

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 3, 2025**

The Chairman of the Franklin County Legislature, Edward Lockwood, called the meeting to order at 11:33 A.M.

The Chairman asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature, Heather Marlow, called the roll. All members were present with all Districts represented with the exception of Legislator Janisewski was excused.

Clerk Marlow advised the Board that she had prepared the minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 20, 2025. Motion was made by Legislator Lauzon and seconded by Legislator Ellis to accept the minutes as submitted. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Motion unanimously adopted.

Clerk Marlow read the following correspondence:

Invitation - North Country Community College's 57th Commencement Celebration on May 17th 2025.

Motion was made by Legislator Dumas and seconded by Legislator Martin to accept the correspondence as submitted. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Motion unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 84

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization For Approval of the Franklin County Tourism Small Business Grant Program, Economic Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development had presented to the Franklin County Legislature his recommendation of the Franklin County Tourism Small Business Grant Program; and

WHEREAS: This program will support small businesses that contribute to the tourism economy by enhancing visitor experiences, attracting overnight stays, and improving Franklin County's appeal as a travel destination; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby approves the Franklin County Tourism Small Business Grant Program for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 using occupancy tax monies.

Motion was made by Legislator Dumas and seconded by Legislator Ellis. All Members voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 85

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Transportation Initiative Program Funds and Amend 2025 Budget, Social Services

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Social Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she has been awarded \$9,800.00 for Transportation Initiative Program funds for 2025; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Social Services also advised the Human Resources Committee of the desire to allocate unspent funds from prior years in the amount of \$26,452.00; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner is hereby authorized to accept said funds and amend the 2025 Budget with the following appropriations:

Revenue	
01-51-4610.10	\$36,252.00
Transportation Initiative Program	
01-51-6010-10-4711	\$36,252.00

Motion was made by Legislator Sparks and seconded by Legislator Ellis. All Members voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 86

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization For the County Manager to Accept the Grant Disbursement Agreement Between Empire

State Development and ConnectAll Office and
Franklin County For MIP III

WHEREAS: The Economic Development Committee has advised the Franklin County Legislature that they would like Franklin County to accept the Grant Disbursement Agreement MIP III for funds for the Franklin County North Project in the amount of \$13,131,088.00; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to accept the Grant Disbursement Agreement for MIP III and accept the funds of \$13,131,088.00 with the terms and details outlined in the Grant Disbursement Agreement;

MIP III GDA:

01-81-3789.89 Revenue \$13,131,088.00

01-81-8020-89-4000 Appropriation \$13,131,088.00

and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the payment of the 1% commitment fee and the Public Hearing cost for MIP III not to exceed \$131,550.00.

Motion was made by Legislator Lauzon and seconded by Legislator Martin. All Members voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 87

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept SWIMS Grant & Enter Into
Contract/Agreements, County Manager

WHEREAS: The County Manager has advised the Franklin County Legislature that Franklin County has been awarded a SWIMS Grant in the amount of \$25,000; and

WHEREAS: These funds will be utilized to increase the number of lifeguards and swimming opportunities in Franklin County; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into a contract with New York State Department of State, Division of Local Government Services to accept the SWIMS Grant and appropriate into the following accounts:

01-81-3789.20	SWIMS Grant	\$25,000
01-81-8020-20-4000	Contractual	\$25,000

; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into agreements with the below municipalities and the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay the following with the terms and details outlined in the agreements:

Village of Malone	\$5,938
Village of Saranac Lake	\$5,900
Town of Chateaugay	\$6,012
Town of Tupper Lake	\$5,900

County Grant Administration	\$1,250
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Motion was made by Legislator Sparks and seconded by Legislator Martin. All Members voted in the affirmative with the exception of Legislator Dumas who abstained. Resolution adopted by 5 ayes and 1 abstention.

RESOLUTION NO. 88

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend 2025 Budget, Buildings & Grounds

WHEREAS: The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds has advised the Public Works and Services Committee of the need to amend the 2025 budget for architectural redesign of courtroom #2; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds to amend the 2025 Budget as shown:

01-17-3021.10	\$54,000.00
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01-17-1620-10-4351

\$54,000.00

Motion was made by Legislator Lauzon and seconded by Legislator Ellis. All Members voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 89

Offered by Legislators Lockwood, Lauzon, Janisewski, Dumas, Martin, Sparks & Ellis

Relating to Honoring John Mayer For 50 Years of Service to the Brushton Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS: Mr. John Mayer joined the Brushton Volunteer Fire Department on February 6, 1974; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Mayer has served in many capacities including Chief, Assistant Chief, President, Board of Directors and a member of the Fire Police during his 50 years of service with the Brushton Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the years, Mr. Mayer has been instrumental in the Departments artwork and lettering of used fire apparatus as well as organizing an advertising fund-raising campaign for field-days, producing a book of ads with local businesses; and

WHEREAS: On October 10, 2022, Mr. Mayer was voted unanimously as a Lifetime Member and he continues to show his dedication by participating with various fund-raising events; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature would like to take this opportunity to honor and thank John Mayer for his 50 years of dedicated service with the Brushton Volunteer Fire Department and to the residents of Franklin County; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature is hereby authorized to transmit an official copy of this Resolution bearing the Great Seal of Franklin County to Mr. Mayer.

