REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 6, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.

Stephen McNally, Chairperson
Matthew Brassard, Vice-Chairperson

Chairman McNally called this Regular Board meeting to order at 10:00 am with the following Supervisors in attendance: Clayton Barber, Matthew Brassard, Timothy Follos, Kenneth Hughes, Mary Lamphear, Tracie McGill, Steve McNally, Clayton Menser, James O'Bryan, Timothy Pierce, Richard Preston, Cathleen Reusser, Matthew Stanley, Davina Thurston, Michael Tyler, Joe Pete Wilson and Meg Wood. Chris Clark was excused.

Department Heads present: Linda Beers, Laura Carson, Michael Diskin, James Dougan, Judy Garrison, Roy Holzer, Mary McGowan, Mike Mascarenas, David Reynolds and Terri Morse.

Also present: Emily Moosman – Community Engagement Coordinator Commercial Tobacco Use Reduction Network and William Tansey.

MCNALLY: I will call this monthly meeting to order. We have already done the pledge. Roll call please. Wonderful, thank you. Good morning this morning we have a guest speaker Emily Moosman Community Engagement Coordinator Commercial Tobacco Use Reduction Network.

MOOSMAN: Good afternoon. Thank you for bringing me and allowing me to speak today. My name is Emily Moosman and I am the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Commercial Tobacco Use Reduction Network. C-TURN is a regional public health program serving Clinton, Franklin and Essex County.
I am here to provide a brief overview of what we're currently seeing for Essex County related to the tobacco retail environment and the evolving vape product landscape. Across the region, vaping products have changed significantly. Over the past few years while traditional cigarettes have declined the market is rapidly shifting towards disposal electronic nicotine devices. These products are high nicotine product concentration, inexpensive and heavily marketed that is designed for convenience and rapid consumption. As a result, communities are experiencing a very different tobacco environment than five years ago. Since January, C-TURN has document approximately 150 devices collected through the community and schools in this region. Of the 118 devices confirmed contained nicotine, none were flavors legal in New York State this indicates a significant portion of the product circulating locally are entering communities outside the regulatory channels and another important trend is product design more than 93% of these devices collected were single use disposal vapes. These products often contain extremely high nicotine concentrations along with large, liquid capacities some devices contain nicotine amounts equivalent to dozens and even thousands of cigarettes within a single unit this represents a substantial change in how nicotine products are manufactured, sold and consumed. The retail environment plays an important role in how these products circulate. Essex County has a high concentration of tobacco retailers for everyone major grocery store in the county, there's six tobacco retailers that density matters. Research consistently shows that higher retailers can lead to higher smoking rates. Greater difficulty quitting and increased experimentation in other words, visibility and accessibility of these products shape community norms over time. We are observing shifts on how products are sold. Many illicit devices are not displayed openly but behind the counters or in back rooms provided only upon request local environmental health enforcement agencies often face limitations in their ability to search storage areas or confiscate products allowing illegal inventory to remain available for sale at the same time manufactures continue to

introduce nicotine analog products, lab created chemicals designed to mimic nicotine's affects without navigating around existing regulatory definitions. Beyond public health consideration is these products are also creating an emergent environmental operational challenge disposable vapes contain lithium batteries plastic and chemical waste components that cannot be separated or processed through normal municipal waste systems. What began as a tobacco issue is an increasingly becoming an environmental management issue as well. To put it in perspective there is an estimated 5.7 vapes are thrown away every second in the United States and there are currently no wide available standardized solutions for disposing of these products. These devices are collecting locally are part of a large issue when these vapes enter our waste system they pose a real risk including fires and waste in recycled facilities due do the lithium batteries in addition long term environmental impacts of plastic and hazardous materials. We are actively working with local partners to explore potential solutions for vape waste but at this time, most facilities in our region are not able to accept these devices on their own due to the combination of hazardous and electronic waste components this creates an ongoing challenge for municipalities, waste management systems and the environment. I want to be clear, my purpose this morning is not to recommend a specific policy or action rather just to share observations from the regional landscape so our county leadership like yourself has awareness how quickly this marketplace is evolving and how it is affecting this community and our schools and local infrastructure. C-TURN's role is to serve as a resource. We provide regional examples, education and technical assistance when requested. We value collaboration with local Government as we navigate this emergent issue. Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to the health and well-being of Essex County residents. I appreciate the opportunity to share this information and to provide information or to answer any questions in the future you may have. Thank you.

