant funds to provide funding for eligible public safety call-taking and dispatching expenses; 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 enter into contract with the NYS Department of Homeland Security to receive $479,232 in funding and be made available as a multi-year grant to the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services in fund 281, Funds Center 1670030 as follows:

Erie County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
SFY 2025 & 2026 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT OPERATIONS GRANT
(HS167PSAP2628)
1/1/2026-12/31/2028

ACCOUNT	REVENUE	BUDGET
409000	State Aid Revenue	$479,232
	TOTAL	$479,232

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	$136,400
916500	ID Central Police Services	$342,832
	TOTAL	$479,232

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to 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

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)

5. COMM. 16E-30 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Acceptance of FY2025 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program Funds"

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services is responsible for providing public safety through comprehensive emergency management planning, preparedness, training, response and coordination of emergency services resources in Erie County during actual or potential disaster events; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), with administration of the funds through the New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of $16,000 to continue the implementation of a program to enhance the ability of Erie

County to evaluate and enhance regional over-the-road hazardous materials transportation emergency response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, a 20% local match in the amount of $4,000.00 is required and will be made in the form of in-kind services from the City of Buffalo Fire Department's participation; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contract and accept $16,000 in grant funds to provide funding for eligible expenses.

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 NYS Department of Homeland Security to receive $16,000 and amend the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services 2026 Adopted Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 16700) as follows:

ACCOUNT	REVENUE	BUDGET
414000	Federal Aid Revenue	$16,000
	TOTAL	$16,000

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
516020	Professional Services, Contracts and Fees	$16,000
	TOTAL	$16,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, a 20% local share of $4,000.00 will be made in the form of in-kind contributions towards the program from the City of Buffalo Fire Department's; and be it further

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

RESOVLED, 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)

6. COMM. 16E-31 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Acceptance of Donated Fire Engines for Training"
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services Fire Safety Division conducts training for various local and state level community partners using live fires and fire engines; and

WHEREAS, the Colden Fire District has a fire engine (Engine 2) they will be removing from their service and wish to donate; and

WHEREAS, the Bowmansville Volunteer Fire Association has a fire engine (Bowmansville Engine 4) they will be removing from their service and wish to donate; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services seeks to accept these fire engines; and

WHEREAS, the ECDHSES Fire Safety Division will maintain operational oversight and maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the acceptance of donations of engine 2 from the Colden Fire District and engine 4 from the Bowmansville Volunteer Fire Association on behalf of Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Commissioner of Homeland Security & Emergency Services to incorporate the engine into the County departmental assets; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute any and all appropriate documents as may be necessary for the transfer from the current owner to Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Law, Division of Budget and Management and Department Homeland Security and Emergency Services.
(5-0)

7. COMM. 16E-33 (2026)
SHERIFF
"KeyBank Center Police Services Agreement"
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 Western New York Arena, LLC. have negotiated a renewal of an agreement for police services at KeyBank Center events; and

WHEREAS, under the agreement, the county shall be reimbursed the following amounts for up to 88 events in each contract year:

2026-27: $585,000
2027-28: $650,000
2028-29: $720,000

and

WHEREAS, for each additional event beyond 88 events, the county shall be reimbursed the following amounts in each contract year:

2026-27: $6,647.72 per additional event
2027-28: $7,386.36 per additional event
2028-29: $8,181.81 per additional event

and

WHEREAS, the contract shall expire on June 30, 2029.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive and Sheriff are authorized to enter into an agreement with Western New York Arena, LLC. for the county to provide police services at KeyBank Center through June 30, 2029; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the County Attorney, the Comptroller, the Director of Budget and Management, and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.
(5-0)

8. COMM. 16E-34 (2026)
SHERIFF
"NFL Officials Escort Contract"
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 National Football League have negotiated an agreement for the county to receive reimbursement for the Motor Unit's armed escort of the officiating crew to and from Highmark Stadium on Buffalo Bills gamedays; and

WHEREAS, under the agreement, the county shall be reimbursed at a rate of $100 per hour for each of the two deputies assigned to this detail; and

WHEREAS, this reimbursement is expected to add at least $16,000 to the county's revenues annually; and

WHEREAS, the agreement shall expire on March 31, 2029.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive and Sheriff are authorized to enter into an agreement with the National Football League for the county to provide an armed escort for the officiating crew to and from Highmark Stadium on Buffalo Bills gamedays; and be it further

