

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2024**

The Chairman of the Franklin County Legislature, Edward Lockwood, called the meeting to order at 11:36 A.M.

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

The Deputy Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature, Heather Marlow, called the roll. All Members were present will all District's represented.

Deputy Clerk Marlow advised the Board that Clerk Premo had prepared the minutes from the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on March 7, 2024. Motion was made by Legislator Lauzon and seconded by Legislator Janisewski to accept the Minutes as submitted. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Motion unanimously adopted.

Deputy Clerk Marlow read the following correspondence:

Letter - New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding the 2023 Targeted Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program

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

RESOLUTION NO. 87

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Employee Recognition For the Month of March 2024

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 March as follows:

<u>EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>
Mary Savage	Social Services	25 Years
Kathleen Sauve	Data Processing	15 Years
Kelly Doe	Social Services	10 Years
Brandie Barney	Social Services	5 Years
Christine Davis	Social Services	5 Years
Travis Legacy	Treasurer	5 Years

Motion was made by Legislator Dumas and seconded by Legislator Martin. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted. The Board of Legislature presented the pin to the employee who was present and thanked everyone for their years of service.

RESOLUTION NO. 88

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorizing Permission For the County Highway Superintendent to Enter Into Shared Services Agreements with Municipalities Within Franklin County

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Highway Superintendent recommends that the Board of Legislature permit the use of the County-owned machinery, tools, equipment and personnel by any terms as provided for in Section 133-A of the Highway Law, when it is for the public interest; and

WHEREAS: The usage of the shared services will be monitored by the Franklin County Highway Department; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby approves the use of any County-owned street or highway machinery, tools, or equipment by New York State and municipal corporation, political subdivision, district, district cooperation or school district located within the state, when recommended, by the County Highway Superintendent.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 89

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept 2023-2024 Public Safety Answering Points Operations Grant, Emergency Services

WHEREAS: The Emergency Preparedness Director/Fire Coordinator has advised the Public Safety Committee that Franklin County was awarded \$152,412 in a Public Safety Answering Points Operations Grant (2023-24 PSAP) from New York State for January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS: This grant will be used to sustain the communications center and is 100% reimbursable; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Emergency Preparedness Director/Fire Coordinator is hereby authorized to accept said grant.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 90

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Appointment to the Franklin County Tourism Advisory Committee

WHEREAS: There is a vacancy on the Franklin County Tourism Advisory Committee due to a resignation; and

WHEREAS: Tiffany Richards is desirous of being appointed to the Tourism Advisory Committee; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Board of Legislature hereby appoints Tiffany Richards to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Burke (Agriculture) on the Tourism Advisory Committee with the term expiring on May 15, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 91

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorization to Pay 2023 Invoice From 2024
Funds, Building Department

WHEREAS: The Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds has advised the Public Works & Services Committee that he has an invoice from 2023 from MX Vaincourt in the amount of \$2,400.81 that he needs to pay from 2024 funds; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay the sum of \$2,400.81 to MX Vaincourt to be taken from Account No. 01-17-1620-10-4455, Fuel Oil.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 92

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With
Peter Dumas

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

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into a contract with Peter Dumas for indigent legal services for Public Defender defense effective April 8, 2024 through April 7, 2025 with the terms and details outlined in the contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 93

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorization to Purchase an Altec Bucket Truck, Highway Department

WHEREAS: The Superintendent of Highways has advised the Public Works & Services Committee that he would like to purchase a Bucket Truck from Altec Industries, Inc. on Sourcewell Contract #110421-ALT; and

WHEREAS: The Superintendent of Highways will use CHIPS funding in the amount of \$218,988.00 for the purchase of the Altec Bucket Truck; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Highways to purchase an Altec Budget Truck from Altec Industries on Sourcewell Contract #110421-ALT for the amount of \$218,988.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 94

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement with Hearst Communications, Office of Economic Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development Committee that he is desirous of entering into an agreement with Hearst Communications for advertising utilizing I Love NY Funding; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Director, Office of Economic Development and the County Manager, upon the review and the approval of the County Attorney, to enter into an agreement with Hearst Communications for advertising not to exceed \$60,000, with the terms outlined in the agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 95

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Pay Grant Awards, Office of Economic Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development Committee that he would like to be authorized to reimburse for awards made by the scoring committee; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay the below awards upon receipt of documentation as outlined in the grantees contract using occupancy tax monies:

Adirondack Sky Center and Observatory (Adirondack Public Observatory) - an amount not to exceed \$15,000

Saranac Lake Artworks - an amount not to exceed \$15,000

Saranac Lake Fusion Market, LLC - an amount not to exceed \$6,000

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

RESOLUTION NO. 96

Offered by Finance Committee

Relating to Authorization to Create & Fill an Attorney, Treasurer Position, County Treasurer

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Treasurer has advised the Finance Committee that she would like to create and fill an Attorney, Treasurer Position in her department; and

