

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2022**

The Chairman of the Franklin County Legislature, Donald Dabiew, called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M.

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

The Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature, Penny A. Premo, called the roll. All Members were present with all Districts represented with the exception of Legislator Dumas was excused.

Clerk Premo advised the Board that she had prepared the minutes from the January 6, 2022 meeting. Motion was made by Legislator Maroun and seconded by Legislator Ellis to accept the Minutes as submitted. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Motion unanimously adopted.

Clerk Premo read the following correspondence:

Letter - New York State Department of State informing that Local Law 8 of 2021 was filed on December 23, 2021. Local Law 8 of 2021 is to Increase the Salary and to Set a Salary Range for the Offices of County Clerk, County Treasurer and County Sheriff.

Letter - Norbut Solar Farms informing Franklin County of a Notice of Interconnection Agreement and Intent to Construct Solar Energy System in Chateaugay.

Letter - New York State Adirondack Park Agency informing of an permit application in the Town of Brighton.

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

Clerk Premo advised the Board that Chairman Dabiew handed out the 2022 Committee assignments and he made the following appointments:

Craig Collette - Stop DWI Coordinator for 2022

Legislator Lockwood - Public Safety Answering Point Operation Practices Board

Legislator Lauzon - Labor Management Committee

Legislator Dumas - Sick Bank Committee

Legislator Janisewski; Frances Perry, County Treasurer; Donna Kissane, County Manager - Franklin County Investment Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Employee Recognition For the Month of January 2022

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 January as follows:

EMPLOYEES	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Edward Work	Sheriff's Dept.	30 Years
Denise Dustin	Social Services	20 Years
Debbie Lamell	District Attorney	20 Years
Mary McDonald	Public Health	20 Years
Candi Johnston	Social Services	15 Years
Leisha Lewis	Social Services	15 Years
Patricia Vincent	Probation	15 Years
Andrea Dumas	Board of Legislators	5 Years
Gregory Janisewski	Board of Legislators	5 Years
Paul Lauzon	Board of Legislators	5 Years

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend the 2021 Malone Adult Center Contract, Office For the Aging

WHEREAS: The Director of the Office For the Aging has advised the Human Resource Committee of the need to amend the 2021 Malone Adult Center Contract; and

WHEREAS: This is due to an increase in the cost of propane and gasoline in order to close out 2021 expenses; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Director of the Office For Aging and the County Manager to increase the 2021 Malone Adult Center Contract as shown:

<u>Adult Center</u>	<u>Original Contract</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended Contract</u>
Malone	\$206,650.00	\$10,000.00	\$216,650.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend the 2022 Malone Adult Center Contract, Office For the Aging

WHEREAS: The Director of the Office For the Aging has advised the Human Resource Committee of the need to amend the 2022 Malone Adult Center Contract; and

WHEREAS: This is due to an increase in the cost of propane and gasoline expenses; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Director of the Office For Aging and the County Manager to increase the 2022 Malone Adult Center Contract as shown:

<u>Adult Center</u>	<u>Original Contract</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended Contract</u>
Malone	\$232,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$240,000.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Pay 2020 Invoices from 2022
Funds, Assigned Counsel

WHEREAS: The Coordinator of Assigned Counsel has advised the Public Safety Committee that she is in receipt of two vouchers from Frank R. Cositore Jr. in the amount \$5,910.00; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the County Auditor is authorized to process and the County Treasurer is authorized to pay the sum of \$5,910.00 to Frank R. Cositore Jr., from Account No. 01-04-1141-10-4003.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Offered by Legislator Lauzon and Legislator Dabiew

Relating to Allotment of Annual Payments Complimented in the
St. Regis Mohawk Land Claims Settlement Proposed

WHEREAS: The County Of Franklin, Town of Bombay, and Town of Fort Covington have been involved in land claims ligation involving the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe for approximately 40 years; and

WHEREAS: The parties to the land claim ligation including the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, the County of Franklin, Town of Bombay, and Town of Fort Covington intend to enter into a Settlement Agreement resolving the outstanding land claims ligation; and

WHEREAS: The proposed settlement of the matter provides for annual payments to the County of Franklin, Town of Bombay, and Town of Fort Covington representing losses other than real property tax revenues, loss of sales tax revenue, loss of business/economic development opportunities and the cost of services provided by the municipalities to the residents of the communities; as a result of the land claims settlement in the future; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: The payments of the annual amounts due as said forth above to the County of Franklin, Town of Bombay and Town of Fort Covington will be paid in one annual payment to the County of Franklin and must thereafter be divided between the three municipalities; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: The County of Franklin, Town of Bombay, and Town of Fort Covington have agreed that the appropriation of the annual amount shall be divided equally between the three municipalities such as each receives one-third of the total payments received annually.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Appointment of Personnel Officer

WHEREAS: The term of the Personnel Officer shall expire on January 31, 2022; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That Kim Godreau is hereby appointed as the Personnel Officer, Category A, for a six year term that shall commence on February 1, 2022 and shall expire on January 31, 2028; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the annual salary for the remainder of 2022 shall be \$70,000; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the remainder of the term shall follow the Franklin County Salary Policy for Non-Union Employees.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Grant & Appropriate
Funds, Emergency Services

WHEREAS: The Emergency Preparedness Director/Fire Coordinator has advised the Public Safety Committee that he has received a grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security in the amount of \$746,413.00 for the State Interoperable Communications Grant 2020; and

