

RESOLUTION NO. 274

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend 2024 Budget to Accept Funds Through New York State For Health Care Worker Bonuses, Franklin County Public Health Services and Pay Bonuses to Qualified Employees & Contractual Therapists

WHEREAS: The Director of Franklin County Public Health Services advised the Human Resources Committee that to attract talented people into the profession at a time of such significant strain, while also retaining those who have been working so tirelessly these past two years, we must recognize the efforts of our health care and mental hygiene workforce and reward them financially for their services. To do so, as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 New York State Executive Budget legislation, \$1.2 billion in funding has been allocated for the payment of bonuses for certain frontline healthcare workers; and

WHEREAS: Qualified employers include certain providers with at least one employee, and that bill for services under the Medicaid state plan or a home or community-based services (HCBS) waiver, providers that have a provider agreement to bill for Medicaid services provided or arranged through a managed care organization or a managed long term care plan, and certain educational institutions and other funded programs; and

WHEREAS: Employees must meet certain eligibility requirements; titles, worked in one of the vested periods, worked a certain amount of hours, have a salary under \$125,000 per year and must also sign an attestation before receiving bonus. A qualified employee is eligible for up to two vesting periods per employer. The maximum any employee may receive is \$3,000; and

WHEREAS: Franklin County Public Health bills for services under Medicaid and has qualified employees. The Director of Franklin County Public Health has received \$1,614.75 (\$114.75) of those funds are for (Fica/Medicare), and will in the future be receiving these funds for eligible employees through the last vesting period that ends March 31, 2024; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That Franklin County Public Health Services is hereby authorized to accept Health Care Worker Bonus funds and increase the 2024 budget revenue and expenditure lines as follows:

01-35-3438.00	\$1,614.75
01-35-4010-10-1000	\$1,000.00
01-35-4010-10-8001	\$ 114.75

and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: Franklin County Public Health Services will provide the list of eligible employees/contract therapists to the Franklin County Treasurer Department for distribution, payment of bonuses.

RESOLUTION NO. 275

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Public Health Preparedness/Response to Bioterrorism Grant, Public Health Services

WHEREAS: The Director of Public Health Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she has received a grant for Public Health Preparedness/Response to Bioterrorism in the amount of \$52,099, for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 from Health Research, Inc.; and

WHEREAS: In order to expend this money, appropriations need to be made at this time; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Public Health Director to accept said grant money and appropriation shall be made to the accounts as follows, fringe and salary already appropriated in Department’s General Fund Budget:

2024 Budget		
01-42-4072-07-4000	Contractual Expenses	\$5,000.00
01-42-4372.07	Revenue	\$5,000.00

and, be it

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

RESOLUTION NO. 276

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend 2024 Budget to accept Funds through New York State for HealthCare Workforce Bonuses, Personnel

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Personnel Officer has advised the Administrative Committee that there is a Franklin County employee that is eligible to receive HealthCare Workforce Bonus; and

WHEREAS: In Part ZZ of Chapter 56 of the NYS Laws of 2022, the HealthCare Workforce Bonus Program allows for the payment of bonuses “recruit, retain and reward health care and mental hygiene workers” who meet the specified eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS: It has been determined that there is an employee outside of Franklin County Public Health Services Department who qualify for the Healthcare Workforce Bonus; and

WHEREAS: The Healthcare Workforce Bonuses are available now to be paid out to eligible employees for the final of five vesting periods under this Program; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept HealthCare Workforce Bonus funds and increase the 2024 budget lines as follows:

01-43-3438.00	\$1,076.50
01-43-4310-01-1000	\$1,000.00
01-43-4310-01-8001	\$ 76.50

and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Personnel Officer will provide the information of the eligible employee to the Franklin County Treasurer Department and respective department head for distribution of the bonus.

RESOLUTION NO. 277

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Appointment of Franklin County Highway Superintendent

WHEREAS: The term of office for the Franklin County Highway Superintendent is due to expire on September 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature is desirous of filling this position; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby appoints Edward Adams for a four year term commencing September 29, 2024 and shall expire on September 28, 2028; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the salary shall be \$103,000 effective September 29, 2024 and the salary for the remainder of the term shall follow the Franklin County Salary Policy for Non-Union Employees.