RESOLVED, the agreement shall provide for a reimbursement to the county of $100 per hour for each deputy assigned to the detail; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the County Attorney, the Comptroller, the Director of Budget and Management, and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.
(5-0)

JOHN J. GILMOUR
CHAIR

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 137

September 17, 2026	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 12

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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

a. COMM. 15M-1 (2026)
NFTA
"17A Report & Capital Expenditure Reports for FYE 26 for Q1, Q2, Q3"
(Chair's Ruling)

b. COMM. 16M-5 (2026)
NFTA
"Update on the DL&W Train Shed"
(Chair's Ruling)

2. COMM. 16E-12 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Willowdale Park - North Forest Road Waterline Easement"
WHEREAS, the County of Erie owns the property located at 772 North Forest Road (Willowdale Park); and

WHEREAS, a waterline needs to be constructed to provide water to the park and irrigation for the golf course; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst is requesting a temporary and permanent easement that will enable construction of a waterline and maintenance of the waterline in consideration of the sum of One Dollar ($1.00); and

WHEREAS; the proposed easement will enable water service to Willowdale Park; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Lands Advisory Review Committee has reviewed 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 temporary and permanent easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the 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 of Deputy County Executive to enter into a temporary and permanent easement with the Town of Amherst at the location of 772 North Forest Road; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Erie County Executive's Office, Department of Law, Division of Budget and Management, Department of Real Property, and Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. (5-0)

3. COMM. 16E-22 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"SUNY ECC Campus-Wide Roof Replacement & Exterior Waterproofing Term Agreement - Additional Funding"
WHEREAS, DPW received A/E professional design qualifications and proposals for the SUNY Erie Community College Campus-wide Roof Replacement and Exterior Waterproofing Term Agreement on May 14, 2025 through the County's standard Request for Qualification process; and

WHEREAS, Bell & Spina Architects Planners, DiDonato Associates, and Watts Architects & Engineers were previously approved to provide Roof Replacement and Exterior Waterproofing

Term Agreement services at SUNY Erie Community College (ECC) for an amount of $200,000 (COMM.12E-16 (2025)); and

WHEREAS, the previous funds allocated for the Roof Replacement and Exterior Waterproofing Term Agreement services have been previously utilized on construction projects; and DPW is requesting additional funding for new projects identified at North and City campuses for a total amount not to exceed $72,830; 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, the County will receive 50% reimbursement from New York State for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to increase funding for the SUNY Erie Community College Campus-wide Roof Replacement and Exterior Waterproofing Term Agreement in an amount not to exceed $72,830; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all of the above from Capital Budget, Funds Center122, Fund 480, E.25001 - SUNY Erie Facility Master Plan Phase 4; 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, Division of Budget and Management and Erie Community College Office of the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer.
(5-0)

4. COMM. 16E-23 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"EC Health Lab Building 17 - Water Service Upgrades"
WHEREAS, the existing water system at the Erie County Health Lab Building 17 has significantly deteriorated since the time of its original installation, and a full system replacement is warranted to avoid any disruption to facility accreditations; and

WHEREAS, a lack of sufficient funding caused a change in project scope and rebidding of the original project; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Public Works received Plumbing bids for the Erie County Health Lab Building 17 – Water Service Upgrades project on July 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with General Municipal Law, for the Erie County Health Lab Building 17 – Water Service Upgrades project is MKS Plumbing Corp; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Public Works, along with the Engineer of record for the project, is recommending award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

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 the lowest responsible bidder, MKS Plumbing Corp. for the Erie County Health Lab Building 17 – Water Service Upgrades for an amount not to exceed as follows:

General Construction Work		
MKS Plumbing Corp.	Base Bid:	$ 43,000.00
	Alternate:	$160,000.00
Total Award of Plumbing Construction Contract:		$203,000.00

and it be further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for $40,600.00 to be allocated to a Construction Contingency Fund with authorization for the County Executive to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed the Contingency Fund; and it be further

RESOLVED, that deduct change orders will result in these funds being returned to the Construction Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Comptroller's Office to make payment for the above from Fund 410, Funds Center 122, as follows:

A.22004 – DPW – EC Health Department Improvements to Building 17	$163,484.60
A.24009 – Public Health Lab Renovations – AA, BB, and Building 17	$ 80,115.40
Total payment not to exceed	$243,600.00