MCNALLY: Thank you. Anybody have any comments?

HUGHES: Hi Emily. Good morning. Thank you so much for your presentation.

MOOSMAN: Thank you.

HUGHES: Absolutely. So, I've been in Government for a little while and I find that Government either moves at the speed of light when we absolutely need something to be done or it moves at the speed of a glacier and I feel that probably on this issue Government at the local level or the State level or maybe even the Federal level probably is moving at the speed of a glacier. So, I see a lot of different issues on your very informative and colorful graphic which is very helpful to us, we are the board of health and that is very helpful for us to understand what the topics are that concern you. My question is because there's so many different issues when it comes to enforcement, when it comes to recycling, when it comes to use, when it comes to children using it, teenagers using it etc. my question is what is happening, can you educate us on what's happening either at the state level because this is not just an Essex County problem, it's not just a North Country problem it's a New York State issue and probably a United States issue. Can you tell us what's happening at the New York State level to help educate our legislators on these topics and what's happening at the state level that maybe in the future we could jump on board with it to support their efforts as well?

MOOSMAN: Absolutely so we've had some discussions with the DEC recently. It is an emergent issue, it has been. These products have been out for ten years but for the DEC this is still a very new issue and so they are working with a PILOT program that is more on a research method right now finding solutions for vape waste and I hope they can find some solutions but it's a giant kind of research discussion and that's their biggest push forward right now is working with this PILOT

program. As far as the illicit on the market it is illegal to have in New York State so I feel that is a great move on New York State on the state level and as far as local, it's more of enforcement issues that could be a better solution and we've seen it used in other communities so enforcement and then on top of that I think Federally maybe observing how internet practices are because we know some of our younger consumers have accessed these products through TikTok and got them mailed straight to their house so looking at how these products enter your community, working with the DEC for solutions and then I have on the back of there some solutions that other communities have used like EPR laws like you said, glacier slow but down the line it would be nice and effective for us.

HUGHES: Our local public health department is hot on this and brings us topics and information on what they are doing so it's great to know that you have a great ally there plus what we can do here I think it's really great so thank you so much.

MOOSMAN: Thank you.

REUSSER: The health risks associated with the use of vaping how much do discuss that with parents, students and in line with tobacco standard old cigarette what are we doing there?

MOOSMAN: We do go into schools and educate the students about the health risk. It is a new product out there so we do not know the long-term effects but we can tell them what is happening in their brain with this chemical. How it can cause, it does not help their anxiety and stress despite what the tobacco industry might try and push so mental health wise we can tell them what it effects and the short-term health effect but as far as long term we do not have that information yet.

REUSSER: I will tell you in my contact with some parents at the Boquet Valley School you guys are the ones that promoted it at our school locally, it's working. I'm hearing that.

MOOSMAN: There's a lot of great programs out there for prevention so we are just a partner in the arm but it's great to hear.

MCNALLY: Anybody else? I just have a comment you know, we started with this Tobacco 21 and this is really a lot of the reason why we are in this vaping mode. We took something that was out in the open that you could see kids smoking and you could smell kids smoking and we put it underground now with this vaping and we're chasing something we may never catch up to but there's no reason not to try but I think a lot of this is born from this stigma of cigarettes so the problem still exists with the nicotine but I think Tobacco 21 is maybe one of the largest causes to this.

