

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2025**

The Chairman of the Franklin County Legislature, Edward Lockwood, called the meeting to order at 11:32 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.

Clerk Marlow advised the Board that she had prepared the minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 4, 2025. Motion was made by Legislator Dumas and seconded by Legislator Lauzon to accept the minutes as submitted. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Motion unanimously adopted.

Clerk Marlow read the following correspondence:

Letter - New York State Department of State advising that Local Law 3 of 2025 was filed in their office on November 28, 2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 346

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Employee Recognition For the Month of
December 2025

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature realizes how important it is to hire dedicated and qualified individuals to work for Franklin County and to serve the residents of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS: Along those lines the Franklin County Legislature would like to take this opportunity to thank these individuals for their efforts by handing out longevity awards for each five years of service completed in Franklin County Government; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby extends their congratulations and a special thank you for those employees that received their longevity awards for the month of December as follows:

<u>EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>
Kamie Curtin	Social Services	20 Years
Tonya Allen	Transportation	5 Years
Tracy Latour	County Jail	5 Years

Motion was made by Legislator Janisewski and seconded by Legislator Martin. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted. The Board presented the pins to the employees who were present and thanked everyone for their years of service.

RESOLUTION NO. 347

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Pretrial Block Award,
Probation

WHEREAS: The Probation Director has advised the Public Safety Committee that he has received an additional \$57,593 in the Pretrial Block Award; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

WHEREAS: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Probation Director to accept the additional \$57,593 in the Pretrial Block Award.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 348

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With
Boire Benner Group, Office of Economic
Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development Committee that he is desirous of

entering into a contract with Boire Benner Group for paid media as outlined in the 2026 tourism plan; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager and the Director, Office of Economic Development, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into a contract with Boire Benner Group for paid media with the terms and conditions outlined in the contract; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay per the contract an amount not to exceed \$374,710.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 349

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Authorization for the County Manager to Enter
Into Contract with Albany Medical Center

WHEREAS: The County Manager has advised the Administrative Committee that she is desirous of entering into a contract with Albany Medical Center for pathology and morgue services for 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 contract with Albany Medical Center for pathology and morgue services effective January 1, 2026 with the terms to be outlined in said contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 350

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Appointing a Certifying Officer for Environmental
Review

WHEREAS: Franklin County has received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the purpose of establishing the Frontier Harvest Fund; and

WHEREAS: A Certifying Officer must be appointed for environmental reviews of such projects; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1069 (NEPA) and the related authorities listed at CFR Part 58, the Franklin County Legislature declares its intent to conduct environmental reviews of said projects; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby designates Donna Kissane, County Manager, as the Certifying Officer for Project 419ME588-25.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 351

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Lease Agreement
With Citizen Advocates, Inc., 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 a lease agreement with Citizen Advocates, Inc. for office space; 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 lease agreement with Citizen Advocates, Inc. for office space, with the terms and details outlined in the lease agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 352

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With
Malone Minor Hockey, Office of Economic
Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development Committee that he is desirous of entering into a contract with Malone Minor Hockey for the Northern Prospects Hockey Tournament; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager and the Director, Office of Economic Development, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into a contract with Malone Minor Hockey for the Northern Prospects Hockey Tournament with the terms and conditions outlined in the contract; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay per the contract an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 353

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With
Adirondack Rugby, Inc., Office of Economic
Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development Committee that he is desirous of entering into a contract with Adirondack Rugby, Inc. for the 2026 CanAm Rugby Tournament; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager and the Director, Office of Economic Development, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into a contract with Adirondack Rugby, Inc. for the 2026 CanAm Rugby Tournament with the terms and conditions outlined in the contract; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 354

Offered by Legislator Dumas & Sparks

Relating to Appointments to the Franklin County Industrial Development Agency Board, the Franklin County Economic Development Corporation Board and the Franklin County Civic Development Corporation Board

WHEREAS: The terms of office for the Franklin County Industrial Development Agency Board, the Franklin County Economic Development Corporation Board and the Franklin County Civic Development Board expires December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Legislature Dumas and Sparks would like to make their appointments at this time; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That Scott Gordon (District 3) and Eric Shaheen (District 6) are appointed to the Franklin County Industrial Development Agency, the Franklin County Local Development Corporation and the Franklin County Civic Development Corporation Board of Directors with said terms commencing on January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 355

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Forfeiture Funds and Amend 2025 Budget, District Attorney

WHEREAS: The Franklin County District Attorney has advised the Public Safety Committee that she is in receipt of Forfeiture Funds in the amount of \$197.64; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the District Attorney to accept said funds and amend the 2025 budget as follows:

01-03-2626.10	Revenue	\$197.64
01-03-1165-110-4254	Internet Charges	\$197.64

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

RESOLUTION NO. 356

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Appointment to the County of Franklin Solid Waste Management Authority Board