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)

5. COMM. 16E-24 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

"EC Medical Examiner's Office Renovations - Phase 7 Project, Contingency Fund Increase"

WHEREAS, On July 20, 2023 your Honorable Body authorized the Construction Contracts for the Erie County Medical Examiner's Office Renovations – Phase 7 project via Comm 14E-12 (2023); and

WHEREAS, the additional work required around the perimeter of the roof to properly secure the building was determined to be required and confirmed by the Architecture firm Trautman Associates; and

WHEREAS, the additional cost for expanded scope is to address the additional labor and materials required to secure the roof against the elements and prevent premature degradation; and

WHEREAS, the 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 $14,342.09 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.20003	DPW EC Toxicology/Pathology Renovations	$14,342.09
Total		$14,342.09

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)

TAISHA ST. JEAN TARD
CHAIR

Item 12 – MR. BARGNESI presented the following report and moved to separate Item No. 5 from the report and approve the balance. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. BARGNESI moved to approve Item No. 5 from the report. MR. DUPRE seconded.

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

AYES: MR. MILLS, MR. BARGNESI, MR. DUPRE, MR. KOOSHOIAN, MS. ST. JEAN TARD, and MS. VINAL. NOES: MR. GREENE, MS. LORIGO, MR. TODARO, MR. GILMOUR, and CHAIR MEYERS. (AYES: 6; NOES: 5)

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 138

September 17, 2026	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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

a. COMM. 16E-19 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"ECSD Nos. 1, 4 & 5 - Construction Inspection Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: WSA-5)"
(Chair's Ruling)

b. COMM. 16E-21 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"ECSD No. 2 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: H&S-1)"
(Chair's Ruling)

c. COMM. 16M-7 (2026)
NYS DEC
"Invitation for Public Comment Regarding Draft Work Plan"
(Chair's Ruling)

2. COMM. 16E-13 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Village of East Aurora Municipal Planning Grant Scope Modification"
WHEREAS, the Village of East Aurora was awarded a Municipal Planning Grant for a feasibility study through COMM. 12E-19 (2025); and

WHEREAS, the Village of East Aurora's Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Village of East Aurora now desires to change the scope of the project from a feasibility study to completing a Comprehensive Plan update.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the scope of the Village of East Aurora Municipal Planning Grant awarded in COMM. 12E-19 (2025) shall be amended from a "feasibility study" to a "Comprehensive Plan update"; 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, Comptroller's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Department of Law and Department of Environment and Planning.
(5-0)

3. COMM. 16E-14 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Property Transfers from the County to the Village of Blasdell"
WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services and the Department of Environment & Planning have recommended the transfer of that parcel of land commonly known as 0 Lake Avenue, Village of Blasdell, Town of Hamburg [SBL 151.13-1-5] (the "Property") for the sum of One Dollar ($1.00); and

WHEREAS, the Property was reviewed and deemed surplus by the County Lands Advisory Review Committee ("ARC"); and

WHEREAS, ARC reviewed the sale under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") for the sale of the Property to the Village of Blasdell and issued a negative declaration acknowledging the minimal environmental impact as a result of the transfer of the Property to the Village of Blasdell; and

WHEREAS, Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) Section 617.1 under SEQR requires local governments when they directly undertake, fund or approve an action whether said actions will have a significant impact on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, in accordance with SEQR, the Erie County Legislature, as Lead Agency, concurs with ARC's assessment and hereby makes the determination that the action will have little to no impact on the environment and hereby authorizes the issuance of a negative declaration; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Property be deemed surplus property and sold; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive or the Deputy County Executive is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreements and/or contracts to convey any and all interest of

the County of Erie in the Property to the Village of Blasdell for One Dollar ($1.00) in "AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS AND FLAWS" condition; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute all necessary quit claim deed(s) and other customary documents required to convey real property in Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Department of Law, Department of Environment & Planning, Department of Real Property Tax Services and Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0)

4. COMM. 16E-15 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Property Transfers from the County to Taxpayers"
WHEREAS, the Department of Real Property Tax Services and the Department of Environment & Planning have recommended the transfer of various surplus county owned property described below; and

WHEREAS, the parcels were reviewed and deemed surplus by the County Lands Advisory Review Committee ("ARC"); and