MOOSMAN: Can I have one more follow up comment to this. I also want to state just briefly the power of tobacco retail licensing can really effect and help take down and some of them can have a positive effect against the vaping rights and smoking rights in our area so I really encourage you guys to look at other communities that use tobacco retailers vaping laws.

MCNALLY: Anybody else? Well, thank you very much. Okay, let's start with resolutions please.

RESOLUTION #53 – ACCEPTING AND PLACING ON FILE THE 2025 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ANNUAL REPORT.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Barber and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

RESOLUTION #54 – AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Tyler and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

MCNALLY: Questions, concerns?

HUGHES: Mr. Chairman question, I note the word convent with the training schools on the first page is that the right word? Convent? I did not expect to see that in this resolution.

GARRISON: I think it is short for convention.

HUGHES: Okay, thank you.

MCNALLY: Roll call please.

RESOLUTION #55 – RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNCIATIONS WEEK AS APRIL 12-18, 2026.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Preston, unanimously seconded, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #56 – CONGRATULATING ESSEX COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR BEING AWARDED THE EMS 2026 GOLD MISSION LIFELINE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Stanley, unanimously seconded, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #57 – AUTHORIZING A CHANGE TO THE ESSEX COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT'S OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 20 – NOVEMBER 19 TO MAY 1- MAY30.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Brassard, seconded by Mr. Pierce, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #58 – INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2026, AMENDING LOCAL LAW #1 OF 1965, ESSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Tyler and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

MCNALLY: Questions, concerns?

TANSEY: If I may, page 2 it's that first paragraph right on top the first word is vacancies should be, the last sentence should be, *may be reappointed*. I put a corrected page on your desk. May be reappointed and that's the only change.

GARRISON: And we set the public hearing date to Monday, May 4, 2026, at 9:45 a.m.

MCNALLY: Roll call please.

RESOLUTION #59 – OF APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE/PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – JULIE TROMBLEY – CHAIRMAN, DEREK DOTY AND MEGAN MURPHY.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Brassard, unanimously seconded, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #60 – AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED TO THE ESSEX COUNTY PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AND PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – JULIE ANDERSON, ANGIE ALLEN, RICHARD PRESTON, ASHLEIGH MACEY AND ANNA REYNOLDS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Barber, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #61 – ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE POLICES AND PROCEDURES AND QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT AND HOME HEALTH SERVICES FOR 1ST QUARTER OF 2026, WHICH WERE APPROVED BY THE PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC), PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PHAC) AND THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR ON MARCH 3, 2026.
This resolution was moved by Ms. Thurston, seconded by Mr. O'Bryan, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #62 – AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A MINI-GRANT FROM EXCELLUS FOR YEAR FIVE (5) OF WIC-N-PICK.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Stanley, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

RESOLUTION #63 – AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO WRITE OFF $197,785.60 IN BAD DEBT.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Ms. McGill, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

RESOLUTION #64 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO IRONMAN LAKE PLACID FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY ROADWAYS FOR THE 2026 IRONMAN TRIATHLON RACE ON JULY 19, 2026.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Preston, unanimously seconded, and duly adopted.

GARRISON: Just a note, there is a typo on the whereas, it should be 2026 and the date should be July 19, 2026, which will be corrected for the final resolution to be certified.

RESOLUTION #65 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO LAKE PLACID MARATHON/LPM EVENTS, LLC FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY ROADWAYS FOR THE 2026 LAKE PLACID MARATHON EVENTS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Brassard, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #66 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO THE WILMINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ALLOWING USE OF COUNTY ROADWAYS FOR THE WILMINGTON WHITEFACE WHISKY 5K AND 10K RUN/RACE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026, IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON, UPON APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND WITH THE PROVISION OF INSURANCE.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Follos, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #67 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 295 OF DECEMBER 30, 2024, AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING OF THE COSTS OF 100% OF THE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, WHICH MAY BE ELIGIBE FOR FEDERAL-AID AND/OR STATE-AID, OR REIMBURSMENT FROM BRIDGE NY FUNDS (HURRICANE RD OVER SPRUCE HILL BROOK) FROM $792,000 TO $846,000.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Tyler, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

