

# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 251**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
TO ACCEPT A NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,899.38**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Holzer, 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**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Board of Elections to accept an absentee ballot pre-paid postage grant from the New York State Board of Elections, in the amount of \$16,899.38, bearing Contract No. BOE01-T004583-1110000, for the term July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman or County Manager are hereby authorized to execute a contract for the above referenced grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby amends the 2022 Essex County Budget to increase revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$16,899.38, from NYS Board of Elections grant, as follows:

**REVENUES**

<b><u>Account Number</u></b>	<b><u>Account Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
A1450 430890	NYS Board of Elections	\$16,899.38

**APPROPRIATIONS**

<b><u>Account Number</u></b>	<b><u>Account Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
A1450 541015	Election Supplies	\$16,899.38

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

**AYES: 2726 votes**  
**NOES: 0 votes**  
**ABSENT: 127 votes (Monty, DeZalia)**



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 252**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

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

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

Upon the recommendation of various Committees, 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 Purchasing Agent to award a contract/agreement or purchase order for the following:

1. Emergency Services Department - purchase order to purchase a new ID Printer and software upgrade from LINSTAR, in the amount of \$11,776.17, from budgeted funds.
2. Emergency Services Department - to purchase a 2023 Chevy Tahoe, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, from budgeted funds.
3. Community Resources Department - to contract with New York Rural Water Association (State Contract #DOH01-C033617-3450000), to collect GIS data points in towns with water and wastewater infrastructure, from budgeted funds and NYS Department of State MRF grant #C1001619.
4. Mental Health Department - to contract with Adirondack Community Action Programs (ACAP) for Parent Training Specialist for one year term, in the amount of \$82,146.00, from NYS System of Care SAMHSA grant funds.
5. Mental Health Department - to contract with Coordinated Care Services (CCSI) for one year term for B.R.I.E.F. Training and Consulting services, in the amount of \$36,000.00, from SAMHSA grant funds.
6. Mental Health Department - contract renewal with Docs for Tots for a one year term for Project B.R.I.E.F., in the amount of \$5,000.00, from SAMHSA grant funds.
7. Mental Health Department - to contract with Families First for B.R.I.E.F.

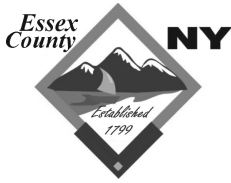
Resiliency Peer Youth Advocates services for a one year term, in the amount of \$7,850.00, from SAMHSA grant funds.

8. Mental Health Department - contract renewal with Vanessa Funfsinn for Clinician Supervision for a one year term, in the amount of \$4,800.00, from SAMHSA grant funds.
9. Mental Health Department - contract renewal with Great Range for System of Care Campaign for a one year term, in the amount of \$4,000.00, from SAMHSA grant funds.
10. Mental Health Department - to renew contract with Tom Bull for Resiliency Presentations for businesses, organizations and schools at the rate of \$35,000.00 for one year term, from SAMHSA grant funds.
11. Mental Health Department - contract renewal with Stepping Stones Psychological & Behavioral Supports for professional psychology services in the amount of \$5,120.00, for a one year term, from SAMHSA grant funds.
12. Office for the Aging - contract with Rural Law Center for legal services in the amount of \$6,000.00, for the term October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, from Unmet Needs funding
13. Public Works - purchase order to Joseph P. Carrera & Sons, for precast concrete superstructure components in the amount of \$227,494.00, for the Mill Pond Drive Bridge Replacement Project, Town of North Elba, to come from budgeted funds.
14. Personnel Department - renewal agreement with Excellus for 2023 health insurance for a 0% increase.
15. Board of Supervisors - authorizing a 5 year license agreement with Phoenix Tailings to explore, examine and develop and extract rare earth metals at the Barton Hill Tailings site in the Town of Moriah.

