REGULAR BOARD
Tuesday, June 2, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.

Stephen McNally, Chairperson
Matthew Brassard, Vice-Chairperson

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

Department Heads present: Laura Carson, Michael Diskin, James Dougan, Josh Favro, Judy Garrison, Dan Manning, David Reynolds, Heather Sheehan and Mike Mascarenas.

Also present: William Tansey, Michael LaVallie and Lindsey Java.

MCNALLY: I call the regular board meeting to order please. Please salute the flag. Roll call please. Thank you. Good morning. We'll move to resolutions please.

RESOLUTION NO. 115 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD BIDS, ISSUE CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS OR PURCHASE ORDERS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Barber, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2548 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 305 votes (Stanley, Pierce)

RESOLUTION NO. 116 – AUTHORIZING VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANTS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. McGill, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2548 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 305 votes (Stanley, Pierce)

RESOLUTION NO. 117 – AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ESSEX COUNTY AS LESSOR AND NEW YORK RSA 2 CELLULAR PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS FOR THE BELFRY MOUNTAIN TOWER SITE AMENDING THE LEASE AGREEMENT TO MODIFY THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES AND REPLACE THE CURRENT EXHIBIT A AND EXHIBIT B WITH AN UPDATEED EXHIBIT A AND EXHIBIT B.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Tyler, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2548 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 305 votes (Stanley, Pierce)

RESOLUTION NO. 118 – AUTHORIZING DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE WORK SITE AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES, NON-PROFIT

ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS FOR OPERATING THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Brassard, seconded by Ms. Thurston, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 119 – PROCLAIMING MAY 2026 AS "MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" IN ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Brassard, seconded by Mr. Tyler, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 120 – AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Brassard, seconded by Mr. Tyler, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2749 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 104 votes (Pierce)

RESOLUTION NO. 121 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. MARY HALLORAN TO THE ESSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EFFECTIVE APRIL 8, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2029.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. O'Bryan, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 122 – OF APPRECIATION TO THE ESSEX COUNTY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS STAFF.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Tyler, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 123 – AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Tyler, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2749 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 104 votes (Pierce)

RESOLUTION NO. 124 – IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING THE NEW YORK HIRING FOR EMERGENCY LIMITED PLACEMENT STATEWIDE (NY HELPS) PROGRAM IN ESSEX COUNTY.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Stanley, seconded by Ms. Reusser, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 125 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNE PAULSON AS A TRUSTEE OF THE CLINTON-ESSEX-FRANKLIN LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR A TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2029.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Tyler, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 126 – AUTHORIZING A BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $74,494.47 FUND BALANCE (TAHAWUS OVER SANFORD LAKE PROJECT)TO THE COUNTY ROAD PROJECT.
This resolution was moved by Mr. O'Bryan, seconded by Ms. Thurston, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2749 votes
NOES: 0 votes

ABSENT: 104 votes (Pierce)

RESOLUTION NO. 127 – AUTHORIZING A BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $34,097.05 FUND BALANCE (INTERBROOK OVER JOHN'S BROOK) AND $57,637.06 (UNALLOCATED BRIDGE) TOTAL $91,734.11, TO DEBT SERVICE.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Barber, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2749 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 104 votes (Pierce)

RESOLUTION NO. 128 – RECOGNIZING LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES OF ESSEX COUNTY.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Barber, seconded unanimously and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 129 – IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S9545 (FAHY) ASSEMBLY BILL A10231 (MCDONALD) AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDING THE RACING PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING AND BREEDING LAW TO DRIECT UNCLAIMED WINNINGS AND PARI-MUTEL TAX REVENUE TO PARTICIPATING CAPITAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATIONS TO COUNTIES.
This resolution was moved by Ms. Thurston, seconded by Ms. Reusser, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2749 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 104 votes (Pierce)

MCNALLY: Questions, concerns?

TYLER: Yes, can somebody explain this to me?

MCNALLY: Well what happens is this is, Bill Mcgahay brought this up to me, what happens is the state any unclaimed winning tickets from the OTB the state obtains the money for that as budgeted funds and what this would do is make it that those funds would come back to OTB, to the counties.

TYLER: The state needs the money.

MCNALLY: The state does need the money you're absolutely right.

STANLEY; This is one time that it actual comes back to us though Mr. Tyler.

MCNALLY: So this is probably not going anywhere. Let's pretend it is.

TYLER: Thank you.

MCNALLY: All in favor, opposed – carried.

GARRISON: That's all I have.

MCNALLY: Anything from the floor?

BARBER: Yes, I'd like to make a resolution of condolences to family of Henry Bennage. Henry passed away May 12, 2026, he was 94 years old and he grew up in Keeseville. Graduated from Keeseville Central School. He also served in the United States Navy in 1951 with an Honorable discharge in 1954. Henry enjoyed working at the Ausable Chasm. He was a meat cutter with Grand Union and Tops from 1956 until May 1993. He was also a Chesterfield Town Clerk for many years. He enjoyed reading and going to yearly reunions with his Navy family that served on the USS Stoddard. He was also a member of the Keeseville Elks 2072, VFW 1505 and the Champlain Valley Cruisers. Henry will always be remembered and forever in our hearts.

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

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

RESOLUTION NO. 130 - OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF HENRY BENNAGE.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Tyler, and duly adopted.

MCNALLY: Anything else from the floor? If not, I'd like to thank all that attended AATV we had some great presenters yesterday in Lake Placid. Also, I would like to thank Mr. Preston for golf outing he allowed us to have Sunday and there's going to be a really good presentation here next week from Jennifer Manierre she's from NYSERTA on the battery storage which I'm sure everyone's heard about.

STANLEY: Speaking of AATV yesterday, when NYAC was giving their report about the state budget I did ask about the firemen and ambulance worker increase in income tax credits. My understanding is it has passed or a bill has passed the assembly to the preset of $800 they mentioned it would probably worth it for us to contact our Senator to let him know that we support that increase. I think it's from $200 to $800 of income tax credit so I did reach out to Senator Stec to share my support. I'm wondering if we would like to create a resolution of support of Senate Bill 6790 just to show our support for the county to help move this forward through the Senate to hopefully be added on to the budget as now.

MCNALLY: Okay so that's a resolution Mr. Stanley. Do we have twelve to allow that on the floor?

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

RESOLUTION NO. 131 – IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S6233A (MARTINEZ) ASSEMBLY BILL A6790A AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDING TAX LAW AND REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW IN RELATION TO TAX CREDITS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Stanley, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and duly adopted.

MCNALLY: Questions, concerns? All in favor, opposed – carried.

STANLEY: Thank you.

MCNALLY: Anything else to come in front of this board. If not, we are adjourned.

As there was no further discussion to come before this regular board meeting it was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Garrison, Clerk
Board of Supervisors