Motion was made by Legislator Martin and seconded by Legislator Lauzon. All Members voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 90

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With
Peter Dumas

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature would like to enter into a contract with Peter Dumas to provide indigent legal services for Public Defender defense; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into a contract with Peter Dumas for indigent legal services for Public Defender defense effective April 8, 2025 through April 7, 2026 with the terms and details outlined in the contract.

Motion was made by Legislator Ellis and seconded by Legislator Lauzon. All Members voted in the affirmative with the exception of Legislator Dumas who abstained. Resolution adopted by 5 ayes and 1 abstention.

RESOLUTION NO. 91

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Pay Invoice, Emergency Services

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Emergency Preparedness Director/Fire Coordinator has advised the Public Safety Committee that he is in receipt of an invoice from BearCom in the amount of \$3,875.00 for labor performed in 2024 that needs to be paid; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay BearCom the sum of \$3,875.00 for labor performed in 2024.

Motion was made by Legislator Dumas and seconded by Legislator Martin. All Members voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 92

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into Contracts With
Community Connections of Franklin County,
Social Services

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of the Franklin County Department of Social Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she is desirous of entering into contracts with Community Connections of Franklin County, also known as Harbor House and Ruth House; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner advised the committee that it is difficult to find temporary housing in the northern end of the county for homeless, domestic violence victims, evictions and other emergency situations; and

WHEREAS: By entering into these contracts with Community Connections of the Franklin County it will help with the transitional housing need in the northern end of Franklin County;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager and the Commissioner of Social Services, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into contracts with Community Connections of Franklin County, also known as Harbor House and Ruth House, with the terms and details outlined in the contracts.

Motion was made by Legislator Sparks and seconded by Legislator Dumas. All Members voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 93

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Appointments to the Franklin County Youth
Advisory Board

WHEREAS: There are members who's terms are expiring on the Franklin County Youth Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS: Rosalyn Coronel, Ava Lilliock, Sophie Eldridge, and Scott Traynor are desirous of serving another term on the Youth Advisory Board; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That Franklin County Legislature hereby appoints the following Members to serve on the Franklin County Youth Advisory Board with terms shown below:

1 Year Term

Rosalyn Coronel - Expiring April 19, 2026

Ava Lilliock - Expiring April 19, 2026

Sophie Eldridge - Expiring May 31, 2026

3 Year Term

Scott Traynor - Expiring April 20, 2028

Motion was made by Legislator Dumas and seconded by Legislator Martin. All Members voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 94

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With the
Diocese of Ogdensburg / St. Andre Bessette Parish
Outreach Center, Social Services

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Social Services has advised the Human Resources Committee of her desire to enter into contract with the Diocese of Ogdensburg/St. Andre Bessette Parish Outreach Center to lease two rooms for meetings with clients, families and supervised visitation; and

WHEREAS: The contract would be from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 to lease two rooms at \$350.00 each with all utilities included for a total of \$700.00 a month; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager and the Commissioner of Social Services, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into a contract with the Diocese of Ogdensburg/St. Andre Bessette Parish Outreach Center to lease two rooms from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 with the terms and details listed in the contract; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Social Services will re-evaluate this contract at the end of December 2025.

Motion was made by Legislator Sparks and seconded by Legislator Martin. All Members voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 95

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Franklin County Legislature, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Parcels 112.24-5-7, 98.81-1-4, 98.81-1-3.200, 98.81-1-1, 112.25-1-21 located in the Village of Malone, County of Franklin, State of New York; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for the above parcels shall be recorded in the Office of the Franklin County Clerk.

Motion was made by Legislator Lauzon and seconded by Legislator Ellis. All Members voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Clerk Marlow advised everyone that the following Resolution would be offered from the floor without objection. There were no objections.

RESOLUTION NO. 96

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Appointments to the Community Services Board, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that there are members terms on the Community Services Board that have expired; and

WHEREAS: Hannah Busman and Joe Keegan are desirous of serving on the Community Services Board; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That Hannah Busman is hereby appointed to serve on the Community Services Board for a four (4) year term expiring

April 3, 2029 and Joe Keegan is hereby reappointed to serve on the Community Services Board for a four (4) year term expiring March 20, 2029.

Motion was made by Legislator Dumas and seconded by Legislator Martin. All Members voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Motion was made by Legislator Lauzon and seconded by Legislator Martin to adjourn. All Members voted in the affirmative. Chairman Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 11:50 A.M.