RESOLUTION #68 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD BIDS, ISSUE CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS OF PURCHASE ORDERS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Barber, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

RESOLUTION #69 – AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PARTICIPATING AND RELEASE FORM (RUBIS) TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION PER ADVICE OF COUNSEL.
This resolution was moved by Ms. Thurston, seconded by Mr. Menser, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

MCNALLY: Questions or concerns?

HUGHES: Advice of counsel, our local counsel or outside counsel?

TANSEY: Outside counsel.

HUGHES: Thank you.

MCNALLY: Roll call please.

RESOLUTION #70 – AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 41 OF MARCH 2, 2026, AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF SIX (6) PARCELS IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX TO THE ESSEX COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, ADDING THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) AND DETERMINING THAT THE PROJECT POSES NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Stanley, seconded by Mr. Follos, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

MCNALLY: Questions or concerns?

HUGHES: Do we need to add the six parcels to this resolution or is this just general was that done somewhere else and we are just authorizing it here or do we need to identify those six parcels in this resolution?

GARRISON: It was done in the previous resolution.

TANSEY: The previous resolution lists each of the parcels by tax map number, resolution no. 41 back in March.

HUGHES: Oh, okay that is fair. Thank you.

MASCARENAS: Right, this is the SEQRA.

HUGHES: This is the SEQRA for those six.

MCNALLY: Roll call please.

RESOLUTION #71 – APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY FOR SALE OR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED THROUGH IN-REM DELINQUENT TAX FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS TO LAND BANKS AND MUNICIPALITIES IN ESSEX COUNTY DATED DECEMBER 29, 2025.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Barber, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

RESOLUTION #72 – AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6625 MAIN STREET IN THE TOWN OF WESTPORT BEARING TAX MAP NUMBER 66.57-4-9000 FROM THE TAX AUCTION AND OFFER THE PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC SALE BY SEALED BIDS AND PLACE AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Stanley, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

MCNALLY: Questions, concerns?

STANLEY: Do we need to add to this – I know there was conversation at the last meeting do we need to add to this resolution to get an appraisal of this property at the same time?

TANSEY: I don't think. My discussions with Mr. Manning last week is he is going to do it as per the RPTL, Real Property Tax Law which may or may not include an appraisal. I think we are leaning towards doing an appraisal it is just the most conservative way of doing it.

STANLEY: But it doesn't need to be part of this resolution?

TANSEY: No, it does not. It will be part of the overall costs, the administrative costs to get rid of this property.

MCNALLY: Are you set Mr. Hughes?

HUGHES: I am set, yes.

MCNALLY: Roll call please.

RESOLUTION #73 – AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER'S OFFICE TO CLOSE OUT THE 2012 JAIL BOND BANK ACCOUNT AND MOVE $30,217.91 FROM EARNED INTEREST TO DEBT SERVICE.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Ms. McGill, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

RESOLUTIOIN #74 – AUTHORIZING A BUDGET TRANSFER OF THE FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF $498,649.35 TO THE GENERAL FUND TO CLOSE PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL FUND.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Barber, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

MCNALLY: Questions, concerns?

STANLEY: Mike, do you know the specifics on this?

MASCARENAS: I don't know the specifics on it I was out. Jimmy, do you know the specifics on this resolution?

DOUGAN: Yeah –

MASCARENAS: Could we give Jim courtesy of the floor.

MCNALLY: Courtesy of the floor to Mr. Dougan.

DOUGAN: There are some capital projects money had been set aside to fund capital projects and it's actually going back to the general fund. Projects are done, they are complete so it moves it back to the general fund. They have been moved to these long-term capital projects and go year by year by year. In the original request there were a list of different projects some of them

were DPW and some of them were other projects that were done by the county and it was money that was set aside and now it goes back to the general fund.