RESOLUTION NO. 278

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Piggyback Onto Albany County's Award RFB-2023-148, Sheriff's Department

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Sheriff has advised the Public Safety Committee that he is desirous of purchasing enforcement equipment and supplies; and

WHEREAS: The Sheriff would like to piggyback onto Albany County's Award RFB-2023-148 for the purchase of enforcement equipment and supplies; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Franklin County Sheriff to piggyback onto Albany County's Award RFB-2023-148 to purchase enforcement equipment and supplies.

RESOLUTION NO. 279

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

Relating to Franklin County Legislature Calls Upon the State Government to Enact a Solution to Move Surplus Lands From State Ownership to Private Ownership

WHEREAS: Approximately 40 years ago the North Country had double the unemployment rate of the nation; and

WHEREAS: The State was in crisis, with over flowing jails, and came to the North Country seeking locations and a work force

to expand the Department of Corrections to alleviate the overcrowding from the Rockefeller era drug laws; and

WHEREAS: The contraction of the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision has two unintended consequences, 1) the negative impact to the economy of the affected communities, 2) buildings left empty and vacant, adding nothing to the Communities they once served; and

WHEREAS: There are potential facilities owned by the State, not used by the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision that could also be closed in the Forest Preserve Counties with the same impacts; and

WHEREAS: These closed facilities are at the whim of State Government, since 2009 when Gabriels closed all attempts to return it to private use has failed, Gabriels meets the Adirondack Park Agency definition of Hamlet; and

WHEREAS: By definition in Environmental Conservation Law, all State Land is considered Forest Preserve in any Forest Preserve County, which are the Counties wholly or partially within the Adirondack and Catskill Parks; and

WHEREAS: This includes all State Lands regardless of use or agency, whether the land is inside or outside the Boundaries of the Adirondack or Catskill Parks; and

WHEREAS: There are now five facilities in five different Forest Preserve Counties, closed or announced to be closing; and

WHEREAS: Two are inside the Adirondack Park, Gabriels, Franklin County, Moriah, Essex County, two outside the Adirondack Park in Forest Preserve Counties, McGregor, Saratoga County, Great Meadow, Washington County, and one in a Forest Preserve County outside the Catskill Park, Sullivan, Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS: These facilities do not meet the definition of Wild Forest, the least strict Classification of Forest Preserve; and

WHEREAS: The loss of jobs at these facilities has a larger impact on rural Towns and Counties, than urban Towns and Counties; and

WHEREAS: These facilities cannot be sold or leased without a definition change in Environmental Conservation Law, or a Constitutional Amendment, and

WHEREAS: Having these facilities revert quickly to private use, would benefit their host Towns and Counties; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby ask that our State Government enact a solution to quickly move surplus lands, not meeting Wild Forest definition and used previously for Administrative Use from State ownership to Private Ownership to benefit the Host Towns and Counties economically; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Hochul, Senators Stec, Ashby, Tedisco, Walczk, Griffo, Hinchey, and Oberacker. Assemblymembers Jones, Walsh, Woerner, Simpson, Gray, Blankenbush, Smullen, Bendett Gunther, Maher, Tague, Shrestha, and Angelino.

RESOLUTION NO. 280

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Septic Replacement Funds,
Economic Development

WHEREAS: The County Manager has advised the Economic Development Committee that Franklin County has been awarded \$200,000 from New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation for Septic Replacement fund; and

WHEREAS: This fund award is to assist local homeowners and small businesses in the replacement of outdated cesspools and septic systems that negatively affect designated bodies of water within the County; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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

01-81-3989.10	\$200,000
01-81-8668-10-4000	\$200,000

RESOLUTION NO. 281

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Establishing Capital Project #1, Upgrades to
the Records Room in Franklin County Clerk's
Office

WHEREAS: There is a need to upgrade the records room in the Franklin County Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS: In order to upgrade the records room in the Franklin County Clerk's Office, a capital project needs to be established; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby establishes Capital Project #1 and appropriates \$50,000 from the Mortgage Tax Reserve as follows:

Fund Balance Mortgage Tax Reserve

Increase		
01-85-9901-9527	Interfund Transfer	\$50,000
07-99-5031.01	Capital Project #1 (Revenue)	\$50,000
07-99-5198-01-2000	Capital Project #1	\$50,000

RESOLUTION NO. 282

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into Contracts
For Field Work for Franklin County's East MIP
Phase 1 Broadband Buildout

WHEREAS: Franklin County's East MIP Phase 1 Broadband Buildout needs to start an in-field survey of approximately 760

poles that will be utilized to attach fiber optic cable along the 36 mile route for the East MIP Phase 1; 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 contracts for the start of the in-field survey of poles that will be utilized in the East MIP Phase 1 Broadband Buildout not to exceed \$10,000 and the terms will be outlined in the contracts.