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

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

**AYES: 2726 votes**  
**NOES: 0 votes**  
**ABSENT: 127 votes (Monty, DeZalia)**



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 253**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

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

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor DeLoria, 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 the Public Safety Committee:**

1. From Emergency Services Department - Contract Amendment with Murray Law Firm bearing Contract No. MISC-10-0006, to increase contract amount by \$20,000.00, from \$570,000.00 to \$590,000.00, for legal services for tower sites, with funds to come from the Radio Project funds.
2. From Emergency Services Department - Contract Amendment with Wendland Communications LLC, for the installation of an antenna on the Monkton Tower.

### **From the Human Services Committee:**

1. From the Mental Health Department - Contract Amendment with Stepping Stones Psychological bearing Contract No. MH-22-0034, to extend the contract for an additional six month period from October 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00.
2. From the Mental Health Department - Contract Amendment with Great Range bearing Contract No. MH-23-0006, in the amount of \$10,000.00, and to extend the contract through August 31, 2023, with funds to come from the SAMHSA grant.

**From the DPW Committee:**

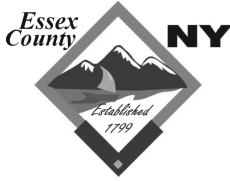
1. From DPW - Contract Amendment with Reale Construction bearing Contract No. DPW-23-0006, in an amount not to exceed \$34,690.00, for labor and equipment to Rennie Brook Water Supply at the Fish Hatchery located in the Town of Crown Point, from budgeted funds.
  
2. From DPW - Contract Amendment with Reale Construction bearing Contract No. DPW-23-0006, in an amount not to exceed \$24,700.00, for labor and equipment to the Small Spring Water Supply at the Fish Hatchery located in the Town of Crown Point, from budgeted funds.

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

**AYES:           2726 votes**  
**NOES:            0 votes**  
**ABSENT:       127 votes (Monty, DeZalia)**



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 254**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

## **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO GO TO BID FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

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

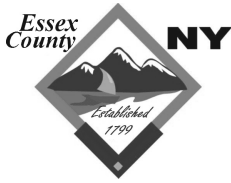
Upon the recommendation of the various Committees, with the approval of the Ways and Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

***BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to go to bid for the following:

### **From Economic Development Committee:**

- To go out to bid/RFP for consultant services to conduct asset management plans for Essex County water and wastewater infrastructure, with funds to come from NYS Department of State MRF grant #C1001619 (Account #H8022 544002)
- To go out to bid for professional design/civil engineering/site planning/residential project representatives and related services for Community Services Department, with funds to come from NYS Department of State MRF grant #C1001619 (Account #H8022).

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



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 255**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

## **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESSEX COUNTY FARMLAND PROTECTION AND FOOD SYSTEM PLAN**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Harrington, 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**, New York State's Department of Agriculture awarded grant funds to support the creation of an updated Farmland Protection Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan was developed through the lens of acknowledging the interconnected, holistic nature of the food system, as the context in which the protection of farmland and support of a vibrant agricultural economy exists; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan outlines action items and tracking indicators designed to enable the sustainable growth and economic vitality of the agriculture and food systems; and

**WHEREAS**, action items and suggested lead organizations are based on strategies derived from the research, stakeholder feedback, mapping data and review of land use regulations and plans in each town; and

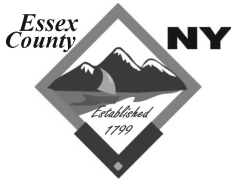
**WHEREAS**, this Plan serves as a roadmap for action within the food system, a reference to guide investment within Essex County, and a citable document for grant applications; and

**WHEREAS**, this Plan is expected to be a living document that adapts to our changing environment, stakeholders and actions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves and adopts the Essex County Farmland Protection and Food System Plan dated July 2022, for action regarding protecting key farmland, supporting agricultural vitality and enhancing economic vibrance of Essex County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets be notified of the adoption of this Plan.

