

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 3, 2024**

The Chairman of the Franklin County Legislature, Edward Lockwood, called the meeting to order at 11:30 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 Regular Meeting on June 20, 2024. 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 Premo read the following correspondence:

Letter - From the Village of Malone regarding entering into a MOA to allow the Village of Malone to erect a tower on County Property.

Motion was made by Legislator Martin and seconded by Legislator Lauzon to accept the correspondence as submitted. All Members present voted in the affirmative with the exception of Legislator Dumas had abstained. Motion adopted by 6 ayes and 1 abstention.

RESOLUTION NO. 206

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

Relating to Franklin County Legislature Congratulates Colleen Harris on Receiving the 2024 Veteran of the Year Award

WHEREAS: Colleen Harris entered the US Army on September 6, 1982 and served for one year and then joined the US Army Reserves in 1983 and served until 1991; and

WHEREAS: During her year of service, she was president of her nursing class and she was awarded the Army Service Ribbon and Expert Badge Rifle M-16; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Harris is an active member of the American Legion, Daughters of the American Colonists and Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Harris continues to help out veterans throughout Franklin County by assisting in a veteran's participation in the Honor Flight; helps family members visit veterans in nursing homes; does upkeep of cemetery grounds for veterans graves and grave flag placement for Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Harris also is a member of the Board of Directors for the Franklin County's Youth Bureau, has been on the American Red Cross Board, was a Girl Scout leader and is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts USA, and served as a Sunday school and religious education teacher. Ms. Harris has volunteered for many community projects; spring clean-ups, tree planting, holiday decorating and fund raising; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature would like to congratulate Colleen Harris on receiving the 2024 Veteran of Year Award and would like to publicly thank Ms. Harris on serving for our Country; 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 Ms. Harris.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 207

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Appointment to the Rainbow Lake Water Protection Board

WHEREAS: The term of Peter Shrope on the Rainbow Lake Water Protection Board will expire on July 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS: The Rainbow Lake Water Protection District's Board of Commissioners have requested that Peter Shrope be reappointed; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby appoints Peter Shrope to the Rainbow Lake Water Protection Board for a four (4) year term with said term commencing on July 20, 2024 and expiring on July 20, 2028.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 208

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend Resolution No. 216,
Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement With the
Village of Saranac Lake, Office of Economic
Development

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature duly adopted Resolution No. 216 on July 6, 2023, Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement With the Village of Saranac Lake; and

WHEREAS: Since the time of Resolution No. 216 was adopted, there were some problems with the procurement of the concept plan for a connector trail between the Adirondack Rail Trail and Woodruff Street and the Village of Saranac Lake decided that it would be better to use the funds of \$8,500 elsewhere; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Board of Legislature hereby authorizes that Resolution No. 216 of 2023 be amended to reflect the amended change in the use of the funds as outlined in the amended agreement; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That in all other respects said Resolution No. 216 of July 6, 2023 is hereby ratified and confirmed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 209

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Scheduling a Public Hearing Date on the Proposed
2024-2025 North Country Community College Budget

WHEREAS: North Country Community College has submitted its proposed 2024-2025 budget to this board; and

WHEREAS: The Members of the Franklin County Legislature have examined and considered said tentative budget and various items therein; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature shall meet for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the said Tentative Budget for North Country Community College for the fiscal year commencing September 1, 2024; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Public Hearing shall be held in the Chambers of the Legislature, Fourth Floor, Court House, Malone, N.Y. on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 10:30 A.M.; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Board of Legislature be and she hereby is directed to give Notice of said Public Hearing pursuant to law in such case made and provided.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 210

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Authorization to Pay Previous Years Invoices From 2024 Funds and Enter Into an Agreement With Albany Medical Center, Coroners

WHEREAS: The County Manager has advised the Administrative Committee that she is in receipt of invoices for pathology services performed in 2020, 2021 and 2023 in the amount of \$32,199.92 that needs to be paid; 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 an agreement with Albany Medical Center for pathology services; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the County Auditor is authorized to process and the County Treasurer is authorized to pay the following for pathology services performed in 2020, 2021 and 2023:

Albany Medical Center	\$ 4,000.00
CVPH	\$24,899.92
Dr. Sikirica, M.D.	\$ 1,600.00
Forensic Medical Services	\$ 1,700.00

Motion was made by Legislator Ellis and seconded by Legislator Lauzon. All Members present voted in the affirmative with the exception of Legislator Dumas was opposed. Resolution adopted with 6 ayes and 1 nay.