RESOLUTION NO. 283

Offered by Human Resources Committee

Relating to Authorization to Create and Fill Temporary Positions, Social Services

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Social Services has advised the Human Resources Committee that she is desirous of creating and filling temporary positions for the 2024 HEAP season; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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

(3) Community Services Aides Positions Temporary (not to exceed six months) Part-time (not to exceed 17hrs per week), Grade 2, Non-Competitive Class, Base Salary of \$17.8890 per hour

(1) Social Welfare Examiner Position Temporary (not to exceed six months), Grade 7, Non-Competitive Class, Base Salary of \$41,820

; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to fill these positions with monies in her budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 284

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Grant, Appropriate Funds and Authorize County Manager to Enter Into an Agreement, Traffic Safety

WHEREAS: The Traffic Safety Coordinator has advised the Public Safety Committee that Franklin County has been awarded \$23,400 from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to participate in the Highway Safety Program effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; 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 County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to execute an agreement with terms and conditions to be outlined in said agreement; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the 2024 budget is hereby amended with appropriations to be made to accounts as shown:

01-31-3389.10	Revenue	\$23,400
01-31-3310-10-4000	Contractual Expenses	\$23,400

RESOLUTION NO. 285

Offered by

Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to

Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With the Town of Franklin for Snow and Ice Control, Highway Department

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature has determined that the control of snow and ice conditions on County roads within the Town of Franklin shall be pursuant to Section 135-a of the Highway Law; and

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature has further determined that, in the event the Town of Franklin desires to contract to perform such duties of removing snow from, and sanding, County roads within the Town of Franklin that they shall enter into a written agreement for such services at the rates hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature has also determined that it is in the best interest of the County of Franklin that any agreement for such services shall cover years 2025 and 2026; and

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature has also determined that the assessments for the cost of removing snow and sanding hereinafter made, as well as the rates to be paid to the Town of Franklin in the event they agree in writing to contract to perform such services are fair and reasonable; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Town of Franklin of the County of Franklin is hereby reimbursed the costs of snow removal and sanding the county highways in the Town of Franklin, pursuant to Section 135-a of the Highway Law for years 2025 and 2026 for amounts as shown; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That in the event the Town of Franklin of the County of Franklin is desirous of contracting with said county to perform such duties of removal of snow and sanding that, upon the execution of a written agreement, the assessment for said town shall be cancelled; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Superintendents of Highways shall be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into any agreement for the removal of snow, and sanding, of county roads within the Town of Franklin for years 2025 and 2026 at the rates for such highways and for the miles stated below:

Town	Roads	Miles	2025	2026
Franklin	CR 26, 48, 55,60	28.18	\$ 186,139.89	\$ 191,724.09

RESOLUTION NO. 286

Offered by

Administrative Committee

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

WHEREAS: The Commissioners of Board of Election has advised the Administrative Committee that the Elections Cybersecurity Remediation Grant that previously expired on December 31, 2023 has been extended; and

WHEREAS: In order to expend these funds, appropriations need to be made at this time; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Commissioners of Board of Election to accept said grant monies and appropriations shall be made to accounts as follows:

01-16-3089.12	Revenue	\$20,701.72
01-16-1450-12-4338	Computer Expense	\$20,701.72

RESOLUTION NO. 287

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Authorization to Update Maximum Reimbursable
 Amounts for Coroners

WHEREAS: The Administrative Committee is recommending that new maximum amounts be established at this time for services rendered by the Coroners Department; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby establishes the following maximum amounts for regular services provided by the Coroners Department:

Federal Rate per mile from Coroner’s location or County line to the Scene

Removal from Scene to Facility	\$335.00 Flat Rate
Transportation from Hospital Facility to Autopsy (plus \$2.00 per mile loaded or Federal Rate per mile unloaded)	\$335.00 Flat Rate