

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT
AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS IN VARIOUS
DEPARTMENTS**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Tyler, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes an amendment or change order to the following contracts:

Mental Health Department

Amendment to Fidelis Care Contract No. MH-18-0014 and MH-18-0014A, to add two new programs being offered to the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the above referenced change orders/amendments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Chairman or County Manager are hereby authorized to execute the same upon the approval of the County Attorney.

This resolution was seconded by Supervisor Scozzafava, and duly adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2327 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 549 votes (Giordano, Harrington)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY
MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT
WITH NORTHWINDS INTEGRATED HEALTH NETWORK IPA,
INC. FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER SERVICES**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Monty, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Northwinds Integrated Health Network IPA, Inc. (NWIHN) has been approved by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) as an independent practice association (IPA); and

WHEREAS, NWIHN has established a network of IPA participants who deliver and coordinate behavioral health and other health care services throughout the North Country; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2019, Resolution No. 184, was passed authorizing the Chairman or County Manager to execute a non-risk bearing Tier 2 Membership Agreement with NWIHN; and

WHEREAS, NWIHN is entering into a Level-2 Value Based Payment arrangement with Adirondacks Accountable Care Organization (ACO), LLC, (a for-profit subsidiary of University of Vermont Health Network); and

WHEREAS, a Level-2 shared-risk agreement has financial downside risk and upside financial gain; under most agreements, providers are held financially liable if savings targets are not met; and

WHEREAS, Essex County Mental Health is a Tier 2 provider within NWIHN, will be subject to upside financial gain only; and

WHEREAS, the NWIHN Board has approved NWIHN to be the guarantor for the Network and has set aside \$140,000.00, to cover any downside loss that could be incurred during the time period of the agreement, January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Essex County Mental Health is permitted and willing as a Tier 2 network provider to participate and to be bound to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Chairman or County Manager to execute a participation agreement with Northwinds Integrated Health Network IPA, Inc., for behavioral health provider services, upon the approval of the County Attorney.

This resolution was seconded by Supervisor Rand, and duly adopted upon a roll-call vote, as follows:

AYES: 2759 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 162 votes (Harrington)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO CHANGE THE HOURS IN
THE OFFICE OF THE ESSEX COUNTY TREASURER TO BE
OPEN FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST, 2020**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Scozzafava, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby changes the hours in the Office of the Essex County Treasurer to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the months of June, July and August, 2020.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Barber, and adopted, with Supervisor Monty being `opposed.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO CHANGE THE HOURS IN
THE OFFICES OF THE ESSEX COUNTY CLERK AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO BE OPEN
FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST, 2020**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor DeLoria, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby changes the hours in the County Clerk's Office and the Department of Motor Vehicles to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the months of June, July and August 2020.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Merrihew, and adopted with Supervisor Monty being opposed.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO CHANGE THE HOURS IN
THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO BE OPEN
FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
FROM MAY 15TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2020**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Merrihew, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby changes the hours in the Essex County Board of Elections to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from May 15th through September 18th, 2020, with the exception that the office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on any days designated by Executive Order of the Governor or by action of the State Board of Elections for the filing of independent petitions.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Rand, and adopted, with Supervisor Monty being opposed.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO
BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND/OR COUNCILS**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Monty, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby makes the following appointments:

Appointment of Christopher Drennan as a new Trustee of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System to fill the seat vacated by Charles "Kip" Thompson for a five year term beginning May 18, 2020 through December 31, 2024.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Hughes, and adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO CHANGE THE HOURS IN
THE ESSEX COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX OFFICE TO BE
OPEN FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST, 2020**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Scozzafava, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby changes the hours in the Essex County Real Property Tax Office to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the months of June, July and August 2020.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor DeZalia, and adopted, with Supervisor Monty being opposed.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2020,
ENTITLED, "CHANGING THE NUMBER OF CORONERS TO BE
ELECTED IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX FROM FOUR (4) TO TWO (2)"**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Merrihew, who moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 118 duly adopted on May 18, 2020, the County of Essex introduced Local Law No. 3 for 2020, entitled "Changing the number of coroners to be elected in the County of Essex from four (4) to two (2)"; and

WHEREAS, that a Public Hearing was duly held on the 1st day of June, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. to hear any and all persons concerning the adoption of said local law.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2020, changing the number of coroners to be elected in the County of Essex from four (4) to two (2), as follows:

"ESSEX COUNTY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2020

A local law changing the number of coroners to be elected in the County of Essex from four (4) to two (2).