MASCARENAS: Yeah, so capital borrowed from general, housekeeping item.

STANLEY: Didn't we have another resolution where we are putting money back into a capital reserve?

MASCARENAS: We did.

DOUGAN: That was the budget amendment, the second resolution I think you did today.

MASCARENAS: Yeah, it was around $130,000.

STANLEY: Okay and that was from the Ag Building?

DOUGAN: I had two there, one was from the Ag Building in the amount of, about $130,000 and then there was a second one that was in the amount of $93,000, that was for the projects that were completed at Probation, the former Probation building and the public safety building that we didn't need all the funds.

MASCARENAS: That was resolution 54, it was the last one you can see the capital reserve was credited for $130,000 for funds moved out of building of $130,000 the very last one.

STANLEY: Do we want to take this opportunity to put this in a new capital reserve instead of just the general fund for more projects?

MASCARENAS: I'm going to come with a bigger plan in terms of that so we are still a little short in terms of our overall capital reserve accounts in terms of numbers of accounts, what we need so I prefer that right now that this goes back into general you know what you're whole dollar amounts are and when you're taking money radio is still a missing link in terms of general, IT is still a missing link or capital I apologize so while we've done a really good job in setting up accounts for bridges, roads, buildings we now need to focus on those other long term assets that we frankly haven't done a very good job of focusing on and we have the opportunity to so right now I think we are set with the buildings for what we need for right now we are close and I think we want to look at it as a bigger picture item and not just push it all into one without understanding needs in other areas but thank you for thinking that way. I really appreciate it because we do need to think that way.

MCNALLY: Okay anybody else have anything to add? If not, roll call please.

RESOLUTION #75 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 37 OF MARCH 2, 2026 TO AUTHORIZE A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,075.73 TRANSFERRED FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO COVER THE CONTRACT WITH BLACK CREEK FOR AN UPGRADE OF MAXXESS CARD ACCESS SOFTWARE.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Hughes, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes

ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

RESOLUTION #76 – RECOGNIZING LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES OF ESSEX COUNTY.
This resolution was moved by Ms. Reusser, unanimously seconded, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION #77 – AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT #382-HI343-25 FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND THE EXECUTION OF A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH NORTH COUNTRY RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stanley, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

RESOLUTION #78 – AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT #382-HR339-25 FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND THE EXECUTION OF A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH NORTH COUNTRY RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Pierce, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

MCNALLY: Comments, questions on this? I just had one comment. I think it's imperative that every month we get a defined explanation on how this is being administered to the board. We've had some of these that have taken longer than they should and I think it's imperative that we get a good report from Rural Development every month.

TANSEY: We have a subrecipient agreement with them so we can insert that language if it's not already in there.

MCNALLY: I think we should at least get monthly reports.

STANLEY: They normally do this, report monthly to HCR anyways so we should just be able to be copied on that to make it easier.

MCNALLY: You know in the past, prior we've had problems getting the information and we sort of get left in the dark a little bit and this is a lot of money and I think it's our due diligence to pay attention to it.

HUGHES: Are you looking for that report outside of their economic development report?

MCNALLY: No.

HUGHES: I agree.

MCNALLY: You know sometimes we don't get a report and I think this is imperative that we do. Roll call please.

RESOLUTION #79 – AUTHORIZING THE ABANDONMENT OF THE FORGE LANE OVER THE BOQUET RIVER BRIDGE LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE HIGHWAY LAW SECTION 234.
This resolution was moved by Ms. Reusser, seconded by Mr. Pierce, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

RESOLUTION #80 – OF CONGRATULATIONS TO MORIAH CENTRAL SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM UPON WINNING SECTION VII, CLASS C CHAMPIONSHIP.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Brassard, unanimously seconded, and duly adopted.

GARRISON: Resolutions from the floor.