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



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 256**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

## **RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2-8, 2022, AS NATIONAL 4-H WEEK AND THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2022 AS ESSEX COUNTY 4-H MONTH**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Winemiller, 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**, 4-H started in 1902, and has grown to be the largest positive youth development program in the world with over 170,000 youth involved in the 4-h program in New York alone; and

**WHEREAS**, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Essex County's 4-H has enrolled over 100 members in 2022, and additionally serves over 2,500 students throughout the County, and 4-H provides leadership, citizenship, healthy living, and STEAM programs in neighborhoods, in school, at after-school program sites and through other enrichment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, 4-H empowers youth to expand their own horizons, encourages youth to grow, shape and improve their own skills, and develops youth into true leaders in their own lives, careers and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, all children of Essex County, 5-18 years old, are welcome to experience these benefits led by their own interests by participating in traditional clubs, family clubs, school clubs, countywide project clubs and as independent members; and

**WHEREAS**, Essex County youth have increased their presence this year at the State level educational events including Animal Crackers, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Horse Communications, Hippology, Field Trips and State Fair; and

**WHEREAS**, the 4-H program has benefit from many selfless, capable and committed volunteer leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Essex County 4-H has delivered strong educational opportunities past



and present and will continue to do so into the future as we continue to provide programming for all youth of Essex County; and

**WHEREAS**, National 4-H Week is October 2-8, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors endorses and supports 4-H and hereby proclaims the month of October, 2022 as Essex County 4-H Month.

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



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 257**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

## **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRIDE OF TICONDEROGA'S CURRENT ROUND OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE HOME, RESTORE AND HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL PROGRAM**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Wright, 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**, Pride of Ticonderoga in the North Country has been instrumental in this region's revitalization and community development over the past 38 years; and

**WHEREAS**, during its tenure, Pride of Ticonderoga has administered over \$11 million in grant funds with over half of these funds providing annual assistance for emergency home repairs, housing rehabilitation programs, as well as dozens of mobile home replacements across Essex County; and

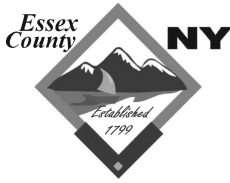
**WHEREAS**, Pride of Ticonderoga has also completed countless NYMS Historic Preservation and Community Development partnered projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride's current application and grant submission to the Home, Restore and Housing and Community Renewal program will be life-changing to low and moderate income households in Ticonderoga, Crown Point and Moriah that will receive its assistance.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby endorses and supports the Pride of Ticonderoga's grant application to the Home, Restore and Affordable Housing Corporation and New York State Community Renewal Programs to provide funding that will continue its good work to significantly increase the quality of life for residents of Essex County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to: NYS Homes, Community Renewal, 38-40 State Street, Hampton Plaza, Albany, NY 12207.

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



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 258**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

## **RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH AND WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Monty, 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**, the Essex County Suicide Prevention Coalition has organized its second annual “Chalk the Walk and Have the Talk” event in recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month and World Suicide Prevention Day to bring suicide awareness and prevention to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Essex County recognizes that suicide is a serious concern within the community and supports actions in preventing suicidal ideation, attempts and deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control, one person dies by suicide every 11.7 minutes, resulting in nearly 45,000 deaths each year in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death among adults in the United States and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is a preventable national, state and local public health problem; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a safe and nurturing community environment ensures both the physical and emotional safety of its citizens and minimizes suicidal ideation; and

**WHEREAS**, the stigma associated with mental health conditions and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatize survivors of suicide loss and people with lived experience of suicide; and

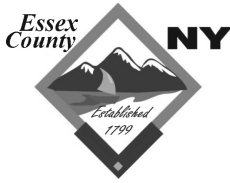
**WHEREAS**, it is essential to educate and encourage the community on how to recognize the warning signs of suicide, and guide those in need to appropriate services and supports; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of September is National Suicide Prevention Month, which is a campaign in response to the need to raise suicide awareness and prevention and provide communities with an opportunity to educate its citizens about their role in suicide prevention.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the goals of National Suicide Prevention Month and will work with a broad spectrum of local community stakeholders to raise awareness, build resiliency and find hope; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes September as National Suicide Prevention Month and World Suicide Prevention Day.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and duly adopted