WHEREAS, ARC reviewed the proposed sales under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") for the sale of the parcels to the parties listed herein and issued a negative declaration acknowledging the minimal environmental impact as a result of the sale of the parcels; and

WHEREAS, Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) Section 617.1 under SEQR requires local governments, when they directly undertake, fund or approve an action, to determine whether said actions will have a significant impact on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, in accordance with SEQR, the Erie County Legislature, as Lead Agency, concurs with ARC's assessment and hereby makes the determination that the proposed actions will have little to no impact on the environment and hereby authorizes the issuance of a negative declaration for each proposed sale as set forth herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following county-owned parcels are determined to no longer be necessary for public use and all rights, title and interest of the County therein may be sold and conveyed, as follows:

Town of West Seneca – SBL No. 125.13-3-24; V/L Hyland Avenue – to Luigi A. Collana and Angela Collana, husband and wife. This parcel is located on the west side of Hyland Avenue and is an undeveloped County-owned parcel to the south of parcels owned by proposed purchaser; this parcel is not buildable given that a large stream bisects parcel. Measures: 42' by 120'; and

Town of West Seneca – SBL No. 125.13-3-25; V/L/ Hyland Avenue – to Luigi A. Collana and Angela Collana, husband and wife. This parcel is located on the west side of Hyland and is an undeveloped County-owned parcel contiguous to the south of that parcel next above; this parcel is also not buildable due to stream bisecting parcel. Measures: 42' by 120'

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following property is hereby determined to no longer be necessary for public use and all rights, title and interest of the County therein may be sold and conveyed to third parties or to the Town of Evans, as the case may be:

Town of Evans – SBL No. 250.12-3-26; V/L Delaware Street. This parcel has no existing access to a municipal right of way and is located on the west side of the Delaware Street right of way (as extended); this is a County-owned parcel surrounded by residential vacant lands; Measures: 100' by 100'

and be it further

RESOLVED, that all rights, title and interest of the County in the following properties, which were previously determined to no longer be necessary for public use by an earlier Resolution of this body, may be sold and conveyed, as follows:

Town of Hamburg – SBL No. 151.15-2-17; 3195 South Alfred Avenue - to Patrick Gregoire, Matthew Gregoire and Nora Gregoire, husband and wife, all together as joint tenants. This parcel is located on the east side of South Alfred Road and is an undeveloped County-owned parcel between two residential parcels; the parcel is not buildable due to its topography. Measures: 74' by 210'

Town of Evans – SBL No. 250.11-6-45; V/L Eisenhower Avenue – to Patricia Spears. This parcel is located on the north side of Eisenhower Avenue and is an undeveloped County-owned property between two residential parcels; the parcel is too narrow for development per Town of Evans zoning ordinances & regulations. Measures: 40' by 100'

Town of Evans – SBL No. 250.11-9-32; V/L Kennedy Avenue – to Kenneth Mroz. This parcel is located on the north side of Kennedy Avenue and is an undeveloped County-owned parcel between two developed residential properties; the parcel is too narrow for development per Town of Evans zoning ordinances & regulations. Measures 20' by 100'

Town of Evans – SBL No. 250.12-1-17; V/L Granger Street – to Richard Galfo. This parcel is located on the east side of the Granger Street right of way and is an undeveloped County-owned parcel between two residential parcels; the parcel is too narrow for residential development per Town of Evans zoning ordinances & regulations. Measures: 40' by 100'

Town of Evans – SBL No. 250.12-4-24; V/L Jefferson Avenue – to Barry Jon Ells. This parcel is located on the north side of the Jefferson Avenue right of way and is a vacant

undeveloped County-owned property between two developed residential properties.
Measures: 60' by 100'

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Erie County Executive or the Deputy County Executive to execute such agreements and/or contracts to convey any and all interest of the County of Erie in the above-described properties to the aforesaid purchasers in "AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS AND FLAWS" condition; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute all necessary quit claim deeds and other customary documents required to convey real property in Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Law, Department of Environment & Planning, Department of Real Property Tax Services and Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0)

5. COMM. 16E-16 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"EC Refrigerant Recovery Program"
WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature resolved to become a Climate Smart Community in 2014 (Comm. 12E-5); and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature adopted the Erie County Community Climate Action Plan in 2024 (Comm. 2E-19), which identified refrigerant emissions as a significant source of climate pollution and prioritized actions to reduce refrigerant emissions; and