SECTION 1 - ADOPTION.

This local law is adopted pursuant to §400 subdivision 3 of the County Law of the State of New York which empowers a county legislature by local law, subject to permissive referendum, to change the number of coroners to be elected to not less than one nor more than four.

SECTION 2 - NUMBER OF CORONERS.

The number of coroners to be elected in the County of Essex shall be reduced in number from four (4) coroners to two (2) upon the effective date of this local law.

SECTION 3 - REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF CORONERS.

The reduction in the number of the coroners to be elected pursuant to this local law shall be implemented as follows:

The terms of office of all coroners elected or appointed and holding office in Essex County at the time this local law becomes effective, shall expire on December 31, 2020. At the

general election to be held in November 2020, the year this local law becomes effective, two (2) coroners shall be elected in Essex County who shall serve concurrent terms of office commencing on January 1, 2021.

SECTION 4 - TERM OF OFFICE.

The term of office of each coroner elected under this local law shall be four (4) years.

SECTION 5 - QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE.

Coroners elected pursuant to this local law must be permanent residents and living in the County of Essex as required by Public Officers Law Section 3.

SECTION 6 - COMPENSATION.

Each of the two (2) coroners shall receive equal compensation for services rendered in accordance with local laws or resolutions of the Essex County Board of Supervisors to be adopted effecting salaries of certain officers of the County of Essex.

SECTION 7 - PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

This local law is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

SECTION 8 - EFFECTIVE DATE.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, unless a petition for permissive referendum shall be filed pursuant to Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York. In the event a petition for permissive referendum is duly filed and a referendum held, this local law shall take effect after said referendum has been duly passed by a majority of the voters and filed with the Secretary of State.”

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Monty, and adopted, upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2759 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 162 votes (Harrington)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH METLIFE FOR LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD STARTING JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022.

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Gilliland, who moved it from the Table.

WHEREAS, Essex County is currently in a state of emergency due to the Covid-19 worldwide pandemic.

WHEREAS, such pandemic threatens the safety and well being of our employees, as they serve the constituents of the County.

WHEREAS, management of Essex County resolves to provide such Life Insurance coverage for a two year period as defined above to certain employees of the County at no charge to the employee as per the Summary of Benefits as provided by Metlife with such coverage based in part upon the following;

- Active Full-Time employees working a regular schedule of 35 or more hours per week shall be provided \$50,000.00 in coverage with the rate of such coverage set at \$0.130 per \$1000.00 of covered volume, or a rate of \$6.50 per month per employee;
- Active Part-Time employees with Benefits working a regular schedule of 20+ hours per week but less than 35 hours per week shall be provided \$25,000.00 in coverage with the rate of such coverage set at \$0.130 per \$1000.00 of covered volume, or a rate of \$3.25 per month per employee;

WHEREAS, the County currently has 455 Full Time employee and 44 Part Time employees with benefits, such cost of coverage is estimated to be \$3,101.00 per month or an annual estimated cost of \$37,212.00, such cost may fluctuate based upon the number of employees on payroll meeting the defined Full and Part Time critique, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, the County agrees to provide such coverage for the two year period starting July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2022, with such coverage to **sunset** on the June 30, 2022 date, unless such coverage shall be otherwise altered, changed or extended by future resolution of this Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes its Chairman or County Manager to execute a contract with MetLife for such coverage and further authorizes the necessary budget amendments from unexpended,

unappropriated fund balance to cover the cost of such premium payments as may be necessary for the remainder of this budget year, and further authorizing the inclusion of funds necessary for such coverage in future budget years.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Giordano, and adopted upon a roll-call vote, as follows:

AYES: 1895 votes (Merrihew, Hughes, Wilson, Monty, McNally, Scozzafava, DeLoria, Rand, DeZalia, Giordano, Gilliland)

