

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 20, 2023**

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

Chairman Lockwood 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.

Clerk Premo advised the Board that she had prepared the minutes from the July 6, 2023 Regular Meeting and the minutes from the Public Hearing on North Country Community College's 2023-2024 Tentative Budget. Motion was made by Legislator Lauzon and seconded by Legislator Janisewski to accept the Minutes as submitted. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Clerk Premo read the following correspondence:

Order of Succession from Elizabeth Crawford, Franklin County District Attorney.

Financial Reports from Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation for January, February and March of 2023.

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. 227

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Employee Recognition For the Month of July 2023

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 July as follows:

<u>EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>
Karen Wheeler	Social Services	35 Years
Marc Higgins	Social Services	25 Years
Michele Mulverhill	Social Services	20 Years

Motion was made by Legislator Sparks and seconded by Legislator Martin. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted. Chairman Lockwood presented the pins to the employees who were present and thanked everyone for their years of services.

RESOLUTION NO. 228

Offered by Finance Committee

Relating to Issuance by the County Treasurer of a Replacement Deed

WHEREAS: The County of Franklin by Tax Sale Deed dated December 28, 1964 received title to a parcel of land described as follows:

Bombay, Town of Macomb's Purchase, Great Tract #1, Twp. #1, Lot #. 85-89, Massena Banking & Trust Co., Irish Ridge, 1, 156A., Bounded N. by Highway; E. by Smith; S. by Clark; W. by French. Tax Map ID #65.-1-14. Consideration: \$915.00;

and

WHEREAS: The records in the Franklin County Treasurer's Office indicate that the above premises was sold by the Board of Legislators to James Reardon on August 13, 1968, by Resolution No. 165; and

WHEREAS: The records in the Franklin County Clerk's Office indicate that the deed was not recorded and that the deed has been lost or destroyed; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a replacement deed to James Reardon, 177 Irish Ridge Rd, Bombay, NY 12914.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 229

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Increase Rates for Related Special Education Providers, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee of the need to increase the rates for Related Special Education providers of speech, physical therapy, occupational therapy, counseling and other related services as defined by the New York State Education Department; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services would like the below changes in rates of an average 3% increase effective July 1, 2023: not to exceed \$84.00 per hour for individual sessions; \$58.00 per hour for each child in a group of two and \$50.00 per hour for each child in a group of three plus; and

WHEREAS: These rates are reimbursable services from New York State Education Department at a rate of 59.5%; 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 sign contracts reflecting the 3% increase effective July 1, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 230

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Pay Chateaugay Central School
2020-2021 Reconciled Rates From 2023 Funds,
Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she is in receipt of an invoice from Chateaugay Central School for reconciled rates for 2020-2021 Chateaugay Integrated Pre-Kindergarten in the amount of \$39,934.34; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay Chateaugay Central School the sum of \$39,934.34 for Chateaugay Integrated Pre-Kindergarten from 2023 funds, Account No. 01-26-2960-10-4000.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 231

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Pay Franklin County ARC
2021-2022 Reconciled Rates From 2023 Funds,
Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she is in receipt of an invoice from Franklin County ARC for reconciled rates for 2021-2022 Preschool Special Education 1:1 Aides for increased rates in the amount of \$3,071.88; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay Franklin County ARC the sum of \$3,071.88 for 2021-2022 Preschool Special Education 1:1 Aides increase rates from 2023 funds, Account No. 01-26-2960-10-4000.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 232

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Pay 2022 Invoices From Malone
Central Schools From 2023 Funds, Community
Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she is in receipt of invoices from Malone Central Schools for 1:1 Aides services for Preschool Special Education for the months of November and December of 2022 in the amount of \$3,458.00; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay Malone Central Schools the sum of \$3,458.00 for Preschool Special Education 1:1 Aides services for November and December of 2022, Account No. 01-26-2960-10-4000.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 233

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Appointments to the Franklin County Community
Services Board

WHEREAS: The term of office for Kaye Santamoor and Mary Jane Latrielle on the Franklin County Community Services Board will be expiring; and

WHEREAS: Kaye Santamoor and Mary Jane Latrielle are desirous of serving another term; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That Kaye Santamoor and Mary Jane Latrielle are hereby reappointed to serve on the Franklin County Community Services Board for a four (4) year term expiring on July 19, 2027.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 234

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Donation, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she is in receipt of donations in the amount of \$918.00 for the Employee Assistance Program; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized to accept the additional revenue funds and the 2023 budget is hereby amended to increase accounts as shown:

Employee Assistance Program		
01-43-2705-26	Revenue	+\$918.00
01-43-4310-27-4000	Appropriation	+\$918.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 235

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend 2023 Budget and Contract With Citizens Advocates, Inc., Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that there has been amendments to the contracts with Citizens Advocates, Inc.; and

WHEREAS: The amendments include State Aid wage increases and cost of living adjustments; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the 2023 budget and contract is hereby amended as shown:

Citizens Advocates, Inc.