WHEREAS, Erie County in 2025 (COMM. 14E-6) authorized the submittal of an application through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application for up to two million dollars ($2,000,000) along with five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) matching funds through in-kind services to be used for a refrigerant recovery program; and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has awarded a $1,885,231 grant for the Erie County Refrigerant Recovery Program through the 2025 Climate Smart Communities Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the new grant program will facilitate the collection of refrigerant containing appliances from residents, businesses, municipalities and schools, and the proper disposal of refrigerants significantly reducing climate pollution in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the program will fund two positions in a new grant budget that will be filled by existing staff who are currently assigned to other grant-funded work that is coming to an end; and

WHEREAS, to proceed with the project it is necessary to execute a contract with the NYSDEC, establish a grant budget and create positions within DEP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute the necessary agreement to accept $1,885,231 from the NYSDEC for the Erie County Refrigerant Recovery Program to be made available as a multi-year grant to the Department of Environment and Planning in Fund 281 Cost Center 1620020 as follows:

Department of Environment and Planning
Erie County Refrigerant Collection and Disposal Program
162ECRRP2631
March 15, 2026 to March 14, 2031

ACCOUNT	REVENUES	BUDGET
409000	State Aid Revenue	$1,885,231
479000	County Share Contribution	$ 35,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	$1,920,231

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
500000	Full-Time Salaries	$ 590,314
502000	Fringe Benefits	295,157
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	7,360
510100	Out of Area Travel	8,000
516020	Professional Service Contracts & Fees	914,898
530000	Other Expenses	72,862
980000	ID DISS Services	$ 31,640
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$1,920,231

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to create one (1) full-time Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist, Job Group 12, CSEA (B-100 #16391) effective January 1, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to create one (1) full-time Administrative Assistant, Job Group 9, CSEA (B-100 #16380) effective January 1, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to adjust grant appropriations, revenues and interdepartmental billing 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 extensions that may be permitted by the grantor; and be it further

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

6. COMM. 16E-17 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"Notice of Public Hearing ECSD 2026 Assessment Rolls (2027 Levy)"
WHEREAS, Article 5 A, Sections 270 and 271 of County Law requires your Honorable Body to hold a Public Hearing on the Sewer District Assessment Rolls for Erie County Sewer District Nos. l, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8; and

WHEREAS, notice of said Public Hearing shall be published at least once in the official County newspapers prior to holding the Public Hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Sewer District assessment rolls be open for public inspection after October 1, 2026 in the offices of the Division of Sewerage Management, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held in the Chambers of the Erie County Legislature, 92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor, Buffalo, NY, at 2:00 p.m., local time, on November 4, 2026 for the purpose of meeting to hear and consider any objections which may be made to the 2026 Sewer District Assessment Rolls (2027 Levy) for Erie County Sewer District Nos. l, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to have published in the official County Newspapers, and the Buffalo News, a Notice of Public Hearing no later than the week of October 19, 2026; 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.
(5-0)

7. COMM. 16E-18 (2026)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
"ECSD No. 2 - Big Sister Creek WRRF Secondary Aeration Blower Intake Hoods Replacement"
WHEREAS, pursuant to Legislative Comm. 15E-4 (2024) Contract No. 103 was awarded to Quackenbush Co., Inc. to construct the Big Sister Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Secondary Aeration Blower Intake Hoods Replacement Project 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 recommends approval for final payment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes Contract No. 103 between the County of Erie and Quackenbush Co., Inc. (495 Kennedy Road, Buffalo, NY 14227) be accepted in the final contract amount of $309,500.00, which includes Change Order No. 1 (final), a decrease of $30,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Erie County Comptroller to make final payment for Contract No. 103 to Quackenbush Co., Inc. for a total contract amount of $309,500.00; 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.
(5-0)

JOHN A. BARGNESI, JR.
CHAIR

LEGISLATOR RESOLUTIONS

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 139 RE: Designation of Tourism Promotion Agency for 2026-2027
(INTRO. 17-1)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR MEYERS

WHEREAS, the development, expansion and promotion of tourist travel to Erie County are of great benefit to the citizens of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, tourism spending in Erie County is reflected in bed and sales tax collections, as well as spurring a positive economic impact on amateur and professional sporting events, shopping, arts and culture and the hospitality industry; and