RESOLUTION NO. 211

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Pay 2023 DCMP LG Award, Office of Economic Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development Committee that he would like to pay out a DCMP LG award that was awarded in 2023; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay Adirondack Hamlets to Huts an amount not to exceed \$4,000 as outlined in the agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 212

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Extend the Term of a Contract With Paul Smiths College VIC and Pay a DDMP Award, Office of Economic Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development Committee that he would like to extend the term of a contract with Paul Smiths College VIC and pay out a DDMP award that was awarded in 2022; 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 extend the contract with Paul Smiths College VIC for three months; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay Paul Smiths College VIC an amount not to exceed \$10,000 as outlined in the agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 213

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Support & Authorization For Submission of an Application For the Market NY Grant, Office of Economic Development & Tourism

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development & Tourism is desirous of applying for the Market NY Grant; and

WHEREAS: The Market Grant would assist in rebranding Franklin County's Tourism destination and procure a new website to have an enhanced focus on an actual destination to be able to connect with a physical location in Franklin County; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature supports the submission of an application for the Market NY Grant and will commit up to \$60,000 from the tourism budget to support the match and will also be able to cover the full cost of the estimated \$120,000 project until the funds are reimbursed should the grant be awarded.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 214

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Support of 2024 Empire State Development
Feasibility Study Consolidated Funding
Application

WHEREAS: A Notice of Funding Availability for Strategic Planning and Feasibility Study grant funds has been made by Empire State Development in the 2024 Consolidated Funding Application state grant round; and

WHEREAS: Franklin County seeks to advance a key goal of its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) by expanding economic activity in its tourism sector; and

WHEREAS: The Paul Smith's Visitor Interpretive Center (VIC) has been identified as a key tourism destination opportunity by Franklin County's CEDS and the Franklin County Tourism Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS: A feasibility study assessing the possibilities for enhancement of current assets at the Paul Smith's College Visitor Interpretive Center (VIC) to expand usage and potential benefits that could be generated from these enhancements will position the project for future funding and advancement; and

WHEREAS: Enhancement of the Visitor Interpretive Center could also assist in future student and faculty recruitment at Paul Smith's College, a major employer and educational sector economic driver in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS: This project will advance the vision and strategies of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council's Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS: The proposed project is fully supported by Paul Smith's College administration and staff; and

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature fully supports the proposed project; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: The County Manager and the Director of Economic Development & Tourism, upon approval of the County Attorney, is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Paul Smith's College to this effect and the Franklin County Legislature supports the submission of the CFA Grant and will commit up to \$50,000 from the tourism budget to support the match requirement

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

RESOLUTION NO. 215

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Authorization For the County Manager to Enter
Into a Contract With Barclay Damon

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Manager has advised the Legislature that she is desirous to enter into a contract with Barclay Damon for legal representation; 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 Barclay Damon to provide legal representation with the terms and details outlined in the contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 216

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Contract With Heart
Network, Office of Economic Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development Committee that he would like to enter into a contract with Heart Network to administer the Connecting Routes to Destinations CHCS grant; 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 Heart Network to administer the Connecting Routes to Destinations CHCS grant with an amount not to exceed \$50,000 as outlined in the contract. The contractual date will be from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 217

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend the 2024 Budget,
Office of Economic Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development the he is desirous to appropriating funds from the Tourism Reserve (891) and increasing the 2024 budget; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Director, Office of Economic Development to amend the 2024 budget as shown:

Increase:

01-57-1289.10	Tourism Revenue	\$500,000.00
01-57-6410-20-4000	Contractual Expense	\$500,000.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 218

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With
Airosmith

WHEREAS: The County Manager has advised the Economic Development Committee that she is desirous of entering into a contract with Airosmith; and

WHEREAS: The County Manager advised the committee that as they move forward with Broadband planning and the implementation stage, grants are being applied for funds to help with planning and project management and the contract with Airosmith will be to review maps to ensure that there are no duplication of unserved or underserved households; 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 Airosmith for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 with the terms and details outlined in the contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 219

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 Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore

WHEREAS: A Project for Houndsville Road over Trout River, County Route 8 over West Branch Deer Creek P.I.N. 7753.97, (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS: The County of Franklin desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of the work for the Project or portions thereof; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County 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 Final Design & Right-of-Way (ROW) work for the Project or portions thereof; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$24,185.00 is hereby appropriated from existing Franklin County funds and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and, be it

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

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Superintendent of the Highway Department 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 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 was made by Legislator Janisewski and seconded by Legislator Lauzon. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 220

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 2024 Capital Project Budget for the Houndsville Road over Trout River project of 2024; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the 2024 Capital Project for Houndsville Road over Trout River Project to be amended for accounts as shown:

Increase: Houndsville Road over Trout River

07-99-4591-190 (Federal)	\$19,348.00
07-99-3591-190 (Marchiselli)	\$ 3,627.00
07-99-3501-190 (CHIPS Funds)	\$ 1,210.00
07-99-5198-190-2000 (Project Expense)	\$24,185.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 221

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 Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes that the 2024 Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Decrease: CHIPS	
07-99-3501-10	\$153,740.00
07-99-5198-10-2000	\$153,740.00

Increase: CR60	
07-99-3501-30	\$152,740.00
07-99-5198-30-2000	\$152,740.00

Increase: CR16 Bacon Road Bridge	
07-99-3501-189	\$ 1,000.00
07-99-5198-189-2000	\$ 1,000.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 222

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Lease Agreement With Saranac Lake Central School District and to Amend the Lease With Tupper Lake Housing

Authority for Office Space, Social Services

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she is asking for permission to enter into a lease agreement with the Saranac Lake Central School District and to amend the lease agreement with the Tupper Lake Housing Authority 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 the Saranac Lake Central School District and to amend the lease agreement with the Tupper Lake Housing Authority for office space with an effective date of July 15, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with the terms and details outlined in the lease agreements.

Motion was made by Legislator Martin and seconded by Legislator Lauzon. All Members present 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 11:51 A.M.