Alternative Crisis		
Revenue	01-43-3495-14	+\$3,765.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-15-4000	+\$3,765.00

Community Support Services		
Revenue	01-43-3495-11	+\$15,968.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-11-4000	+\$15,968.00
Health Home		
Revenue	01-43-3495-16	+\$3,231.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-16-4000	+\$3,231.00
Integrated Supported Employment		
Revenue	01-43-3495-12	+\$29,830.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-06-4000	+\$29,830.00
Intensive Case Management		
Revenue	01-43-3495-10	+\$4,531.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-10-4000	+\$4,531.00
Jail Services		
Revenue	01-43-3491-20	+\$6,989.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-21-4000	+\$6,989.00
Supportive Housing		
Revenue	01-43-3492-20	+\$29,042.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-20-4000	+\$29,042.00
Medically Supervised Outpatient		
Revenue	01-43-3486-10	+\$19,485.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-04-4000	+\$19,485.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 236

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend 2023 Budget, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she received Dwyer Peer-to-Peer funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health in the amount of \$105,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2021 - December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS: The NYS Office of Mental Health has extended the spend down period for this funding to March 31, 2024; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the 2023 budget is hereby amended as shown:

Homeward Bound		
Revenue	01-43-3490-22	+\$105,000.00
Appropriation	01-43-4310-29-4000	+\$105,000.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 237

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend 2023 Budget and St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment & Recovery Centers Contract to Accept a One-Time Only Funding, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that the Office of Substance Abuse Services and Supports (OASAS) has issued a revised State Aid Funding Authorization (SAFA) to include a one-time only funding to St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment and Recovery Centers to pay outstanding debts, management fees and operational costs in the amount of \$3,337,360.00; and

WHEREAS: The Office of Substance Abuse Services and Supports will release these funds pending receipt of Board resolutions from both St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment & Recovery Center and Citizen Advocates indicating their intent to extend their affiliation long-term; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the 2023 Budget is hereby amended to increase accounts as shown:

01-43-3488-30	Revenue	+\$3,337,360.00
01-43-4322-22-4000	Appropriation	+\$3,337,360.00

and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, is hereby authorized to sign an amended contract to reflect said advance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 238

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend 2023 Budget and to
Amend the Contract With Community Connections,
Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that Community Connections and the Tupper Lake Police Department intends to enter into an agreement which will support Tupper Lake residents experiencing mental health and/or substance use crisis or other situations which may lead to contact with law enforcement; and

WHEREAS: Through this agreement Community Connections will provide a licensed clinician to support officers in the field, provide outreach and engagement in services and ongoing support to individuals; and

WHEREAS: This partnership will be referred to as the Tupper Lake Village Police Community Support Initiative (TLVPCI); NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the 2023 Budget is hereby amended to accounts as shown:

Community Connections

01-43-3495-15	Revenue	+\$128,100
01-43-4328-18-4000	Appropriation	+\$128,100

Citizen Advocates-Alternative Crisis

01-43-3495-14	Revenue	-\$60,029
01-43-4323-15-4000	Appropriation	-\$60,029

Citizen Advocates-Child & Family Support

01-43-3495-13	Revenue	-\$46,645
01-43-4323-14-4000	Appropriation	-\$46,645

Citizen Advocates-Community Support Services
01-43-3495-11 Revenue -\$21,426
01-43-4323-11-4000 Appropriation -\$21,426

and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, is hereby authorized to sign an amended contract to reflect the increase to establish the Tupper Lake initiative and to compensate two per-diem clinicians.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 239

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Extend a Contract With Policy
Strategy Consultants, LLC, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she is desirous of extending the term of the contract with Policy Strategy Consultants, LLC; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services had contracted with Policy Strategy Consultants, LLC to complete a needs assessment for the 2024 Local Services Planning Process; and

WHEREAS: The deliverables required additional time to complete, therefore, the Director is in the process of reviewing the final draft; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Director of Community Services to extend the contract with Policy Strategy Consultants, LLC to July 31st, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 240

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Approve Opioid Settlement Awards and Enter Into Agreements/Contracts, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that the Opioid Settlement Committee had met and reviewed the funding request; and

WHEREAS: The Opioid Settlement Committee has made the following recommendations for funding:

Franklin County Public Health	\$25,000
Franklin County Sheriff	\$209,650
North Country Community College	\$55,000
Saranac Lake PD Proposal A	\$62,500
Saranac Lake PD Proposal B	\$31,832
Saranac Lake Volunteer Rescue Squad	\$9,864
Saranac Lake Youth Center	\$5,143
FEH BOCES	\$68,300

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby approves the above listed agencies for Opioid Settlement funds; 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/contracts with the above listed agencies to be paid out of Account No. 01-43-4310-40-4000.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 241

Offered by Finance Committee

Relating to Adoption of Franklin County Self-Insurance Worker's Compensation Budget for the Year 2024

WHEREAS: A budget and apportionment for the Franklin County Self-Insurance Worker's Compensation Plan for the year 2024 has been submitted to the Franklin County Legislature; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Self-Insurance Worker's Compensation Budget for the year 2024 is hereby adopted; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the apportionment of said budget be charged to the localities as listed in said apportionment.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 242

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Adoption of the Revised Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy

WHEREAS: The Personnel Director has advised the Administrative Committee that there has been some changes made to the Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby adopts the revised Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 243

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 allocating funding; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the 2023 Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Decrease: CHIPS	
07-99-3501-10	\$1,034,116.00
07-99-5198-10-2000	\$1,034,116.00

Increase: County Route 6 Guiderail	
07-99-3501-106	\$73,684.00
07-99-5198-106-2000	\$73,684.00
 Increase: County Route 40	
07-99-3501-154	\$330,264.00
07-99-5198-154-2000	\$330,264.00
 Increase: County Route 15	
07-99-3501-69	\$314,424.00
07-99-5198-69-2000	\$314,424.00
 Increase: County Route 19	
07-99-3501-137	\$315,744.00
07-99-5198-137-2000	\$315,744.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 244

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 allocating funding; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the 2023 Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Decrease: CHIPS	
07-99-3501-10	\$133,000.00
07-99-5198-10-2000	\$133,000.00
 Increase: County Route 24 Guiderail	
07-99-3501-80	\$133,000.00
07-99-5198-80-2000	\$133,000.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 245

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorization to purchase a John Deere PC10 Plate Compactor and a 2023 Craig Hydraulic Angling Ditching Bucket, Highway Department

WHEREAS: The Superintendent of Highways has advised the Public Works & Services Committee that he would like to purchase a John Deere PC10 Plate Compactor from United Construction and Forestry through Sourcewell Contracts and a 2023 Craig Hydraulic Angling Ditching Bucket based on three quotes; and

WHEREAS: The Superintendent of Highways will use funds from his budget in the amount of \$ 9,588.70 for the purchase of a John Deere PC10 Plate Compactor and \$8,160.00 for the purchase of a 2023 Craig Hydraulic Angling Ditching Bucket from Account No. 03-95-5132-10-2000, Equipment; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Highways to purchase a John Deere PC10 Plate Compactor and a 2023 Craig Hydraulic Angling Ditching Bucket in the amount of \$17,748.70.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 246

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement For a Mass Notification System Project With Twinstare, County Manager

WHEREAS: The County Manager has advised the Administrative Committee that she is desirous of entering into an agreement for a Mass Notification System Project with Twinstare for the best interest and safety of Franklin County employees and community members; and

WHEREAS: American Rescue funds will be used for this Mass Notification System Project; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: The Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into an agreement for a Mass Notification System Project with Twinstare using American Rescue funds.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 247

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend Resolution No. 172 of 2023, Authorization to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding With the Public Health Services and AIDS Council of Northeastern NY for the Alliance aba Positive Health (Alliance)

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature duly adopted Resolution No. 172 on June 1, 2023, authorizing to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Public Health Services and AIDS Council of Northeastern NY for the Alliance a/b/a Positive Health (Alliance); and

WHEREAS: The Director of Public Health has advised the Human Resources Committee that the Alliance can provide Franklin County Public Health Services with Fentanyl and Xylazine test strips for distribution to community members; and

WHEREAS: Franklin County Public Health Services will inform Alliance when additional test strips (Fentanyl and Xylazine) are needed; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: The Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes Resolution No. 172 to be amended to reflect the addition of Fentanyl and Xzylazine test strips availability and all other aspects of Resolution No. 172 to be unchanged; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the County Manager, upon review and approval of County Attorney is authorized to sign an Memorandum of Understanding with Public Health Department and the Aids Council of Northeastern NY aba Alliance for Positive Health; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That in all other respects said Resolution No. 172 adopted on June 1, 2023 is hereby ratified and confirmed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 248

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Franklin County Public Health Services and University Emergency Medical Services, Inc. d/b/a UBMD Emergency Medicine (EM)

WHEREAS: The Director of Public Health Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that the University Emergency Medical Services, Inc. through its division, Medication for Addiction Treatment and Electronic Referrals (MATTERS) was sub awarded a Federal Grant to facilitate referrals for patients with opioid use disorders; and

WHEREAS: MATTERS encourages its partners to distribute naloxone and other harm reduction health products; and

WHEREAS: MATTERS will supply a Health Kiosk Vending Machine to be operated by Franklin County Public Health Services and provide supplies and referrals to treatment and Exhibit A; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: The Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Franklin County Public Health Services and the University Emergency Medical Services - MATTERS for Exhibit A Goods and Services.

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

Motion was made by Legislator Lauzon and seconded by Legislator Dumas to adjourn. All Members voted in the affirmative. Chairman Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 12:12 P.M.