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 259**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

## **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 2022 Essex County Budget as follows:

### **Human Services Committee:**

1. From the Mental Health Department to increase revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$40,000.00, from the Office of Mental Health Block Grants, as follows:

#### **REVENUES**

##### **Account Number**

<b><u>Org Object</u></b>	<b><u>Account Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
A4320 416202	OMH Community Mental Health	\$40,000.00

#### **APPROPRIATIONS**

##### **Account Number**

<b><u>Org Object</u></b>	<b><u>Account Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
A3320 544002	Consulting Fees	\$40,000.00

2. From the Mental Health Department to increase revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$353,321.00, Year 3 of 4 SAMHSA grant, as follows:

#### **REVENUES**

##### **Account Number**

<b><u>Org Object</u></b>	<b><u>Account Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
A4320 444901	SAMHSA System of Care	\$353,321.00

#### **APPROPRIATIONS**

##### **Account Number**

<b><u>Org Object</u></b>	<b><u>Account Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
A4320 510010	Regular Wages	\$111,382.00
A4320 544002	Consulting Fees	<u>241,939.00</u>

\$353,321.00

**From DPW Committee:**

1. From Community Resources Department to increase revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$990,216.00, NYS Office of Community Renewal Farmworker Housing Program, as follows:

**REVENUES**

**Account Number**

**Org Object**

A6989 444012

**Account Name**

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**APPROPRIATIONS**

**Account Number**

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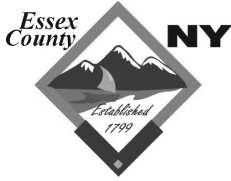
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**Amount**

\$990,216.00

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

**AYES: 2830 votes**  
**NOES: 0 votes**  
**ABSENT: 23 votes (DeZalia)**



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. 260

October 3, 2022  
Regular Board Meeting

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HIRE A FULL-TIME SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

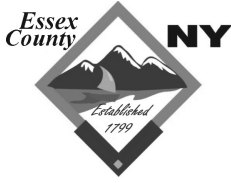
The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Merrihew, who moved its adoption.

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**, the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Essex County Health Department to hire a full-time Speech Pathologist, in the Health Department, at a salary of \$62,800.00 plus fringe benefits, from state grant and budgeted funds.

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

**AYES: 2830 votes**  
**NOES: 0 votes**  
**ABSENT: 23 votes (DeZalia)**



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 261**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY OFFICE  
FOR THE AGING TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE  
2023-2024 ANNUAL UPDATE TO BE HELD ON  
OCTOBER 26, 2022 AT 1:00 P.M.  
AT THE TICONDEROGA ARMORY**

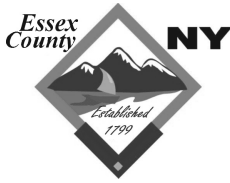
The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Monty, who moved its adoption.

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 Essex County Office for the Aging to hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., on the 2023-2024 Annual Update as required by the Older Americans Act and New York State Office for the Aging, to be held at the Ticonderoga Armory.

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





# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 262**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND  
CONGRATULATIONS TO  
CAROL HABER  
AS BEING RECOGNIZED BY  
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING  
FOR HER VOLUNTEERISM**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Wood, 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**, as part of Older Americans Month, the New York State Office for the Aging celebrates older adults in New York during their “Older New Yorker’s Day” celebration for older volunteers who provide critical services for our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, active volunteering promotes healthy aging by decreasing social isolation and the likelihood of depression; lowering the rate of chronic illnesses and increasing life expectancy; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Haber, a resident of the Town of Elizabethtown was recently honored and recognized at “Older New Yorker’s Day” as an older adult who has contributed back to her community and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Haber loves to spend her time volunteering at the Adirondack History Museum where she is in charge of updating the online blog “From the Archives: A Look Back on Essex County”, she also handles reception at the museum during the summer season and lends a hand in arranging the museum’s film showings, applying her great interest in historical research; and