WHEREAS, this positive impact helps hold down property taxes and spurs economic growth and job creation; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, the New York State Legislature enacted the New York State Tourism Promotion Act to enable counties in the state to draw down funds to support their marketing and advertising campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the Tourism Promotion Act authorizes the state's Department of Economic Development to operate a program of matching state funds for non-profit tourism promotion agencies designated by county legislative bodies as agencies that are authorized to apply for and receive grants for recognized media advertising programs; and

WHEREAS, Visit Buffalo (VB) - formerly known as the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau - has done a commendable job bringing together a diverse array of non-profit organizations, attractions, retail businesses and members of the hospitality industry to work collaboratively for the benefit of our entire region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Visit Buffalo (VB), having served as Erie County's tourism promotion agency since 1974, is hereby re-designated as such for 2026-2027; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body requests that Visit Buffalo submit the appropriate application to the New York State Department of Economic Development for state matching funds to assist VB to finance its tourism marketing, media relations and advertising campaigns as set outlined in the New York State Tourism Promotion Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that officials of Visit Buffalo are hereby requested to appear at a future meeting of the Legislature's Community Enrichment Committee to discuss the status of the aforementioned state matching fund grants and other matters relating to the promotion of tourist visitation in Erie County and the Buffalo Niagara Region; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Economic Development, Patrick Kaler of Visit Buffalo, the tourism committees of both the New York State Assembly and Senate, County Executive Mark Poloncarz, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, and all other deemed necessary and proper.

COMMUNICATIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE

There were none.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Item 14 - MR. GILMOUR moved for a Suspension of the Rules to include an item not on the agenda.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 17-2 from BARGNESI. Re: Amendment to the Agreement with Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House to Extend the Project Completion Period.

MR. GILMOUR presented the resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. MILLS seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 140 RE: Amendment to the Agreement with Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House to Extend the Project Completion Period (INTRO. 17-2)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR BARGNESI

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 $1,000,000 to the Martin House for the Martin House Expansion Project, designated WBS element A.22095.1.60, and authorized the County Executive to execute a contract with the Martin House in that amount; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authorization, the County of Erie and Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House, 143 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, New York 14214 (the "Recipient"), entered into an Agreement made as of September 10, 2024 (the "Agreement"), under which the County provides a forgivable grant in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000, payable in five draws upon proof of expenditures, to support capital improvements converting an existing structure on the Recipient's campus into a new education space for the Recipient's community programs, including design and construction; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.1 of the Agreement requires the Recipient to complete the work specified in the Scope of Services within two (2) years of the date of contract execution, defined in the Agreement as the Project Completion Period; and

WHEREAS, the Project Completion Period will expire before the Recipient is able to complete the work, and additional time is required to complete the Scope of Services; and

WHEREAS, the ten-year Public Benefit Period established in Section 3.2 of the Agreement, commencing July 1, 2024 and running through July 1, 2034, the Recipient's reporting obligations under Section 4, and the forgiveness and recapture provisions of Section 3 are not affected by an extension of the Project Completion Period; and

WHEREAS, the funding authorized for the Project remains available in Capital Project A.22095, Capital Agency Capital Fund, Fund 410, Funds Center 162, WBS element A.22095.1.60, and no additional appropriation is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive and/or the Deputy County Executive to execute an amendment to the Agreement between the County of Erie and Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House, made as of September 10, 2024, extending the Project Completion Period set forth in Section 1.1 of the Agreement from two (2) years to three (3) years from the date of contract execution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the Agreement, including the total grant amount not to exceed $1,000,000, the draw schedule and proof of expenditure requirements of Section 2, the ten-year Public Benefit Period, the quarterly reporting requirements, and the forgiveness and recapture provisions of Section 3, shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Comptroller's Office, following the necessary approvals of the Division of Budget and Management and the Department of Environment and Planning, to continue to make payments up to the contractual limit indicated above; 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 the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Environment and Planning, the Department of Law, Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 15 – (COMM. 17E-1) ECSD No. 2 - Big Sister Creek WRRF Coatings & Repairs (Bid Opening - Contract No. 111)

Item 16 – (COMM. 17E-2) ECSD Nos. 1 & 2 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement (Work Order: JMD-1)

Item 17 – (COMM. 17E-3) Acceptance of Grant Funding for Seneca Bluffs Natural Habitat Park