RESOLUTION #81 – SETTING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026, AT 11:30 A.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #1.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Stanley, seconded by Ms. Thurston, and duly adopted.

MCNALLY: Do I have twelve to allow that on the floor?

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

RESOLUTION # 82 – ADOPTING PROPOSED LOCAL NO. 2 OF 2026, ENTITLED, "ESSEX COUNTY ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX LAW" CONTINUING THE IMPOSITION OF A HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Stanley, seconded by Mr. Tyler, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

MCNALLY: Do I have twelve to allow that on the floor?

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

MCNALLY: Questions, concerns?

HUGHES: Mr. Tansey, I brought potential questions and modifications to Mr. Manning.

TANSEY: Those changes were made and implemented in here.

HUGHES: Awesome. Thank you very much.

MCNALLY: Roll call please.

RESOLUTION #83 – APPOINTING KATHLEEN BARLOW TO THE CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO FILL THE EXPIRED SEAT OF

CHRISTOPHER DRENNAN ON DECEMBER 31, 2024, FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hughes, and duly adopted.

MCNALLY: Do I have twelve to allow that on the floor?

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

MCNALLY: Questions or concerns?

MENSER: January 2025? Is that correct?

GARRISON: Yes, because the seat expired in December 2024.

MENSER: We are retroactively appointing?

MCNALLY: Yes, it looks like they had a vacancy.

HUGHES: If this is Christopher Drennan of Essex, I don't know if that is the same Christopher Drennan or not but he passed away unexpected which is why the vacancy is such.

GARRISON: Thank you.

MCNALLY: All in favor, opposed – carried.

RESOLUTION #84 – APPOINTING RENEE BRUNO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE FOR ESSEX COUNTY DSS, AS THE ESSEX COUNTY FAIR HOUSING OFFICER.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stanley, and duly adopted.

MCNALLY: Do I have twelve to allow that on the floor?

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

TANSEY: I want to thank Renee for taking this job. She signed up, raised her hand on Friday. This is part of our community development block grants, fair housing they really want us to step up and have an assigned person training website and Renee raised her hand so thank you Renee.

MCNALLY: All in favor, opposed – carried. Thank you Renee.
We have a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week.
Whereas, the week of April 6, 2026 recognizes National Public Health Week.
Whereas, the theme for National Public Health Week in 2026 is "Ready, Set, Action!" calling on each of us to look back at the progress we've made and to look forward to the steps needed for a healthier future;
Whereas, for more than 150 years, public health has reshaped what's possible in the United States – adding decades of life expectancy and dramatically improving quality of life;
Whereas, the goal of National Public Health Week in 2026 is to emphasize that good health doesn't just happen, it is the result of systems, science, community partnerships, and advocates – with the public always at the forefront of every action; and

Whereas, the Essex County Health Department continues to fulfill its mission to prevent disease, promote health, and protect life by fostering conditions within our communities that enable all people to be healthy.
Be it Resolved, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors – supports the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week 2026, observes this week in order to help our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders recognize the contribution of scientists, local, county, and state legislators, community groups and public health workers; and encourages continual vigilance to promote health and well-being for all.

MCNALLY: Do I have twelve to allow that on the floor?

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

RESOLUTION #85 – RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK AS APRIL 6-10, 2026.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Preston, unanimously seconded, and duly adopted.

MCNALLY: We need to go into executive session for legal advice. Moved by Ms. Reusser and seconded by Mr. Hughes. All in favor, opposed – carried.

THE COMMITTEE MOVED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:45 A.M.
TO DISCUSS LEGAL ADVICE ON A LITIGATION SETTLEMENT
AND MOVED BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:07 A.M.

MCNALLY: Motion to come out of executive session, moved by Mr. Tyler second by Mr. Barber. All in favor. We are back in session at 11:07 a.m. No decisions were made. We have a resolution from the floor.