WHEREAS: This position is needed to provide legal work that is required for the County In-Rem foreclosure as well as Occupancy Tax enforcement and other legal work as needed; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby creates an Attorney, Treasurer Position, Competitive Class, Management D, Base Salary \$44.6384 per hour; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Treasurer is hereby authorized to fill the Attorney, Treasurer Position on a per diem basis.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 97

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Grant Funds and Amend
2024 Budget, Board of Elections

WHEREAS: The Commissioners of the Board of Elections have advised the Administrative Committee that they are in receipt of a Technology Innovation and Election Resource (TIER) Grant and an Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage Grant and would like to appropriate these funds; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Commissioners of the Board of Elections are hereby authorized to accept the above grants and amend the 2024 budget for accounts as shown:

Revenue

01-16-3089.11	\$86,896.96
01-16-3089.12	\$17,274.27

Appropriations

01-16-1450-11-2000	\$70,000.00
01-16-1450-11-4338	\$16,896.96
01-16-1450-12-4237	\$17,274.27

Motion was made by Legislator Lauzon and seconded by Legislator Dumas. All Members present voted in the affirmative with the exception of Legislator Sparks who abstained. Resolution adopted by 6 ayes and 1 abstention.

RESOLUTION NO. 98

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept the State Interoperable
Communications 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 \$653,016.00 for the State Interoperable Communications Grant 2023; 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	\$653,016.00
01-33-3645-26-2000	Equipment	\$384,358.00
01-33-3645-26-4054	Consultant Services	\$256,238.00
01-33-3645-26-1000	Personnel	\$ 12,420.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 99

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Franklin County Legislature To Act As
Lead Agency

WHEREAS: Franklin County is proposing to create a Countywide Multi-Use Recreational Trail System with segments in the Towns of Bangor, Bellmont, Bombay, Brighton, Brasher (St. Lawrence County), Burke, Chateaugay, Constable, Dickinson, Duane, Fort Covington, Franklin, Harrietstown, Malone, Moira, Santa Clara, Waverly, and Westville, and the Villages of Burke, Chateaugay, and Malone (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS: The Project has been classified as a "Type I Action" as defined by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4; and

WHEREAS: It is the intent of the Franklin County Legislature to assume the role of "Lead Agency" for purposes of conducting a SEQRA assessment of the Project; and

WHEREAS: Part I of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) has been completed, reviewed by the Franklin County Legislature, and will be circulated to all Interested and Involved Agencies for purposes of establishing the Franklin County Legislature as "Lead Agency" in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b); NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Chairman of the Franklin County Legislature hereby is authorized to sign Part I of the FEAF (page 13); and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature will send, or have sent on their behalf, said Part I of the FEAF and associated site figures to the attached mailing list of Interested, Involved, and Other Agencies, under cover of a "Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency" letter for purposes of establishing Lead Agency status under the SEQRA; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Chairman of the Franklin County Legislature, together with the Franklin County Attorney and Barton & Loguidice, are hereby authorized to take all actions, serve all notices, and complete all documents required to give full force and effect to this determination.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Motion was made by Legislator Martin and seconded by Legislator Ellis. Chairman Lockwood requested that a roll call vote be taken. Deputy Clerk called the roll. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution adopted by 7 ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 100

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract with NYS
Empire Plan United Healthcare to Provide

Community Home Health Agency (CHHA) Services to
Members

WHEREAS: NYS Empire Plan United Healthcare administers a health plan for New York State enrollees; and

WHEREAS: NYS Empire Plan United Healthcare desires Franklin County Public Health Services to provide certain CHHA services; and

WHEREAS: The Human Resources Committee recommends that permission be granted to enter into a contract with NYS Empire Plan United Healthcare; 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 NYS Empire Plan United Healthcare for said services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 101

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Immunization Action Plan Grant Funds, Public Health Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Public Health Services has been notified that their current Immunization Action Plan Grant from NYS Department of Health has been renewed from April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: The amount of money awarded for this period is \$31,050 and in order to expend this money it is necessary to make appropriations at this time; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Director of Public Health Services is hereby authorized to accept said grant money and appropriations shall be made to accounts as shown:

2024 IAP Budget	
01-35-4024-04-4000	\$10,000
01-35-3432.04	\$10,000

2025 IAP Budget	
01-35-4024-04-4000	\$500
01-35-3232.04	\$500

and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the remaining grant funds are for salary and fringe that shall be paid out of existing budgeted funds; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That any unspent money shall be rolled over into the 2025 budget.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 102

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Opioid Settlement Funds & Appropriate Funds, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she is in receipt of opioid settlement funds from NYS Attorney General; and

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

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Director of Community Services to accept said funds and appropriations shall be made to accounts as follows:

Revenue	
Attorney General Opioid Settlement Funds	
01-99-2690-20	+\$15,975.75

Appropriation	
Opioid Settlement Funds	
01-43-4310-40-4000	+\$15,975.75

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

RESOLUTION NO. 103

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into Agreements With
Tupper Lake & Malone Village Police Departments,
Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she is desirous of entering into contracts with Tupper Lake & Malone Village Police Departments to purchase TruNarc Field Narcotics Identification Instruments through the use of Opioid Settlement funds; and

WHEREAS: The Malone Village Police Department is replacing an outdated instrument at a value of \$31,072.01; and

WHEREAS: The Tupper Lake Village Police Department will purchase the instrument for the first time and will require training as an additional expense for a total cost of \$33,400.01; and

WHEREAS: Opioid Settlement funds from account no. 01-43-4310-40-4000 will be used for these agreements with the Tupper Lake and Malone Village Police Departments; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager and the Director of Community Services, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into agreements with the Tupper Lake & Malone Village Police Departments for the purchase of TruNarc Field Narcotics Identification Instruments with the terms and details outlined in the agreements.

Motion was made by Legislator Sparks and seconded by Legislator Lauzon. All Members present voted in the affirmative with the exception of Legislator Dumas who abstained. Resolution adopted by 6 ayes and 1 abstention.

RESOLUTION NO. 104

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend 2024 Budget & Contracts,
Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she is in receipt of additional State Aid from the NYS Office of Mental Health, Addiction Services and Supports and People with Developmental Disabilities; and

WHEREAS: The revised State Aid funding allows for cost of living adjustments for certain agency programs, one-time funding and reallocation of funding; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the 2024 budget and contracts to be amended as shown:

ALTERNATIVE CRISIS

Revenue	01-43-3495-14	-\$74,114.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-15-4000	-\$74,114.00

CHILD AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Revenue	01-43-3495-13	-\$42,822.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-14-4000	-\$42,822.00

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Revenue	01-43-3495-11	-\$87,911.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-11-4000	-\$87,911.00

HEALTH HOME

Revenue	01-43-3495-16	+\$4,187.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-16-4000	+\$4,187.00

INTEGRATED SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

Revenue	01-43-3495-12	+\$2,614.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-06-4000	+\$2,614.00

INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT

Revenue	01-43-3495-10	-\$2,459.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-10-4000	-\$2,459.00

OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

Revenue	01-43-3491-10	+\$7,433.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-02-4000	+\$7,433.00

SUPPORTED HOUSING

Revenue	01-43-3492-20	+\$42,079.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-20-4000	+\$42,079.00

JAIL CONTRACT

Revenue	01-43-3491-20	+\$67,647.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-21-4000	+\$67,647.00

HOMEWARD BOUND

Revenue	01-43-3490-22	+\$54,600.00
Appropriation	01-43-4310-29-4000	+\$54,600.00

LAKESIDE HOUSE

Revenue	01-43-3496-13	+\$20,545.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-19-4000	+\$20,545.00

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Revenue	01-43-3495-15	+\$272,006.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-18-4000	+\$272,006.00

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Revenue	01-43-3496-10	+\$2,087.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-13-4000	+\$2,087.00

MULTICULTURAL ADVOCACY SERVICES

Revenue	01-43-3496-11	+\$13,930.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-16-4000	+\$13,930.00

OUTPATIENT RESTRUCTURING

Revenue	01-43-3496-12	+\$2,859.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-17-4000	+\$2,859.00

MEDICALLY SUPERVISED OUTPATIENT

Revenue	01-43-3486-10	+\$6,119.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-04-4000	+\$6,119.00

ALTERNATIVE CRISIS

Revenue	01-43-3486-08	+\$19,187.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-08-4000	+\$19,187.00

OUTPATIENT CLINIC

Revenue	01-43-3488-10	+\$85,763.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-03-4000	+\$85,763.00

INPATIENT PROGRAM (One time only funding for operational expenses.)

Revenue	01-43-3488-30	+\$662,640.00
Appropriation	01-43-4322-22-4000	+\$662,640.00

MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Revenue	01-43-3490-10	+\$22,480.00
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We wish to accept the money to be used for existing expenses.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 105

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend a Contract With St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment and Recovery Centers, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she would like to amend a contract with St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment and Recovery Centers; and

WHEREAS: These amendments are for services at the Franklin County Correctional Facility using State aid and Opioid Settlement Funds; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized to amend a Contract With St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment and Recovery Centers for services at the Franklin County Correctional Facility with a contract value of \$325,555.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 106

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With Catherine Ruff Consulting, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she would like to enter into a contract with Catherine Ruff Consulting; and

WHEREAS: Services provided are for assistance in responding to the Adult Treatment Court Program solicitation offered through the U.S. Department of Justice; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Director of Community Services and the County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to

enter into a contract with Catherine Ruff Consulting for an amount not to exceed \$6,600, with the terms to be outlined in the contract.

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

Motion was made by Legislator Martin and seconded by Legislator Lauzon to adjourn. All Members voted in the affirmative. Chairman Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 12:04 P.M.