NOES: 1026 votes (Barber, Harrington, Depo, Subra, Winemiller, Tyler, Holzer)

ABSENT: 0 votes

**RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF
THOMAS AUGUSTINE O'NEILL**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Depo, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Thomas Augustine O'Neill forever a son of the AuSable Valley, civic leader, community stalwart and true public servant, passed away on May 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Abby", "The Commish", "Tip" and "Irish", he was born in Plattsburgh, New York on June 21, 1934, the son of Thomas and Margaret O'Neill; and

WHEREAS, Tom attended Holy Name School; graduated from AuSable Forks High School in 1952, where he excelled as a baseball pitcher; and graduated from St. Michael's College in 1956, with a business administration degree; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the U.S. Army, Tom worked for the New York State Department of Labor for 38 years, and was also the assistant manpower coordinator for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid; and

WHEREAS, Tom was known and respected by everyone in the "Valley" and throughout northern New York as a genuine and good man who could always be counted upon as a friend and relied upon in business and civic matters; and

WHEREAS, Tom was a tireless civic leader and was involved with numerous town, county and state service organizations and groups which include: first President of the AVCS Booster Club, original founding member of the AuSable Forks Men's Fastpitch Classic, Commissioner of the Champlain Valley Baseball League, first President of the AuSable Jaycees, United Way of Clinton and Essex Counties, American Heart Association, Finance Officer and Member of the American Legion Post #504, a communicant and member of Holy Name Church, as well as, the "Voice" of the AuSable Spirits and "Voice" of the AuSable Valley Patriots; and

WHEREAS, Tom was the Supervisor for the Town of Jay and a member of the Essex County Board of Supervisors from 2000 through 2004; was a true colleague and friend to all members of the Board whether Democrat, Republic or Independent; and was respected for his hard work and keen insight; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Supervisor of the Town of Jay, Tom made outstanding contributions to the people of the Town of Jay and Essex County through his

untiring and selfless devotion to his duties and contributed immensely to the betterment of the Town and County; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Jay and the County of Essex have suffered a great loss with his passing; and

WHEREAS, Thomas A. O'Neill was a loving husband, son, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney, his friend, hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Thomas Augustine O'Neill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board of Supervisors, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the O'Neill family.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

**RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF
EDWARD VOGEL, SR.**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Monty, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Edward Vogel, Sr. of Westport, New York passed away on May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Edward Vogel, Sr. was born in Gloversville, New York on May 7, 1934, the son of Henry John and Margaret (Porter) Vogel; and

WHEREAS, Edward Vogel, Sr. was retired from the U.S. Marine Corps, employed as a painter and wallpaper hanger; and

WHEREAS, Edward Vogel, Sr. was an avid golfer; and

WHEREAS, Edward Vogel, Sr. is survived by Helen Vogel, his wife of 66 years; eight children, 20 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and five siblings; and

WHEREAS, Edward Vogel, Sr. is the beloved father-in-law of Michael (Ike) Tyler, member of the Essex County Board of Supervisors and Supervisor of the Town of Westport; and

WHEREAS, Edward Vogel, Sr. was a loving husband, son, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Edward Vogel, Sr.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board of Supervisors, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the Vogel family.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

**RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF
BRANDY M. PATNODE-MICHENER**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Scozzafava, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Brandy M. Patnode-Michener passed away at her home after a long, courageous battle with lung cancer on May 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Brandy M. Patnode-Michener was born in Middlebury, Vermont on May 6, 1985, the daughter of Randy and Carol Patnode; and

WHEREAS, Brandy M. Patnode-Michener graduated from St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga, graduated from Crown Point Central School and as valedictorian from BOCES Class of 2003; and

WHEREAS, Brandy M. Patnode-Michener at the age of 16, with help from Coach Michael Kenyon, won national and New York State titles in power weight lifting and was featured in Sports Illustrated from women; and

WHEREAS, Brandy M. Patnode-Michener attended Clinton Community College and earned an associates degree in criminal law in 2005, she participated in an apprenticeship with Ticonderoga Police Department, Moriah Police Department and the Moriah Court System; and

WHEREAS, Brandy M. Patnode-Michener was a member of the Catholic communities of Crown Point and Moriah; and

