

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO
PATRICIA N. BASHAW
UPON HER RETIREMENT
AS COORDINATOR OF
ESSEX COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Patricia (Patty) N. Bashaw has been a faithful public servant to the people of Essex County for over 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Patty Bashaw began her employment with Essex County on October 7, 1987, as a Senior Aging Services Aide for the Office for the Aging; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2003, Patty became the Director of Essex County Office for the Aging; and

WHEREAS, Patty became the Coordinator for the new Essex County Emergency Medical Services Department on January 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with Essex County, Patty has performed her duties tirelessly, conscientiously and with the highest degree of professionalism, competency, integrity, and attention to detail, and has always treated the public, the residents of Essex County and its employees with grace and respect; and

WHEREAS, Patty oversaw the Essex County Emergency Medical Services Department and provided invaluable knowledge, instruction, and service in her capacity as the EMS Coordinator and was always available to aid all municipalities and the citizens of Essex County in times of natural disaster and emergency providing information and services to help during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, Patty Bashaw has diligently and competently administered the Office of Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, Patty Bashaw has performed her duties for 34 years and has announced her retirement effective August 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Essex County Emergency Medical Services Department wishes to extend its deep and abiding appreciation to Patty Bashaw for her outstanding contributions made to the County of Essex and thanks her for performing her duties competently and with professionalism.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, its Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney hereby wishes to extend its sincere appreciation and thanks to Patty Bashaw for her 34 years of outstanding dedicated and exemplary public service to the people of Essex County and wish her continued health, success and best wishes in her future endeavors upon her retirement as Coordinator of the Essex County Emergency Medical Services.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO
ESSEX COUNTY DISPATCHER BRIDGETTE BLEMEL AND
ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY KYLE YOUNG
FOR THEIR PROMPT RESPONSE AND LIFESAVING ACTION TO A CALL
IN THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA ON JULY 18TH, 2021**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2021, Essex County Dispatcher Bridgette Blemel and Essex County Sheriff Deputy Kyle Young promptly responded to a call in the Town of Ticonderoga and through their quick lifesaving action were able to save a life.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby acknowledges and applauds the selfless efforts of Essex County Dispatcher Bridgette Blemel and Essex County Sheriff Deputy Kyle Young in their heroic effort to save a life in the Town of Ticonderoga on July 18, 2021, and recognizes them for going above and beyond the call of duty in saving this individual.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Resolution No. 217

September 7, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO HIRE
FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL SHERIFF DEPUTIES***

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

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Essex County Sheriff to hire five (5) additional Sheriff Deputies at the rate of \$18.89/hour before training and \$20.85/hour after training, from budgeted funds.

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

AYES: 2699 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 20 votes (DeZalia)
VACANT: 202 votes (Jay)

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO
DANIEL S. CANAVAN
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
ESSEX COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Daniel S. Canavan has been a faithful public servant to the people of Essex County for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Daniel S. Canavan began employment with Essex County on November 20, 2000, as a Caseworker for the Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2008, Dan began working for the Probation Department as a Probation Officer and, in 2016, promoted to Senior Probation Officer; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Probation Department, Dan has exhibited the highest degree of professionalism, competency, integrity, and attention to detail and has always greeted and treated the public, the residents of Essex County and its employees with respect; and

WHEREAS, Dan Canavan has performed his duties for 21 years and has announced his retirement effective August 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Essex County Probation Department wishes to extend its deep and abiding appreciation to Daniel S. Canavan for his outstanding contributions made to the County of Essex and thanks him for performing his duties competently and with professionalism for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Essex County Board of Supervisors wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to Daniel S. Canavan for his many years of outstanding public service to the people of Essex County.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, its Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney hereby extend their most heartfelt appreciation to Daniel S. Canavan for his dedication and service to the County of Essex and upon his retirement from the Essex County Probation Department as a Senior Probation Officer and wishes him continued success and best wishes in his future endeavors.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE ESSEX COUNTY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION OF CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT QUALIFIED 501(c)(3) REVENUE BONDS TO FINANCE A PROJECT FOR NORTHWOOD SCHOOL, IN THE TOWN OF NORTH ELBA (LAKE PLACID), COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW YORK

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

Upon the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1411 of the New York-Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (the "Act"), the Board of Supervisors of County of Essex, New York (the "Board of Supervisors") has heretofore appointed the Chairperson and members of the Essex County Capital Resource Corporation, a local development corporation and a local authority (the "Corporation"), acting on behalf of the County of Essex, New York (the "County") and has duly caused to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the State of New York the certificate of incorporation of the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Corporation is authorized and empowered under the Act to issue its qualified 501(c)(3) revenue bonds to finance or refinance the costs of the acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of one or more projects or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, equipped and installed, and to issue bonds or other evidence of indebtedness to finance said projects; and

WHEREAS, Northwood School, a New York not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, and its successors and assigns (the "School"), located in Lake Placid, New York has presented an application to the Corporation, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Corporation, requesting that the Corporation consider undertaking: to issue its tax-exempt and taxable revenue bonds in one or more issues or series in the combined principal amount not to exceed \$13,000,000 (the "Bonds") in order to finance the project described in the following paragraph; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of the following: (i) the construction of a 20,000 square foot, two story, sixty room dormitory building for boarding students on the School's campus; (ii) renovation of the 10,000 square foot dining room facility located on the School's campus; (iii) construction and renovation of the current athletic facilities including a new turf field; (iv) renovation of an existing building into a science center (collectively, the "Facility"); (v) the acquisition and installation in the Facility of various machinery, equipment, and furnishings (the "Equipment"), (vi) refinancing of two NBT Bank loans (the "Prior Loans") which were used for constructing a classroom building and purchasing a building for Innovation and STEM research; and (vii) paying costs of issuance related to the Bonds

(hereinafter collectively referred to as, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has been advised by the Corporation that the Corporation proposes to issue, subsequent to the adoption of this resolution, its tax-exempt qualified 501(c)(3) revenue bonds, from time to time, in principal amounts sufficient to fund all or a portion of the costs of (i) the refinancing of the Prior Loans and (ii) the payment of certain costs of issuance to finance the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will constitute “qualified 501(c)(3) bonds” pursuant to Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). Accordingly, the Corporation has prepared and published a notice of public hearing in compliance with Section 147(f) of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation conducted said public hearing on July 21, 2021, and, upon the receipt of terms of financing from the underwriter or purchaser of the Bonds, will adopt a bond resolution authorizing the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received notice from the Corporation that it is the preliminary determination of the Corporation that the Project will not have a “significant impact on the environment” within the meaning of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Essex, New York as follows:

Section 1. For the sole purpose of qualifying the interest payable on the Bonds for exclusion from gross income pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Code, the Board of Supervisors, as the elected legislative body of Essex County, New York, for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Code, hereby approves the issuance by the Corporation of the Bonds, provided that the Bonds, and the premium, if any, and interest thereon, shall be special obligations of the Corporation and shall never be a debt of the State of New York, the County of Essex nor any political subdivisions thereof or public entity (other than the Corporation), and neither the State of New York, the County of Essex nor any political subdivisions thereof nor any public entity (other than the Corporation) shall be liable thereon.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

AYES: 2699 Votes
NOES: 0 Votes
ABSENT: 20 Votes (DeZalia)
VACANT: 202 Votes (Jay)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE TO GRADES FOR
CASEWORKER ASSISTANT FROM GRADE 8 TO GRADE 10,
CASEWORKER FROM GRADE 12 TO GRADE 14, SENIOR
CASEWORKER FROM GRADE 14 TO GRADE 16, AND
GRADE B SUPERVISOR FROM GRADE 15 TO GRADE 17, IN
THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Human Services Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the following grades changes in the Social Services Department:

- Caseworker Assistant from Grade 8 to Grade 10 at the current 2021 hourly rate of \$20.81, or contract rate at date of hire.
- Caseworker from Grade 12 to Grade 14 at the current 2021 hourly rate of \$24.54, or contract rate at date of hire.
- Senior Caseworker from Grade 14 to Grade 16 at the current 2021 hourly rate of \$26.41, or contract rate at date of hire.
- Grade B Supervisor from a Grade 15 to Grade 17 at the current 2021 hourly rate of \$27.35, or contract rate at date of hire.

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

AYES: 2699 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 20 votes (DeZalia)
VACANT: 202 votes (Jay)

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO
DOUGLAS TERBEEK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE PREVENTION TEAM**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Human Services Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Mr. Douglas “Doug” Terbeek, Executive Director of Substance Abuse Prevention Team of Essex Co., Inc. began his career at “The Prevention Team” in 1986 as the Executive Director of what used to be known as, Moses-Ludington Hospital Substance Abuse Prevention Program, which grew into a county-wide Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) Prevention Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terbeek began his career in substance abuse counseling when serving as an officer in the United States Air Force as the Plattsburgh Air Force Base Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Officer from 1978 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, many schools in Essex County found the services of Mr. Terbeek’s Prevention Team to be valuable in improving the health and welfare of students and faculty as they assisted in creating a school environment that supports healthy decisions. Mr. Terbeek was essential in serving on Essex County Heroin & Opioid (ECHO) Coalition and Clinton County’s opioid coalition - SPARCC. He was also the founder of Ticonderoga Neighbors Addressing Drug Abuse (TiNADA); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terbeek was a trusted provider for Essex County Board of Supervisors, and for many years conducted the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey, in collaboration with the Essex County Department of Social Services’ Youth Bureau. The PNA provided valuable information to Essex County schools, programs, and providers with regard to student drug and alcohol use, attitudes, and behaviors, in addition to risk and protective factors that influence academic success, school dropout, violence and delinquency; and

WHEREAS, Essex County Community Services Board found Mr. Terbeek’s involvement to both the Board and to other provider agency leadership to be supportive, informative, and collaborative. It was apparent to the CSB that Mr. Terbeek’s focus on providing quality services with an eye on the needs of students in reducing the potential for drug and alcohol use and abuse was beneficial to both children and adults of Essex County ; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate Mr. Terbeek's many years of dedicated services to supporting those in recovery by assisting them to overcome the negative effects that substance use has on their health, their families, and their functioning as citizens of Essex County; and

WHEREAS, Douglas G. Terbeek retired from service in 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Essex County Community Services Board, hereby extend their sincere and deep appreciation to Mr. Douglas G. Terbeek for his outstanding, unwavering and exemplary service to Essex County and to the staff of The Prevention Team.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER
OF SENIOR PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE
MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FROM TWO TO THREE,
FROM BUDGETED FUNDS**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Human Services Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Mental Health Department to increase the number of Senior Psychiatric Social Workers from two to three, to come from budgeted funds.

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

AYES: 2699 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 20 votes (DeZalia)
VACANT: 202 votes (Jay)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MENTAL HEALTH
DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM ESSEX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 PER
SCHOOL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINDUP
PROGRAM**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Human Services Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Mental Health Department to accept and receive funds from Essex County public schools in the amount of \$2,000.00 per school (Account #A4325-544002) for each implementation of the MindUp Program through the B.R.I.E.F. Coalition.

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

AYES: 2699 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 20 votes (DeZalia)
VACANT: 202 votes (Jay)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR
VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

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

Upon the recommendation of the various Committees, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby amends the 2021 Essex County Budget as follows:

Human Services Committee:

1. From Health Department, to increase revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$2,500.00, from Blue Cross/Blue Shield Community Health Award, as follows:

REVENUES

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A4197 427050	Community Health	\$2,500.00

APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A4197 549905	Community Health	\$2,500.00

2. From Health Department, to increase revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$1,600.00, from Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, as follows:

REVENUES

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A4195 443895	Gov. Traffic Safety	\$1,600.00

APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A4195 549916	Car Seats	\$1,600.00

3. From Health Department, to increase revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$261,286.00, from HRI funds, as follows:

REVENUES

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A4191 444015	Covid-19	\$261,286.00

APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A4191 549935	Supplies	\$ 69,201.00
A4191 549937	Misc.	1,627.00
A4191 549942	Travel	10,000.00
A4191 510027	Salary	112,002.00
A4191 582002	FICA 7.5%	9,353.00
A4191 585002	Insurance	41,821.00
A4191 581002	Retirement	<u>17,282.00</u>
		\$261,286.00

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

AYES: 2699 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 20 votes (DeZalia)
VACANT: 202 votes (Jay)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO
AWARD BIDS, ISSUE CONTRACTS OR PURCHASE ORDERS**

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

Upon the recommendation of the various Committees, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to award bids, issue contracts or purchase orders for the following:

From Human Services Committee:

1. Office for the Aging - to contract with Lifespan to participate in the "Elder Abuse - Creating a Clear Vision of Where We Go From Here" initiative, funds to come from Lifespan to cover staff wage and fringe for participation.

From DPW Committee:

1. DPW - to purchase from Mac Trailer Manufacturing, Inc., in the amount of \$100,426.00, for a new and unused 2022 enclosed walking floor solid waste trailer, to come from budgeted funds.

From Personnel Committee:

1. Essex County to contract with George Briggs for a five year term commencing September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026, for the lease a 2,000 square foot building for storage purposes at the annual rent of \$5,000.00, to come from budgeted funds.

From Ways & Means Committee:

1. Emergency Medical Services - to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Town of Newcomb and Newcomb Emergency Medical Services for emergency medical services of 2 full time paramedics and 1 part-time paramedic at no cost.
2. Mental Health Department - to contract with Stepping Stones Psychological and Behavioral Supports, PLLC to provide professional psychological

services at a rate of \$100.00/hour not to exceed \$19,000.00 for a period of six (6) months, from budgeted funds.

3. DPW - to award contract to Adirondack Concrete, LLC, in the amount of \$511,650.00, for contract SC - Concrete Construction for the DPW sand/salt storage shed, from budgeted funds.
4. DPW - to award contract to Hybrid Building Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$239,871.00, for contract WC - Canopy Structure Construction for the DPW sand/salt storage shed, from budgeted funds.
5. DPW - to award contract to Harold R. Clune Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$77,350.00, for contract EC - Electrical Construction for the DPW sand/salt storage shed, from budgeted funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman or County Manager are hereby authorized to execute a contract or purchase order for the above referenced.

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

AYES: 2699 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 20 votes (DeZalia)
VACANT: 202 votes (Jay)

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

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

Upon the recommendation of the various Committees, and the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

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

From DPW Committee:

1. Contract Amendment - CPL Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects and Surveyors, DPC bearing Contract No. DPW-22-0050, for professional engineering services to include construction administration and construction inspection services for the Water Street Bridge Project, in Elizabethtown, in an amount not to exceed \$260,000.00, contingent upon approval from NYS DOT, to come from budgeted funds.
2. Contract Amendment - Atlantic Testing Laboratories bearing Contract No. DPW-22-0039, for subsurface investigation and geotechnical evaluation services for Simonds Hill Road over Boquet River Project, in Elizabethtown, in an amount not to exceed \$14,818.50, to come from budgeted funds.
3. Change Order - JFP Enterprises bearing Contract No. DPW-22-0044, in an amount of \$326,167.27, for heating system improvements at the Town of Jay Community Center Building, with the Town of Jay to pay any costs over this amount, contingent upon approval from the Governors Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), to come from grant/Town of Jay funds.
4. Change Order - Reale Construction Company, Inc., bearing Contract No. DPW-22-0035, to complete improvements for Project Site 4 of the Phase III Gulf Brook Restoration Project located in the Town of Keene, in the amount of \$229,570.00, contingent upon approval from GOSR, to come from grant funds.

From Ways & Means Committee:

1. Contract Amendment - to extend the following Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Contracts through calendar year 2021, with all service contracts to be renewed in 2022, with funds to come from the NYS DOS MRF grant:

Moriah/Moriah Ambulance Squad
Schroon/Schroon Lake Emergency Squad
North Hudson/Schroon Lake Emergency Squad
Willsboro/Essex/Willsboro-Essex EMS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the above referenced change orders and 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 Merrihew, and duly adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2699 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 20 votes (DeZalia)
VACANT: 202 votes (Jay)

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JANSSEN NEW YORK STATE-WIDE OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARTICIPATING SUBDIVISIONS AND JANSSEN; THE EXECUTION OF A NEW YORK STATE OPIOID SETTLEMENT SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND ITS SUBDIVISIONS; THE EXECUTION OF A NEW YORK SUBDIVISION ELECTION AND RELEASE FORM; AND ANY AND ALL NECESSARY PERTINENT DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO SETTLE ESSEX COUNTY'S INTEREST IN THE CURRENT NEW YORK STATE LITIGATION INVOLVING JANSSEN

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

Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, there is pending a matter on behalf of the State of New York and certain New York subdivisions regarding the opioid addiction crisis in which Essex County is a named plaintiff in the action (the "Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Action is against several defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, the Action alleges several causes of action against defendants Johnson & Johnson, Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (J & J) based on claims that J & J contributed to the opioid epidemic by falsely promoting prescription opioids it manufactured and sold, and by falsely promoting the increased use of opioids directly and generally through various "front groups" and failing to implement measures to prevent diversion of prescription opioids in connection with distribution of its products, all of which contributed to a public health crisis in Essex County; and

WHEREAS, J & J has offered to settle the claims of Essex County against it by paying a stipulated sum over a ten (10) year period; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Essex County to resolve this matter with respect to J & J without further litigation and enter into the proposed Agreement as it shall settle all allegations against J & J and avoid protracted litigation.

BE IT RESOLVED that Essex County hereby authorizes the settlement of all litigation with J & J in consideration of J & J paying the agreed upon and stipulated settlement amount to the County over a ten (10) year term as described in the New York

State-wide Opioid Settlement Agreement and New York Opioid Settlement Sharing Agreement; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this Board authorizes its County Chairman or County Manager to execute and deliver the Janssen and New York State-wide Opioid Settlement Agreement in its current form or in a form substantially similar thereto upon approval of the County Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board authorizes its County Chairman or County Manager to execute and deliver the New York Opioid Settlement Sharing Agreement in its current form or in a form substantially similar thereto upon approval of the County Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board authorizes its County Chairman or County Manager to execute and deliver the New York Subdivision Election and Release Form in its current form or in a form substantially similar thereto upon approval of the County Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board authorizes its County Chairman or County Manager to execute any and all other documents as being necessary and appropriate to effectuate the overall settlement with J & J and the receipt by Essex County of its share of the settlement funds.

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

AYES: 2699 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 20 votes (DeZalia)
VACANT: 202 votes (Jay)

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO
ESSEX COUNTY ASSESSORS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND
HARD WORK ON THE 2020 REVAL PROJECTS**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, in 2020, six towns were involved in reval projects during the challenging year due to Covid which made it harder for the Assessors and Data Collectors to successfully complete the project; and

WHEREAS, through their dedication and hard work the Assessors, all successfully completed the reval projects which earns the towns a combined State Aid of \$43,084.48 or \$3.37/parcel; and

WHEREAS, the following Essex County Assessors to be recognized are:

Town of Lewis	-	Donna Bramer
Town of Minerva	-	Phil Johnson
		Letitia Williams
	-	Jake Hitchcock
Town of Schroon	-	Rich Schoenstadt
	-	Erica Hedden
	-	Dick Newell
Town of Ticonderoga	-	Patty Osier
Town of Willsboro	-	Dave Galarneau
Town of Wilmington	-	Alphonso Smith
	-	Blanche Peck
	-	Marcel Bruce

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby extends its deep and abiding appreciation to the above-referenced Assessors for their dedication and hard work necessary for the successful completion of the 2020 reval projects.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF
COVID-19 TESTING SUPPLIES FROM ABBOTT RAPID DX
NORTH AMERICA, LLC, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
\$133,520.00, TO COME FROM GRANT FUNDS**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Giordano, 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 the Purchasing Agent to award an emergency contract or purchase order to the Health Department for the following:

Covid-19 testing supplies from Abbott Rapid DX North America, LLC for Abbott ID NOW machine and test kits, in the total amount of \$133,520.00, to come from grant funds, Account #A4191 549937; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman or County Manager are hereby authorized to execute a contract or purchase order for the above referenced emergency purchase.

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

AYES: 2699 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 20 votes (DeZalia)
VACANT: 202 votes (Jay)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$548,753.00, OVER TWO YEARS, THROUGH HEALTH RESEARCH INC./NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR A CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) SPONSORED COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Giordano, 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 the Essex County Health Department to apply for grant funds in the amount of \$548,753.00, over two years (\$274,376.00 annually) through Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health for a Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sponsored cooperative agreement for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) CFDA #93.323; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman or County Manager are hereby authorized to execute any and all paperwork for the above referenced grant funds.

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

AYES: 2699 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 20 votes (DeZalia)
VACANT: 202 votes (Jay)