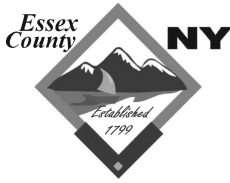
**WHEREAS**, Carol Haber has volunteered at the Elizabethtown Community Food Shelf for 15 years helping with the distribution of goods to community members and also takes care of daily mail handling, banking, reporting and the ordering of products when requested.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Carol Haber on being recognized by the New York State Office for the Aging during Older New Yorker’s Day Celebration for her many years of volunteerism and for her

dedication and service and extends its sincere gratitude, appreciation and congratulations;  
and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby directs its Clerk of the Board to forward a suitably embossed copy of this Resolution to Carol Haber.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 263**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND  
CONGRATULATIONS TO  
KATHLEEN DEGUILME  
AS BEING RECOGNIZED BY  
NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING  
FOR HER VOLUNTEERISM**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor McNally, 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**, as part of Older Americans Month, the New York State Office for the Aging celebrates older adults in New York during their “Older New Yorker’s Day” celebration for older volunteers who provide critical services for our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, active volunteering promotes healthy aging by decreasing social isolation and the likelihood of depression; lowering the rate of chronic illnesses and increasing life expectancy; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen DeGuilme, a resident of the Town of Minerva was recently honored and recognized at “Older New Yorker’s Day” as an older adult who has contributed back to her community and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen DeGuilme works tirelessly as Manager of the Minerva Food Pantry, the pantry serves 20-30 families in Minerva and 20 families in Newcomb. During the pandemic, Kathleen enlisted younger individuals to help out as a safety precaution when older volunteers were sent home; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen DeGuilme has been a member of the Minerva Service Organization since 2010, this organization aims to provide charitable, cultural and educational services to enhance the quality of life in the Minerva community.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Kathleen DeGuilme on being recognized by the New York State Office for the Aging during Older New Yorker’s Day Celebration for her many years of volunteerism and for her dedication and service and extends its sincere gratitude, appreciation and

congratulations; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby directs its Clerk of the Board to forward a suitably embossed copy of this Resolution to Kathleen DeGuilme.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 264**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGING THE GRADE FOR  
BOARD OF ELECTION AIDES FROM GRADE 4 TO UNGRADED  
AND SETTING THE SALARY FOR AN ELECTION AIDE  
AT \$22.75 PER HOUR AND CHANGE THE BOARD OF  
ELECTIONS POLL WORKERS SALARY FROM \$13.80 PER HOUR  
TO \$18.75 PER HOUR**

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

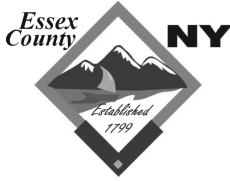
Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, with the approval of the Ways & Means Committee of this Body, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Board of Elections to change the Grade for an Election Aide from Grade 4 to Ungraded, and setting the salary for an Election Aide at \$22.75 per hour, from budgeted funds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Elections is further authorized to change the Poll Worker salary from \$13.80 per hour to \$18.75 per hour, from budgeted funds.

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

**AYES: 2830 votes**  
**NOES: 0 votes**  
**ABSENT: 23 votes (DeZalia)**



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 265**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PROPOSED COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH COUNTRY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND  
THE NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CIVIL SERVICE  
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA) LOCAL 1000  
FOR THE NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNIT 6810  
AND ESSEX COUNTY LOCAL 816, FOR THE TERM  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Wilson, 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**, North Country Community College Board of Trustees has reached an accord with the North Country Community College Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) on a proposed contract, effective September 1, 2022 and continuing in effect through August 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, as a sponsoring County of North Country Community College, Essex County is required to ratify proposed contracts before they can be implemented.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies the proposed contract between North Country Community College and the North Country Community College Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) for the contract term September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025.