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

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 18 – (COMM. 17E-4) Replacement of Dennis Road Bridge - ROW Acquisition, Town of Evans

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 19 – (COMM. 17E-5) Appointment to the Commission on the Status of Women

Item 20 – (COMM. 17E-6) 1500 Broadway Lease for Endeavor Health Services

Item 21 – (COMM. 17E-7) Authorization to Accept NYSACHO Immunization Action Plan Grant & Enter into Contract

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

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 22 – (COMM. 17E-8) PBA 2027-2031 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

FROM THE SHERIFF

Item 23 – (COMM. 17E-9) Authorization to Enter into an Agreement for 207-c Hearing Officer

Item 24 – (COMM. 17E-10) WNY Heroes Donation

Item 25 – (COMM. 17E-11) Letter Regarding Travel Reimbursements

Item 26 – (COMM. 17E-12) Behavioral Threat Assessment Team Psychiatry Services

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

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 27 – (COMM. 17E-13) Municipal Advisor & Continuing Disclosure Services

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Item 28 – (COMM. 17E-14) Authorization to Increase Department of Law Budget for Additional Risk Retention Needs

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Item 29 – MR. GILMOUR presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. DUPRE seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 141 RE: Renewal of Lease with DePaul Properties, Inc. (COMM. 17E-15)

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Erie County Local Law No. 4-2001 and resolutions passed by the Legislature dated July 12, 2001 (Comm. 13E-21) and November 10, 2005 (Comm. 27E-22), the County leased 3.5 acres of land on Kensington Avenue to DePaul Properties, Inc. ("DePaul"), a non-profit corporation, and a residential facility for persons with psychiatric disabilities was construed by DePaul on the site; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the lease was for twenty-five years and included a second renewal option for an additional twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, DePaul requested to amend and re-date the term of the lease in order to meet the requirements of the New York State Dormitory Authority ("DASNY") so that they could refinance the bonds on behalf of DePaul, but required the bond payback period to correspond to the lease term; and

WHEREAS, the County and DePaul entered into an amended lease commencing November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2030; and

WHEREAS, DePaul is again seeking an amendment to the lease term in order to meet the requirements of DASNY so that it can enter into an agreement to use DASNY bonds for an interior renovation project; and

WHEREAS, DASNY requires the term of the lease to match the period of time in which the bonds will be amortized; which is 30 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into an amendment to the lease between the County and DePaul,

and ancillary documents, which permit the lease renewal option to be exercised by DePaul for a period of twenty-five years with two additional five-year renewal periods; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the lease amendment shall be subject to County Attorney approval; and be it further

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT

Item 30 – (COMM. 17D-1) July 2026 Budget Monitoring Report

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES

FROM THE VISIT BUFFALO & BCC PRESIDENT AND CEO

Item 31 – (COMM. 17M-1) Financial Statements & Quarterly Reports - 2nd Quarter

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE TOWN OF LANCASTER BOARD

Item 32 – (COMM. 17M-2) Resolution Regarding Opposition to Legislator Vinal's Effort of Re-Instituting an Erie County Planning Board

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM THE WNY LAW CENTER

Item 33 – (COMM. 17M-3) Support for the EC Small Business Enterprise Utilization Act

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM R. RICHARDSON

Item 34 – (COMM. 17M-4) Request for Public Action on 100% P&T Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE TOWN OF HAMBURG

Item 35 – (COMM. 17M-5) Resolution Regarding Opposition to Legislator Vinal's Effort of Re-Instituting an Erie County Planning Board

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

FROM ECMCC

Item 36 – (COMM. 17M-6) 2025 Annual Report

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:

Shane Seymour, Cheektowaga – spoke about budget reports and proposals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 37 – Chair Meyers announced that the Legislature will conduct committee meetings on Thursday, October 1, 2026, and the schedule will be distributed. Chair Meyers further announced that the next session of the Legislature will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2026.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

Item 38 – Legislator Todaro requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Charles J. Minkel.

Item 39 – Legislator Lorigo requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of David W. Meyer.

Item 40 – Legislator Greene requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Donald J. Daigler.

ADJOURNMENT

Item 41 – 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, October 8, 2026 at 11:30 AM. MS. ST. JEAN TARD seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR MEYERS declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 11:30 AM.

OLIVIA M. OWENS
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE