REGULAR BOARD
Monday, July 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, Chris Clark, 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.

Department Heads present: Hannah Carson, James Dougan, Josh Favro, Judy Garrison, Roy Holzer, Mary McGowan, Dan Manning, David Reynolds and Mike Mascarenas.

Also present: William Tansey and Michael LaVallie.

MCNALLY: Please stand for the pledge. Good morning we will begin with roll call please. Good morning. It's nice to see a full board at the table today. Wonderful. We have no guests. Please begin resolutions.

RESOLUTION NO. 132 – AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND/OR COUNCILS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Barber, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 133 – AUTHORIZNG VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANTS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stanley, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2853 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes

RESOLUTION NO. 134 – AUTHORIZING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED PILOT AGREEMENT BY THE ESSEX COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY CHPE LLC., AND APPROVING A CERTAIN HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE SAME.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. O'Bryan and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2853 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes

MCNALLY: Questions, concerns?

STANLEY: I just know this is about the electric project that went down through Lake Champlain correct? So I did have some people reach out to me at my office because I Chair the Economic Development committee stating that we were hiding something with this resolution so I just want

to state for the record, that that is what this resolution is for essentially it's a PILOT program it's just another name for it so it does not effect our tax caps I just wanted that on record.

MCNALLY: Thank you. Anybody else? Roll call please.

RESOLUTION NO. 135 – AUTHORIZNG THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO WRITE-OFF $10,996.96, SELF-PAY PATIENT BAD DEBT FOR SERVICES IN 2024.
This resolution was moved by Ms. Reusser, seconded by Mr. Brassard, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2853 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes

RESOLUTION NO. 136 – AUTHORIZNG THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD BIDS, ISSUE CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS FOR PURCHASE ORDERS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Clark, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2853 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes

RESOLUTION NO. 137 – IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S7818 WHICH DESIGNATES THE POWERS OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COMMISSIONER TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS TO REMOVE A BARRIER THAT EXISTS WITH PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSES TO OVERDOSE DEATHS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. O'Bryan, seconded by Mr. Hughes, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 138 – ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PATIENT HEALTH SERVICES PLUS THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCY AND THE QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE 2ND QUARTER OF 2026, ALL OF WHICH WERE APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PHAC), PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) AND THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR ON JUNE 2,2026.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Brassard, seconded by Ms. Reusser, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 139 – AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Tyler, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2853 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes

RESOLUTION NO. 140 – AUTHORIZING THE ESSEX COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO GO OUT FOR BID/RFP FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Hughes, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 141 – AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Reusser, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2853 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes

RESOLUTION NO. 142 – RECOGNIZING LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES OF ESSEX COUNTY.
This resolution was moved by Ms. Thurston, seconded unanimously and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 143 – SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2026-2027 NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPERATING BUDGET (AUGUST 3, 2026 AT 9:30 A.M.)
This resolution was moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Tyler, and duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 144 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 120 OF JUNE 2, 2026, AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING, INCREASING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF $147,664.16, CARRYOVER OF UNEXPENDED 2025 UNMET NEEDS FUNDING.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Stanley, seconded by Ms. Reusser, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2853 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes

GARRISON: Resolutions from the floor. Everyone should have a copy.

RESOLUTION NO. 145 – AUTHORIZING AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ESSEX COUNTY PLANNING BOARD AND THE TOWN OF ESSEX TO STREAMLINE GML ARTICLE 239-M PROCESS.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Stanley, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2853 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes

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

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

MCNALLY: Thank you. Questions, concerns?

TYLER: Apparently I wasn't here when this was discussed can you just briefly explain what's going on here with this?

HUGHES: So I don't have the exact language in front of me for the MOU essentially in the Town of Essex we have very, very strict zoning laws and there are some actuals that partake in the Town of Essex that require 239-M process to come to this planning board body at the county and so we are looking to reduce some of the noosha and the bureaucracy that's been taking place between the two and remove some of the approvals here because of the specificity of some of those actions so for example, if somebody wants to put up a handrailing and it's viewable from a

public space they have to go through not only the town planning board but also get approved from here so we are looking to try and move and streamline some of those processes so those don't necessarily need to go through both planning board processes.

TYLER: Wow.

MCNALLY: Clear as mud. Roll call please.

TYLER: I would like to move a resolution please to approve the expenditures for the Essex County Fairgrounds at an amount not to exceed $25,000 for to contract with the Essex County Ag Society.

MCNALLY: Do we have twelve to allow it on the floor?

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

RESOLUTION NO. 146 – AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE ESSEX COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $25,000.00, FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND/OR BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS AT THE ESSEX COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN 2026.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Stanley, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2802 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 0 votes
ABSTAIN: 51 votes (Hughes)

MCNALLY: Questions, concerns?

MASCARENAS: Yeah, I can explain.

HUGHES: Just a restatement of that resolution.

MASCARENAS: I can explain what's going on here. Probably about a month ago Mr. Dougan and I were summoned down to the Essex County Fairgrounds for a couple of issues they were having and the fair is a little bit earlier this year. One of the issues was that the I'm going to call it gazebo that sits on the end of the grandstand for lack of a better term that allowed for handicap accessibility was unsafe. We removed that facility at the request of the Ag Society, we agreed that that facility was unsafe and the intern within a couple of weeks' time the fair was able to get some funding together and they are going to replace that with handicap accessible concrete pad that concrete pad will later be home to a pavilion that sits on top of it but that's not going to happen the pavilion part prior to the fair so they've been moving quickly. I told them we could not get approval prior to them deciding whether or not they had to commit to the project because our board meeting was today so that work has been happening, they've secured a significant amount of funding, the county did budget $25,000 for projects to happen at the fairgrounds so this isn't money that we didn't budget I'm just specifically asking you to allow us to commit to those projects that they take on from here on out, they will not be paid the $25,000 they will be paid the difference in the cost of the concrete for this specific project and then we'll move forward from there on any other projects that happen for the remainder of the year. So that's really what this is about so the resolution is to allow us to contract with the Essex County Ag Society in an amount not to exceed $25,000 for infrastructure and/or beautification projects that happen at the fairgrounds during

2026. Right now the concrete paid is going to be, our part is probably going to be less than $10,000 because they got a lot of funding from other places.

TYLER: They are also putting in handicap accessible to the grandstand out in front of that too, it's a pretty big project.

MASCARENSAS: Yes it is and they are coming pretty quickly.

MCNALLY: Anybody else on that topic? I saw this when it began in it's infancy this program and it's great that they are contributing towards the project. My only concern was that this project aligns in what we see as a vision for the fairgrounds ten years from now so that we are not building something today that we are going to replace in six years and Mike assured me that this is a perfect plan. Roll call please.
Anything else?

TYLER: I just want to remind everybody that the 29th is the opening of the fair and there will be a ceremony there. I will be getting more information to you but hopefully as many supervisors can attend the grand opening of the fair.

BRASSARD: What time is that?

TYLER: I'm not sure they used to have it right around five or six o'clock. I will let you know.

MCNALLY: Alright, wonderful. We need to have a brief executive session in reference to –

STANLEY: It is for legal advice for potential real property exemption. I would request that Mr. Tansey and Ms. Carson join us for that.

MCNALLY: Do I have a second on that?

MANNING: Also legal advice on litigation.

MCNALLY: Second Ms. Reusser. We are in executive session at 10:18 a.m.

THE BOARD MOVED INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:18 A.M.
TO DISCUSS LEGAL ADVICE ON POTENTIAL REAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION
AND LEGAL ADVICE ON LITIGATION.
THE BOARD MOVED BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT 10:47 A.M.

MCNALLY: Motion to come out of executive session Mr. Hughes, Mr. Barber at 10:47 a.m. No decisions were made. Alright, anything else?

MANNING: Yeah, I have one thing and I'm sorry to bringing this to you now and not running it through committee but as you know we have been involved in a few lawsuits regarding Tyler v. Hennepin principal lawsuits brought by Steven Blanchard; Sherilyn Blanchard and a second lawsuit by Kimberly Caneda. You have before you a resolution which a drafted which has the specifics of the settlement. This resolution asks that we settle these matters with the amounts contained in the resolution so that we are free of litigation at the most cost-effective manner for the county. I will need a motion, a second and a roll call and twelve to allow it on the floor.

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

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

RESOLUTION NO. 147 – AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTAIN ACTION ENTITLED STEVEN BLANCHARD; SHERILYN BLANCHARD AND KIMBERLY CANEDA VENUED IN THE UNTIED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK BEARING INDEX NUMBER 8:24-CV-250 BROUGHT AGAINST THE COUNTY OF ESSEX.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Follos, seconded by Mr. Brassard, and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:
AYES: 2745 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 108 votes (Tyler)

MCNALLY: Anything else to come before the board?

WILSON: Just a reminder, Environmental Health at 11 o'clock I think we will meet in this room.

FOLLOS: Yeah, I just got a kind of a vulnerable elderly resident in my community and I was just wondering if maybe I could speak privately with anyone that has luck helping a person like that in their community?

REUSSER: Come see me.

FOLLOS: Okay, thanks.

MASCARENAS: You can also speak to Krissy Leerkes. She's a really good asset for that population.

FOLLOS: Thank you.

MCNALLY: Alright, motion for adjournment. Mr. Pierce and Mr. Follos. All in favor, we are adjourned.

As there was no further discussion to come before this regular board meeting it was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Garrison, Clerk
Board of Supervisors