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

**AYES: 2830 votes**  
**NOES: 0 votes**  
**ABSENT: 23 votes (DeZalia)**



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 266**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ESSEX COUNTY CORNELL  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ON HOSTING THE  
SUCCESSFUL ADIRONDACK HARVEST FESTIVAL AT THE  
WESTPORT FAIRGROUNDS ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**

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

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

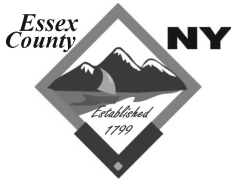
**WHEREAS**, Essex County Cornell Cooperative Extension hosted the Adirondack Harvest Festival at the Westport Fairgrounds on September 24, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Festival had several participating vendors including, but not limited to, music, food, horse-drawn wagon rides and educational displays; and

**WHEREAS**, this event was very well attended which is making this a very popular September function.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors, Clerk of the Board, County Manager and County Attorney congratulate the Essex County Cornell Cooperative Extension and hosting the highly successful Adirondack Harvest Festival on September 24, 2022, and making many people looking forward to this Festival for many years to come.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and duly adopted.



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 267**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

## **RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF**

### **MAX THWAITS, III**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Max Thwaits, III of AuSable Forks, New York passed away unexpectedly, and too soon, on September 19, 2022, surrounded by his loving family; and

**WHEREAS**, Max was born on August 4, 1982, the son of Max Thwaits, Jr. and Cheryl Saltmarsh; and

**WHEREAS**, Max graduated from AuSable Valley Central School in 2001 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he was deployed on the aircraft carrier, USS Theodore Roosevelt, and was honorably discharged in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Max dedicated his life to serving his community, beginning at the age of 14 and following in his father's footsteps, he joined the Jay Fire Department and the AuSable Forks Volunteer Ambulance Service in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Max took on leadership roles during his service to both agencies as Board President, Assistant Chief and Chief; and

**WHEREAS**, Max began his career with Essex County Emergency Services in March of 2007, as a Public Safety Dispatcher; while working as a dispatcher, he earned his bachelor's degree in Human Services with a concentration in Emergency Management; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2019, Max was promoted to Deputy Director of Emergency Services (Car 2); and in 2021, became Director of Emergency Services (Car 1); and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure with Essex County, Max completed numerous hours of training to become a County Fire Investigator/Coordinator and Intelligence Liaison Officer; and



**WHEREAS**, Max went about the work of protecting the residents and visitors to Essex County through his work with the Essex County Emergency Services Department, providing invaluable knowledge and instruction to residents, nearby counties and the townships and villages within Essex County; and

**WHEREAS**, his breadth of knowledge, his quiet yet strong presence will be missed at Essex County and in the Public Safety Community; and

**WHEREAS**, Essex County and the North Country has suffered a great loss with Max's death; and

**WHEREAS**, Max loved nature and was an avid sportsman, and enjoyed hunting and fishing trips with his father and brothers, packing up the camper and take a relaxing trip to the lake with Lori, or staying home and spending quality time with his granddaughters; and

**WHEREAS**, Max's legacy will be framed by the work he has done and the lives he has touched; and

**WHEREAS**, Max is survived by his father and step-mother, Max Thwaits, Jr. and Beth Thwaits, his mother, Cheryle Saltmarsh, his brothers, Travis Thwaits (Kallie) and Michael Thwaits, his nephew, Jayden Thwaits; his grandparents, Roger and June Nelson and Mary Coolidge; and

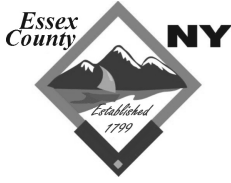
**WHEREAS**, Max is also survived by his long-time companion, Lori Kilburn, her children, Melissa (Brian) Stoddard, Tyler Kilburn (Gillian Knight) and his granddaughters, Brynn and Myla; and by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins; and