WHEREAS: The term for Scott Traynor (District 3) will expire on December 31, 2025 on the County of Franklin Solid Waste Management Authority Board; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Traynor (District 3) would like to serve another term on the County of Franklin Solid Waste Management Authority Board; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby reappoints Scott Traynor (District 3) to the County of Franklin Solid Waste Management Authority Board for a three (3) year term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 357

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST), Office of Economic Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development Committee that he is desirous of

entering into a contract with Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST) to promote the Rail Trail and Adirondack Scenic Railroad as outlined in the 2026 tourism plan; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager and the Director, Office of Economic Development, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into a contract with Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST) to promote the Rail Trail and Adirondack Scenic Railroad with the terms and conditions outlined in the contract; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay per the contract an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 358

Offered by Finance Committee

Relating to Sale of County Owned Land

RESOLVED: That the report of the Special Committee on reversion of Unredeemed Lands filed herewith, Schedule A attached, be and the same is hereby approved and accepted; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That on receipt of the amounts specified in said report by the County Treasurer, the amounts have been applied to the accumulated taxes and other appropriate charges. The Chairman and the Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature be and are hereby authorized to deliver in the name of the County, Quit Claim Deeds covering respective properties there described; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature be and hereby is authorized to affix the seal of the County as listed on Schedule A.

SCHEDULE A

NAME	TAX MAP #	TOTAL TAXES, PENALTY, AND INTEREST	STATUTORY FEES	TOTAL DUE	DATE PAID	AMOUNT PAID
KELLY, AMANDA	480.68-11-5	\$ 33,756.06	75.00	\$ 33,831.06	7/30/2025	\$ 33,831.06
WHITLEY STEVEN	481.5-15	\$ 7,287.49	150.00	\$ 7,437.49	3/20/2025	\$ 7,437.49
SILVER, WASHOGEENIC	35-2-6.300	\$ 35,011.18	150.00	\$ 35,161.18	8/6/2025	\$ 35,161.18
SILVER, WASHOGEENIC	35-2-8.200	\$ 11,910.66	150.00	\$ 12,060.66	8/6/2025	\$ 12,060.66
ROCKHILL, ANSELA	37-3-9	\$ 9,793.54	150.00	\$ 9,943.54	7/30/2025	\$ 9,943.54
CROMP, CALLY	73.13-1-12	\$ 25,294.32	75.00	\$ 25,369.32	4/29/2025	\$ 25,369.32
BOUCHEREAU, JEAN	208-1-1.130	\$ 4,374.02	175.00	\$ 4,549.02	3/31/2025	\$ 4,549.02
CARROW, NICHOLAS	310-1-41	\$ 2,290.13	150.00	\$ 2,440.13	7/24/2025	\$ 2,440.13
SEYMOUR, KRISTAN	899-1-47.300	\$ 15,224.39	-	\$ 15,224.39	5/28/2025	\$ 15,224.39
VERMETTE, JUSTIN	153-1-4.200	\$ 4,491.44	75.00	\$ 4,566.44	8/14/2025	\$ 4,566.44
BOYA, SARA	154-1-7.300	\$ 20,726.48	-	\$ 20,726.48	5/27/2025	\$ 20,726.48
EVANS, DAVID	133-1-18.100	\$ 9,121.51	75.00	\$ 9,196.51	9/22/2025	\$ 9,196.51
LESSING, GARY	255.2-1-2	\$ 51.62	150.00	\$ 201.62	9/24/2025	\$ 201.62
LESSING, BRIAN	256-1-8	\$ 1,769.91	150.00	\$ 1,769.91	9/24/2025	\$ 1,769.91
FITZGERALD, LILLIAN	223-2-5	\$ 10,135.07	-	\$ 10,135.07	3/24/2025	\$ 10,135.07
TREE OF PEACE SOCIETY	41-7-6.300	\$ 13,802.68	150.00	\$ 13,802.68	9/22/2025	\$ 13,802.68
FELTON, MONROE	118.3-1-28	\$ 8,039.58	150.00	\$ 8,209.58	9/24/2025	\$ 8,209.58
FELTON, MONROE	148-1-19	\$ 22,090.25	150.00	\$ 22,240.25	9/24/2025	\$ 22,240.25
FELTON, MONROE	148-1-20	\$ 17,399.99	150.00	\$ 17,549.99	9/24/2025	\$ 17,549.99
GRAND TOTAL				\$ 254,949.32		

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

RESOLUTION NO. 359

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into an Inter-Municipal Agreement Between Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Malone

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Sheriff has advised the Public Safety Committee that he is desirous of entering into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Village of Malone for mutual aid assistance; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Section 209-m of the New York General Municipal Law, local governments are authorized to request and provide police assistance to each other and temporarily exchange Law Enforcement Officers and equipment for the purpose of mutual assistance; and

WHEREAS: The aforesaid Section 209-m, Sections 140.10-1 & 3, 120.60 et seq. and other applicable sections of the New York Criminal Procedure Law also authorize Law Enforcement Officers to exercise certain police powers and authorities outside their geographic area of employment when a request for assistance is forthcoming from another law enforcement agency; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest and to the mutual advantage of the County of Franklin and the Village of Malone to enter into an agreement providing for such mutual assistance; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager and the Franklin County Sheriff, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Village of Malone for mutual aid assistance with the details and terms outlined in the agreement.