WHEREAS, Brandy M. Patnode-Michener started working for Mountain Lake Services in 2005 as a Direct Support Professional; in 2013 became a Medicaid Services Coordinator and promoted to Clinical Coordinator and directed the corporate guardianship program until leaving in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Brandy M. Patnode-Michener volunteered with Moriah EMS and received her certification as a New York State EMT and had recently advanced her certification to A-EMT level and in the five years she worked for the Moriah Ambulance Squad, Brandy became the heartbeat of the squad and took on the responsibilities in making Moriah EMS what it is today; and

WHEREAS, Brandy M. Patnode-Michener is survived by her parents, her husband,

James Michener, two sons, Bryce Joseph and Landon James Michener; her brother, Rudy Patnode; several aunts, uncles, cousins, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Brandy M. Patnode-Michener was a loving daughter, wife, mother, sister, niece, cousin and friend who will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Brandy M. Patnode-Michener; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board of Supervisors, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the Patnode-Michener family.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

**RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF
JOHN L. WILLIAMS**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor McNally, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, John L. Williams of Olmstedville, New York passed away unexpectedly on May 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams was born in Suffern, New York on June 28, 1947, the son of Leo Williams and Elizabeth Armstrong; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams graduated from Suffern High School in 1965; his family summered in Brant Lake which began his love for the Adirondacks and, in 1973, purchased a camp in Olmstedville, New York passing that love on to his children; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams was a self-employed contractor working with his sons as Williams Contracting; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams was the current Building and Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Minerva; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams was immensely proud of his 30 years of sobriety and continued to help others battling addictions; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Armstrong, his life partner, Darlene Duffy, his children, John (April) Williams, Jennifer (Gordon) Smith, Thomas (Nicole) Williams, Leo (Christine) Williams, Charly (Joseph) Wojtysiak; his grandchildren, Austin Williams, Cheyenne (Brian) Williams, Clayton Smith, Bailey and Thomas Williams; and Darlene's children, Jason Kelly, Caroline Kelly, Theresa (Scott) Fish and her grandchildren, Meghan, Riley, Audrey, Claire, James and Calvin; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams is also survived by his siblings, Anna Roesch, Christopher (Carrie) Williams, and step-siblings, Katy, Betsy and Mimi Krebs, and Albert Armstrong, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, John L. Williams was a loving partner, son, step-son, father, stepfather, grandfather, brother, step-brother, uncle and friend who will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, Clerk of the Board,

County Manager and County Attorney hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of John L. Williams; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board of Supervisors, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the Williams family.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

**RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF
CHARLES KROTZ**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Gilliland, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Charles Krotz of Willsboro, New York passed away on May 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, “Chuck” was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 22, 1926, the son of Karl and Luise (Horner) Krotz; and

WHEREAS, Chuck graduated from East New York High School and upon graduation entered the U.S. Navy having served during World War II; after honorable discharge from active duty, he joined the Navy Reserve and retired as a Master Chief Gunners Mate; and

WHEREAS, Chuck was employed by the State University of New York in Plattsburgh until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Chuck served as Chairman of the Board of Assessors for many years and also served as Chairman of the Town of Willsboro Planning Board for many years and an original committee member to create a Plan for Willsboro; and

WHEREAS, Chuck was past commander of William Nolan Post 405 of the American Legion in Willsboro; past master of Iroquois Lodge #602, Essex, New York; past District Deputy of the Essex District and a past Assistant Grand Lecturer for the District; on the New York State level, a member of the Grand Masters Advisory Committee and member of the Grand Lodge Leadership and Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Chuck is survived by his wife, Irene Krotz; his daughters, Irene Southard and Karen Senecal; four grandchildren, Chase Southard, Emily Southard, Rebecca Leroux and Renee Brunk; and his great grandson, Jase Leo Leroux; and

WHEREAS, Chuck was predeceased by his daughter, Elizabeth Krotz; and

WHEREAS, Charles Krotz was a loving husband, son, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and friend who will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, Clerk of the Board,

County Manager and County Attorney hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Charles Krotz; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Board of Supervisors, with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the Krotz family.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.