**WHEREAS**, Max was a loyal and devoted son, loving companion, brother, grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend who will be sorely missed but not 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 Max Thwaits, III; 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 Thwaits family.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. 268

October 3, 2022  
Regular Board Meeting

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MOUNTAIN LAKE SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR EMPIRE STATE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVE (ESSHI)

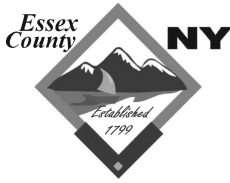
The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Monty, who moved its adoption.

Upon the recommendation 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 supports Mountain Lake Services and their endeavor to secure funding for the building of residential apartment buildings for their residents in Essex County from Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman or County Manager are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents for the ESSHI Request for Proposal funding application.

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



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 269**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

## **RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2022**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby introduces proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2022: A local law to adopt amendments to the New York State Open Meetings Law for the expanded use of videoconferencing in Essex County, as follows:

### **"ESSEX COUNTY LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2022**

A local law to adopt amendments to the New York State Open Meetings Law for the expanded use of videoconferencing in Essex County.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Essex County as follows:

**§1. Title.**

This local law shall be titled, "A Local Law to Adopt Amendments to the New York State Open Meetings Law for the expanded use of videoconferencing in the County of Essex".

**§2. Purpose and Intent.**

The purpose of this law is to authorize Essex County to allow for expansion of the use of videoconferencing to conduct open meetings.

**§3. Authority.**

This local law is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law. On April 9, 2022, Governor Hochul signed an amendment to the Open Meetings Law to allow, until the expiration date of July 1, 2024, the expanded use of videoconferencing by public bodies in the conduct of open meetings, under extraordinary circumstances, regardless of a declaration of emergency. In order to continue meeting virtually, counties must adopt a local law to opt in.

**§4. Authorization.**

The County of Essex hereby authorizes the use of videoconferencing for all public bodies of the County of Essex, including itself and its committees and

subcommittees, and all Boards of the County of Essex, subject to the written procedure set forth below which may be amended by resolution.

**§5. Conditions.**

- a) A quorum of members of the public body must be physically present in the same physical location or locations, where members of the public may attend, to fulfil any quorum requirements to which said public body is subject.
- b) These procedures shall be conspicuously posted on the County's website.
- c) Members of the Board shall be physically present at meetings, unless allowed remote attendance at locations that do not allow for in-person physical attendance by the public, under extraordinary circumstances.
- d) The list of extraordinary circumstances is non-exhaustive, but shall include illness, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member's physical attendance at such meeting. The following shall not be deemed as extraordinary circumstances: vacation or delayed travel.
- e) Members shall provide notice of their inability to attend a meeting to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at least 24 hours prior to the meeting or as soon as reasonably able.
- f) The Committee Chairs, when available, shall retain discretion over permitted extraordinary circumstances for their Committee, pursuant to Section 2(d) of this local law.
- g) The Chairperson of the Board shall retain discretion over permitted extraordinary circumstances for the Board and for Committee meetings when that Chair is unavailable, pursuant to Section 2(d) of this local law.
- h) Members allowed to appear remotely shall leave their video camera on at all times during the meeting unless excused by the Chairperson.
- i) Rules for executive session shall still apply, and members shall not permit any unauthorized persons to listen to or overhear any executive session discussion.
- j) It is understood that members permitted to attend a a location that does not allow for in-person physical attendance by the public will not count toward a quorum. Only members present at a physical location which allows for in-person attendance by the public will count toward a quorum.
- k) Any members of the public attending a meeting must be able to hear, see and identify any member of the public body who is attending remotely while the meeting is being conducted.
- l) Meetings conducted using videoconferencing shall be recorded and those recordings shall be posted or linked within five (5) business days of the meeting on the County website and maintained for five (5) years thereafter. Recordings shall be transcribed upon request.

