

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 5, 2026**

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

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

The Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature, Heather Marlow, called the roll. All members were present with all Districts represented.

Clerk Marlow advised the Board that Deputy Clerk, Dawn Seymour, had prepared the minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 19, 2026. Motion was made by Legislator Dabiew and seconded by Legislator Lauzon to accept the minutes as submitted. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Motion unanimously adopted.

Clerk Marlow read the following correspondence:

Report - North Country Community College's annual report for the year ending August 31, 2025.

PILOT Agreement - County of Franklin Industrial Development Agency PILOT Agreement with Property located at 142 Chasm Road, Chateaugay. NY USLE Chasm Rd I LLC Project.

Letter - New York State Department of State has filed Local Law 4 of 2025, indexed as Local Law 1 of 2026, on February 10, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 43

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Extend the Term of a Contract
With Saranac Lake Development Corp., 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 Saranac Lake Development Corp.;
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 Saranac Lake Development Corp. to expire on October 31, 2026; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and authorizes the County Treasurer to pay Saranac Lake Development Corp. as outlined in the contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 44

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Federal Salary Sharing
Funds and Amend 2026 Budget, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she is in receipt of Federal Salary Sharing funds in the amount of \$65,579.00; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Director of Community Services to accept said funds and amend the 2026 Budget as follows:

Revenue	
01-43-3490-21	\$65,579.00

Appropriation	
01-43-4310-21-4000	\$65,579.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 45

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend the 2026 Budget
and Contract, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she would like to amend the 2026 Budget and contract with St. Joseph's Veterans Community Residence for a one time increase in the amount of \$25,000.00 using Opioid Stewardship funds; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the 2026 Budget is hereby amended to increase accounts shown:

01-43-3488-20	Revenue	+\$25,000.00
01-43-4322-09-4000	Appropriation	+\$25,000.00

and, be it

FURTHER 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 sign an amended contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 46

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With
Apter and O'Connor, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she would like to enter into a contract with Apter and O'Connor; and

WHEREAS: Apter and O'Connor would conduct a 2026 needs assessment and assist with the completion of the Local Services plan 2027-2031; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Board of Legislature hereby authorizes the Director of Community Services and the County Manager, upon the approval of the County Attorney, to enter into a contract with Apter and O'Connor with the terms and details in the contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 47

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Funds and Amend 2026
Budget, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she is in receipt of OMH State Aid in the amount of \$336,731.00; and

WHEREAS: The funds are for the expansion of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment program; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Director of Community Services to accept said funds and amend the 2026 budget as follows:

Revenue	
01-43-3490-10	+\$336,731.00
Appropriation	
01-43-4310-01-4000	+\$336,731.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 48

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend 2026 Budget and Contracts,
Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that the community Club Houses are transitioning from Citizen Advocates, Inc. to Community Connections; and

WHEREAS: Due to this transition of the Club Houses she is seeking to reduce the Citizen Advocates, Inc. contract and

establish a contract with Community Connections; NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT

RESOLVED: That the 2026 Budget is hereby amended as shown:

Citizen Advocates

Revenue	01-43-3495-11	-\$223,451.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-11-4000	-\$223,451.00

Community Connections

Revenue	01-43-3495-15	+\$223,451.00
Appropriation	01-43-4323-18-4000	+\$223,451.00

and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Board of Legislature hereby authorizes the Director of Community Services and the County Manager, upon the approval of the County Attorney, to enter into a contract with Community Connections with the terms and details in the contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 49

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Reduction in OASAS State Aid for Citizen
Advocates Outpatient Clinic, Community Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Community Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) is reducing their state aid for Citizen Advocates Outpatient Clinic; and

WHEREAS: Most of Citizen Advocates, Inc., revenue is generated by Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic billing. This is a trend happening for agencies across the state; and

WHEREAS: Franklin County's mandated maintenance of effort has been zeroed out; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the 2026 Budget is hereby amended as shown:

Revenue	01-43-3486-10	-\$242,078.00
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RESOLUTION NO. 51

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorization to Pay Invoices, County Manager

WHEREAS: The County Manager has advised the Public Works & Services Committee that she is in receipt of (2) invoices from Chargepoint totaling the amount of \$4,956.05 that needs to be paid retroactively to 2023; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the County Auditor is authorized to process and the County Treasurer is authorized to pay Chargepoint the sum of \$4,956.05 out of 2026 funds.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 52

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorization to Create and Fill Seasonal Positions, Highway Department

WHEREAS: The Superintendent of Highways has advised the Public Works & Services Committee that he is desirous of creating and filling seasonal positions for the 2026 construction season; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Board of Legislature hereby creates the following seasonal positions:

Motor Equipment Operator I (temporary) Position (not to exceed six months), Grade 8, Non-Competitive Class, Base Salary of \$22.6533 per hour

Motor Equipment Operator II (temporary) Position (not to exceed six months), Grade 10, Non-Competitive Class, Base Salary of \$25.0734 per hour

Working Supervisor (temporary) Position (not to exceed nine months), Grade 12, Non-Competitive Class, Base Salary of \$27.7700 per hour

(2) Working Supervisor (temporary) Positions (not to exceed six months), Grade 12, Non-Competitive Class, Base Salary of \$27.7700

(6) Laborer (temporary) Positions (not to exceed six months), Grade 6, Labor Class, Base Salary of \$20.4784 per hour

; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Superintendent of Highways is hereby authorized to fill these positions with monies in his budget.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 53

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Forfeiture-FCAD Funds and Amend 2026 Budget, District Attorney

WHEREAS: The District Attorney has advised the Public Safety Committee that she is in receipt of Forfeiture-FCAD Funds in the amount of \$1,391.68; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the District Attorney to accept said funds and the 2026 budget is hereby amended to increase accounts shown:

01-03-2626.10	Revenue	\$1,391.68
01-03-1165-110-4254	Internet Charges	\$1,391.68

and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That any monies left from these funds shall be rolled over into the 2027 budget.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 54

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Permission to Obtain Bids to Purchase & Install
 an Exterior Walk-In Freezer & Refrigerator for
 the Brushton Moira Adult Center, Office For the
 Aging

WHEREAS: The Director of the Office For the Aging has advised
the Human Resources Committee that she would like permission to
solicit bids for a new exterior walk-in freezer and refrigerator
for the Brushton Moira Adult Center; and

WHEREAS: The Director of the Office For the Aging also
advised that the funds for this purchase would come from monies
rolled over into the 2026 budget that requires no county share or
match; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby
authorizes the Director of the Office For the Aging to obtain bids
for an exterior walk-in freezer and refrigerator for the Brushton
Moira Adult Center.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 55

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Pay Invoice, Broadband

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Grant Coordinator has advised
the Economic Development Committee that she is in receipt of an
invoice from Airosmith in the amount of \$12,093.75 for services
provided in December 2025; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the County Auditor is authorized to process
and the County Treasurer is authorized to pay Airosmith the sum of
\$12,093.75 out of 2026 funds.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 56

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With
Airosmith For MIP Phase I, Broadband

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Grant Coordinator has advised the Economic Development Committee of the desire to enter into contract with Airosmith for the remainder of MIP Phase I; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into contract with Airosmith for the remainder of MIP Phase I, with the terms and details outlined in the contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 57

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into Contracts and 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 enter into contracts and be authorized to pay for small business grant awards; 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 contracts and the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay the below awards upon receipt of documentation as outlined in the grantees contract:

Bike Adirondacks - an amount not to exceed \$5,000

Dickinson VFD - an amount not to exceed \$5,000

Franklin County Agricultural Society - an amount not to exceed \$5,000

P2's Irish Pub - an amount not to exceed \$5,000

Saranac Lake ArtWorks - an amount not to exceed \$3,750

Saranac Lake Area Chamber of Commerce - an amount not to exceed \$5,000

Town of Tupper Lake - an amount not to exceed \$5,000

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

RESOLUTION NO. 58

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Pay Invoice, District Attorney

WHEREAS: The Franklin County District Attorney has advised the Public Safety Committee that she is in receipt of an invoice from Burnham Reporting in the amount of \$1,020.00 for Grand Jury term December 18, 2025; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the County Auditor is authorized to process and the County Treasurer is authorized to pay Burnham Reporting the sum of \$1,020.00 out of 2026 funds.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 59

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend 2026 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 amends the 2026 budget as follows:

Decrease: CHIPS

07-99-3501-10	\$343.63
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07-99-5198-10-2000	\$343.63
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Increase: CR18 Forest Home Road

07-99-3501-91	\$343.63
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07-99-5198-91-2000	\$343.63
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Motion was made by Legislator Sparks and seconded by Legislator Dabiew. All Members present voted in the affirmative. Resolution unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 60

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of 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 the County Route 24 (Brainardsville Road), Guide Rail Replacement P.I.N. 7808.36 (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 95% Federal funds and 5% 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 project; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County 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 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Preliminary Design work for the Project or portions thereof; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the sum of \$50,000.00 is hereby appropriated from existing Franklin County funds 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 non-federal share costs of the Project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the County of Franklin shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the County Highway Superintendent 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 with the 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 County of Franklin's first instance 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: This Resolution Shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorization to Obtain Bids for a Set of Wireless Remote Traffic Signals, Highway Department

WHEREAS: The Highway Superintendent has advised the Public Works & Services Committee that he would like permission to solicit bids for a set of wireless remote traffic signals; and

WHEREAS: The Highway Superintendent has advised that he intends to use CHIP funding in the amount of \$70,000.00 for this purchase; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to obtain bids for a set of wireless remote traffic signals; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the CHIPS Budget will be amended as follows:

Decrease: CHIPS Revenue	
07-99-3501-10	\$70,000.00

Decrease: CHIPS Expense	
07-99-5198-10-2000	\$70,000.00

Increase: CHIPS REVENUE	
02-90-3501-10	\$70,000.00

Increase: Traffic Safety Equipment	
02-87-3310-10-2000	\$70,000.00

;and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this purchase is contingent upon the confirmation of the Franklin County's current Purchasing Policy.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63

Offered by Legislator Janisewski, Lauzon, Dumas, Lockwood, Dabiew, Sparks and Shoemaker

Relating to Franklin County Recognizes March as "March for Meals" Month

WHEREAS: Since March of 1972, "March for Meals" acknowledges the historic day when President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS: The amended act includes a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older commonly referred to as Meals on Wheels and serves more than two million meals in the country; and

WHEREAS: Franklin County Office For the Aging proudly served 197,863 home delivered meals in 2025; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That Franklin County Legislature wants to recognize March as "March for Meals" Month to raise awareness and support to ensure these critical nutrition programs can continue to address food insecurity and malnutrition, combat social isolation, enable independence, and improve health for years to come; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature shall transmit an official copy of this Resolution bearing the Great Seal of Franklin County to the Office For the Aging.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With Dr. Jill Weiss, Office of Economic Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development Committee that he is desirous of entering into a contract with Dr. Jill Weiss to develop and execute an economic impact study; 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 Dr. Jill Weiss to develop and execute an economic impact study with the terms and conditions outlined in the contract; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay per the contract and amount not to exceed \$12,500.

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 Lockwood and seconded by Legislator Lauzon to adjourn. All Members voted in the

affirmative. Chairman Janisewski adjourned the meeting at 11:49 A.M.