WHEREAS: In order to expend this money it is necessary to make appropriations at this time; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Emergency Preparedness Director/Fire Coordinator is hereby authorized to accept said 100% funded grant and appropriations shall be made to accounts as follows:

01-33-3589-10, Revenue	\$746,413.00
01-33-3645-54-2000, Equipment	\$481,413.00
01-33-3645-54-4054	\$265,000.00

Motion made by Legislator Lockwood and seconded by Legislator Maroun. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend Budget, Highway Department

WHEREAS: The Highway Superintendent has advised the Public Works & Services Committee that it is necessary to amend the CHIPS budget by increasing revenue lines due to last year's rollover; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the 2022 Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase: Revenue	
07-99-3501-10	\$412,113.51
07-99-5198-10 2000	\$412,113.51

Increase: Misc. Bridge Forms
02-90-5110-10-4618 \$100,000.00

Increase CHIPS Revenue:
02-90-3501.10 \$100,000.00

Increase: Plow
03-95-5132-10-2135 \$500,000.00

Increase CHIPS Revenue:
03-95-3501.10 \$500,000.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Create & Fill Positions,
Emergency Services Department

WHEREAS: The Director Of Emergency Preparedness/Fire Coordinator advised the Public Safety Committee that he is desirous of creating and filling six permanent Per Diem Emergency Medical Technician Positions; and

WHEREAS: These positions will be used to assist with Points of Distribution (POD'S) vaccine sites with the administering of vaccines and to provide medical oversight. These positions will be grant funded positions; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature does hereby approve the creation of six permanent Per Diem Emergency Medical Technician Positions; Management B Positions; \$19.00 hourly rate; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said positions shall be filled and at such time the grant funding is no longer available the positions shall be re-evaluated.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14

Offered by Finance Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend 2021 Budget, Treasurer's Office

WHEREAS: The County Treasurer has advised the Finance Committee that she is desirous of amending the 2021 budget for Occupancy Tax received; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the 2021 budget to be amended as shown:

Increase Revenue	
01-99-1113.10	\$262,671.68

Increase Appropriation	
01-57-6410-20-4000	\$262,671.68

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Offered by Finance Committee

Relating to Authorization to Create & Fill an Account Clerk Position, Treasurer's Office

WHEREAS: The County Treasurer has advised the Finance Committee that she is desirous of creating and filling an Account Clerk position; and

WHEREAS: This Account Clerk position will be utilized as a training position to be able to transition to higher grade positions upon retirements and promotions; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby creates an Account Clerk position, Competitive Class, Grade 4, Base Salary \$30,275 (2021 Rate); and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to fill said position with monies to be taken from existing funds; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the current vacant Title Searcher position will be abolished upon the filling of this position.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 16

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore

WHEREAS: A Project for County Route 27 over Roaring Brook, PIN 7754.02, (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the cost such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal finds; and

WHEREAS: The County of Franklin desires to advance the Project hereby making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the cost; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Legislature hereby approves the above-subject project; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Franklin to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Preliminary Engineering & Right of Way incidentals phases of work for the Project or portions therefore; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$158,000 is hereby appropriated by the Franklin County Board of Legislators and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That in the event the full federal and nonfederal share costs of the project exceeds that amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the County Highway Superintendent (RLO) thereof; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Highway Superintendent of the County of Franklin be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the County of Franklin with New York State Department of transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of the project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a certified copy of this resolution will be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore

WHEREAS: A Project for Reynoldston Road over Deer River, PIN 7754.01, (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the cost such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal finds; and

WHEREAS: The County of Franklin desires to advance the Project hereby making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the cost; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Board of Legislature hereby approves the above-subject project; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Franklin to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Preliminary Engineering & Right of Way incidentals phases of work for the Project or portions therefore; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$154,000 is hereby appropriated by the Franklin County Board of Legislators and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That in the event the full federal and nonfederal share costs of the project exceeds that amount appropriated above, the Board of Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the County Highway Superintendent (RLO) thereof; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Highway Superintendent of the County of Franklin be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the County of Franklin with New York State Department of transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of the project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a certified copy of this resolution will be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization For the County Manager to Enter
Into an Agreement With the Franklin County
Local Development Corporation

WHEREAS: The Director of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development Committee of the need to enter into an agreement with the Franklin County Local Development Corporation to administer a grant from the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) in the amount of \$565,000 from the NYS Community Development Block Grant Program as part of the CDBG-CV CARES funding for Franklin County; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Franklin County Local Development Corporation with details and terms outlined in the agreement.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend Contract With Trinity
Services Group, Sheriff's Department

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Sheriff has advised the Public Safety Committee of the need to amend the contract with Trinity Services Group; and

WHEREAS: Due to the increased shipping costs and labor shortages caused by the pandemic Trinity Services Group needs to adjust the cost of meals; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Board of Legislature hereby authorizes the Franklin County Sheriff and the County Manager to amend the contract with Trinity Services Group effective February 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 with the details outlined in the contract amendment.

Motion made by Legislator Lockwood and seconded by Legislator Maroun. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Motion was made by Legislator Maroun and seconded by Legislator Lauzon to adjourn. All Members voted in the affirmative. Chairman Dabiew adjourned the meeting at 3:01 P.M.