- m) In those meetings where videoconferencing is used the public shall be able to view the meeting via video and participate in the proceedings via videoconference in real time where public participation is authorized.
- n) The Essex County Board of Supervisors may hold fully remote meetings, and in-person participation requirements of the Law shall not apply, during: a state disaster emergency declared by the governor pursuant to Section 28 of the Executive Law, or a local state of emergency proclaimed by the chief executive of a county, city, village, or town pursuant to Section 24 of the Executive Law, if the Board determines that the circumstances necessitating the emergency declaration would affect or impair the ability of the Board to hold an in-person meeting.
- o) If videoconferencing is used to conduct a meeting, the public notice for the meeting shall inform the public that videoconferencing will be used, where the required documents and records will be posted or available, where members of the public can view and/or participate in such meeting via videoconference and identify the physical locations where members of the Board of Supervisors will be physically present at the meeting and where members of the public can attend the meeting in person.
- p) If videoconferencing is used to conduct a meeting, members of the public shall be allowed to view the video broadcast of any meeting using videoconferencing simultaneously when the meeting is conducted. Additionally, at meetings where public comment or participation is authorized by the County or Law, members of the public shall be allowed to participate in the proceedings using videoconference technology in real time and with the same opportunity for public participation or testimony as in-person participation or testimony.
- q) Open meetings of any public body that are broadcast or that use videoconferencing shall utilize technology to permit access by members of the public with disabilities consistent with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended, and corresponding guidelines.
- r) The minutes of the meetings involving videoconferencing must include which, if any members, participated remotely and must be made available to the public.

**§6. Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, subdivision or other party of this local law or its applications shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalidated or unconstitutional, proved that such judgment does not invalidate this local law or prohibit its administration, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or otherwise invalidate the remainder of this local law which shall remain in full force and effect.

**§7. Effective Date.**

This local law shall be effective immediately upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

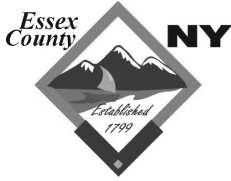
**§8. Expiration Date.**

This local law shall expire on July 1, 2024.

***AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Essex County Board of Supervisors shall hold and conduct a public hearing on the foregoing proposed local law on November 7, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. of that day, to hear any and all persons concerning the same.

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

**AYES:           2830 votes**  
**NOES:            0 votes**  
**ABSENT:        23 votes (DeZalia)**



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 270**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO RENEW THE LEASE  
AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM FINUCANE, ESQ.  
RELATIVE TO THE FINUCANE BUILDING LOCATED ON  
103 HAND AVENUE, ELIZABETHTOWN, NEW YORK FOR  
A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS**

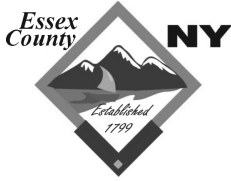
The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Stanley, who moved its adoption.

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 County Chairman or County Manager to execute a three (3) year lease renewal with William Finucane, Esq., relative to the Finucane Building located at 103 Hand Avenue, Elizabethtown, New York for a period of three (3) years beginning October 25, 2022, in the yearly amount of \$34,000.00 with 3% yearly increase for office space for the Public Defender, Conflict Defender, Assigned Counsel Administrator and any other County Agency which may appropriately be placed there.

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

**AYES: 2830 votes**  
**NOES: 0 votes**  
**ABSENT: 23 votes (DeZalia)**



# Essex County Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 271**

**October 3, 2022**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

## **RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANGIE ALLEN AS COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Wilson, 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 appoints Angie Allen as Commissioner of the Department of Social Services beginning January 1, 2023.

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

**AYES: 2726 votes**  
**NOES: 0 votes**  
**ABSENT: 23 votes (DeZalia)**  
**ABSTAIN: 104 votes (Monty)**