Motion was made by Legislator Martin and seconded by Legislator Janisewski. All Members voted in the affirmative with the exception of Legislator Dumas whom abstained. Resolution adopted by 6 ayes and 1 abstention.

RESOLUTION NO. 360

Offered by Finance Committee

Relating to Authorizing the Levy of Taxes & the Annexing of the Tax Warrant Pursuant to Sections 800 & 904 of the Real Property Tax Law

RESLOVED: That the taxes extended upon the Assessment Rolls of the several Towns in Franklin County be and hereby are confirmed and that the Tax Warrants dated not later than December 31, 2025, shall be signed by the Chairman of the Franklin County Legislature and the Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature, directing the collecting officer of each Town to collect from the several persons and corporations named in such rolls, the amount listed opposite their respective names together with any interest or penalties thereon described by law.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 361

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Adoption of Salary Schedule For the Year 2026, Franklin County Sheriff's Unit

WHEREAS: The Salary Schedule which reflects salaries in accordance with the agreement between the Franklin County Sheriff's Unit and Teamsters Local 687 and for those employees not in the Bargaining Unit for the year 2026 has been presented by the Personnel Officer; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County 2026 Salary Schedule for the Franklin County Sheriff's Unit be and hereby is adopted effective January 1, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 362

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Adoption of Salary Schedule For the Year
2026, County Unit

WHEREAS: The Salary Schedule which reflects salaries in accordance with the agreement between the Franklin County Legislature and United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) for the County Unit and for those employees not in the Bargaining Unit for the year 2026 has been presented by the Personnel Officer; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County 2026 Salary Schedule for the County Unit be and hereby is adopted effective January 1, 2026.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 363

Offered by Finance Committee

Relating to Sale of County Owned Land

WHEREAS: That on October 1, 2025 a public auction was held to sell properties taken by the County pursuant to the In Rem Tax Proceedings; and

WHEREAS: The successful bidder for Lot #16A, property Tax Map No: 50.1-2-5, located in the Town of Bombay has defaulted on the bid; and

WHEREAS: The Town of Bombay has conducted a land appraisal on said property and would like to move forward with purchasing the property located at 1860 State Route 95, Bombay, New York 12914; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the sale of property Tax Map No: 50.1-2-5, located in the Town of Bombay, to the Town of Bombay, 379 Lantry Road, Bombay, New York 12914 for the amount of \$4,500.00, upon the review and approval of the County Treasurer and the County Attorney; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That upon the receipt of the price pursuant to the sale, paid to the County Treasurer by the Town of Bombay, the Chairman and the Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature be and are hereby authorized to deliver in the name of the County, Quit Claim Deed covering respective property described above.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 364

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

Relating to Franklin County Legislature Thanks Legislator Lauzon For His Years of Service

WHEREAS: Mr. Lauzon was first elected as a Franklin County Legislator representing District 1 in 2017; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Lauzon remained a Franklin County Legislator for District 1 for nine years, serving 3 terms; and

WHEREAS: During his tenure, Mr. Lauzon had served on several committees and dedicated countless hours to his community; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Lauzon not only served his community during his time as a Legislator but also honorably served his country in the United States Army; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature would like to publicly honor and thank Legislator Lauzon for his dedication, commitment and his tireless efforts of serving and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Franklin County; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature shall transmit an official copy of this Resolution bearing the Great Seal of Franklin County to Legislator Lauzon.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 365

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

Relating to Franklin County Legislature Thanks Legislator Ellis for Her Years of Service

WHEREAS: Ms. Ellis was first appointed to fill a term of office as a Franklin County Legislator representing District 7 in June 2018, then elected as a Franklin County Legislator in 2020; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Ellis served as a Franklin County Legislator for District 7 for a little over 7 years, serving 2 ½ terms; and

WHEREAS: During her tenure, Ms. Ellis has served on several committees and dedicated countless hours to her community; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature would like to publicly honor and thank Legislator Ellis for her dedication, commitment and her tireless efforts of serving and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Franklin County; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature shall transmit an official copy of this Resolution bearing the Great Seal of Franklin County to Legislator Ellis.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 366

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

Relating to Franklin County Legislature Thanks Legislator Martin for His Years of Service

WHEREAS: Mr. Martin was elected as a Franklin County Legislator representing District 5 in 2022; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Martin served as a Franklin County Legislator for District 5 for three years, serving 1 term; and

WHEREAS: During his tenure, Mr. Martin has served on several committees and dedicated countless hours to his community; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature would like to publicly honor and thank Legislator Martin for his dedication, commitment and his tireless efforts of serving and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Franklin County; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature shall transmit an official copy of this Resolution bearing the Great Seal of Franklin County to Legislator Martin.

Motion was made by Legislator Dumas and seconded by Legislator Ellis. 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 12:06 P.M.