RESOLUTION #86 – APPOINTING LINDA WOLF AS TEMPORARY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2026.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. O'Bryan, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2830 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 23 votes (Clark)

MCNALLY: Do I have twelve to allow that on the floor?

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

MCNALLY: Questions, concerns? Roll call please. Anything else to come before this board?

MENSER: Early last month I submitted a request to different school students to submit essays to the Essex County Leathernecks in order to compete in a contest. I also sent those out by email to the schools. I know that some of you have gotten these and provided them to the schools. The email that I sent out evidently there is a failure in my system because I asked all the schools to respond saying they received it and I have gotten zero response. Crown Point and Moriah I have taken these to them myself and they said, no we didn't receive the emails. I appreciate if you would take these to your schools and ask them to send an email to me saying they received it

because we do want to make sure every town in the county has the opportunity to compete with four, five-hundred-dollar prizes.

BRASSARD: Mr. Menser I know for a fact the students at Moriah got it.

MENSER: I took it there myself.

BRASSARD: My son, I told him to go to the guidance office and get all the scholarships he could write for college and this was one he can write. Seniors at Moriah definitely do have it.

MENSER: I definitely took it myself to Moriah. I have taken it to Crown Point. I was going to take it to Ticonderoga but I'm sure Mr. O'Bryan will take care of it. I'd like the schools to actually send an email saying they do have it.

TYLER: Who declares who wins the contest?

MENSER: What happens with these is all the essays come to me once I receive them I number them, date and time when I received it and then I make a copy of it, I remove all the identifications from the copy as to the town, the person who wrote it, the individual person it is written about so when you read it you can't tell where it came from unless that student is your son, daughter or grandchild or something like that, that's the only way we can really determine who it is if somebody knows that child directly all of our members get copies of the blanked out letters and they vote and whoever wins we have four students win all that information comes back to me and then I identify who the students actually are. We have had situations where one year Ticonderoga had three students that won. We had a year where Moriah had three students that won and we've had students from Schroon Lake win, Crown Point won, several towns, Keeseville won it one year so we do get this out amongst the schools but that was when the email system was working well right now it doesn't appear to be working well so that's why I am encouraging supervisors to actually go to the schools, give it to either the superintendent or the high school guidance counselor and have them email me a short yes, we received it so we know that the students are getting it.

MCNALLY: Alright thank you.

LAMPHEAR: I just wanted to follow up on the letter I sent to everyone a couple weeks ago and I'd like to get a resolution from this board to authorize support for the joint advocacy for New York State to establish a legal pathway for the transfer of long-vacant, state-owned residential properties within the Adirondack Park for local housing purposes.

MCNALLY: Do I have twelve to allow that on the floor?

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

RESOLUTION #87 – SUPPORTING A JOINT ADVOCACY EFFORT URGING NEW YORK STATE TO ESTABLISH A LEGAL PATHWAY FOR THE TRANSFER OF LONG-VACANT, STATE-OWNED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE ADIRONDACK PARK FOR LOCAL HOUSING PURPOSES.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Barber, and duly adopted.

MCNALLY: Questions, concerns, comments? I think this is an issue throughout the entire park. The state has properties and they do nothing with them.

HUGHES: Good for you for taking this on.

FOLLOS: I agree with Ken, thank you.

MCNALLY: All in favor, opposed – carried. Anything else form this body? I just have one comment, I know everyone is busy when they come up here on Mondays but make sure when you come up here take a couple extra minutes and look at what's being done to these facilities. You know, from small things to the lunch room back here behind our office to the old probation building that is being built there is a lot of thought and effort going into this and a lot of this is done by the planning of Mike and Jimmy but a lot of county employees are doing a lot of the work and they are doing fantastic work and so if we're not moving forward, we are moving backwards and I think it's worth taking an extra five minutes someday to look at what we are getting accomplished up here. With that being said, motion to adjourn.

As there was no further discussion to come before this Regular Board meeting it was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Garrison, Clerk
Board of Supervisors