

AGENDA
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
NOVEMBER 2, 2023

10:30 AM Call to Order
Pledge to Flag
Opening Prayer
Roll Call

Accepting Minutes of October 5, 2023

Public Comment Period

Hamilton County Attorney: Charles R. Getty, Jr.

Reports of Standing/Special Committees

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- No. 1 Amending Resolution No. 281-23 – Setting Annual Session Dates
- No. 2 Accepting Report of the Finance Committee
- No. 3 Authorization for Printing of and Notice of Public Hearing on Tentative Budget
- No. 4 Authorizing a Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2023 a Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit for Hamilton County for 2024 and Authorizing the Adoption by Hamilton County of a Budget for 2024 that will Require a Tax Levy that is Greater than the Tax Levy Limit for the 2024 Fiscal Year
- No. 5 Chairman Authorized to Execute Agreement with Independent Audit Firm for Three Year Contract – Audit Services for 2023, 2024 and 2025
- No. 6 Authorizing the Hamilton County Treasurer to be the Collecting Officer for the Lake Pleasant Central School District Taxes
- No. 7 Mortgage Tax Distribution
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No. 12 Authorizing Purchase and Install of Ancillary Equipment for 2022 RAM SSV – Sheriff’s Office

No. 13 Authorizing Purchase of Glock Training Guns and Upgrade of Service Weapon

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- No. 26 Authorizing Payment for Repairs to Truck #135
- No. 27 Authorizing Payment Kobelco Excavator – DPW (Highway)

RESOLUTION NO.

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 281-23 - SETTING ANNUAL SESSION DATES

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is a conflict for the November 13, 2023 Annual Session date, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 281-23 is hereby amended to state the following dates have been designated as the annual session for 2023:

November 2 10:30 A.M.
November 6 10:30 A.M.
November 8 10:30 A.M.
November 15 10:30 A.M.
November 17 10:30 A.M.
PUBLIC HEARING 11:00 A.M.
December 7 AUDIT 10:30 A.M.
December 22 AUDIT 10:30 A.M.

Seconded by

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 2, 2023

Your Committee on the tentative budget of the fiscal year 2024 as filed by the Budget Officer with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, respectfully reports that in its opinion the amounts in the columns headed "Recommended Appropriations" will be necessary to meet the expenditures of the County for the ensuing year.

1. Contributions required by the law be made by tax upon this County for State Employees' Retirement Contributions and Conservation Fire Claims.
2. Salaries of Officers and Employees heretofore authorized by this Board and the amounts necessary to pay for the equipment, supplies and materials and other expenses for each department.
3. Amount necessary to carry out the contract with the State of New York for Snow Removal on State Highways.
4. County Indebtedness maturing and interest payable as shown by the Budget Officer.
5. Appropriations for Public Relief and care and administration expenses.
6. Appropriations for the County Road Fund, Snow Removal on County Road and County Machinery Fund.
7. Appropriations for the Contingent Fund.
8. Appropriations for reserve for uncollected taxes and assessments, tax refunds and tax sales.
9. Appropriations for other specific purposes as stated in the tentative budget by the Budget Officer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

John Frey, William G. Farber,
Chris D. Rhodes, Phillip C. Snyder

RESOLUTION NO.

ACCEPTING REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Finance Committee is accepted as on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR PRINTING OF AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
TENTATIVE BUDGET**

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to have the 2024 tentative budget printed or reproduced and to be available November 6, 2023, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized to advertise a public hearing on the Tentative Budget to be held November 17, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at the Court House, Lake Pleasant, New York, and the Clerk of the Board shall have notice of hearing published in the Hamilton County Express on November 8 and November 15, 2023.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2023 A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR 2024 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY HAMILTON COUNTY OF A BUDGET FOR 2024 THAT WILL REQUIRE A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2023 titled "A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR 2024 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY HAMILTON COUNTY OF A BUDGET FOR 2024 THAT MAY REQUIRE A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR" attached hereto and made a part hereof, be, and the same hereby is introduced before the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, and in order to give interested members of the public the opportunity to be heard thereon, the Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing at the Supervisors' Rooms in the Hamilton County Municipal Building on the 17th day of November, 2023, at 11:15 a.m., on the matter of the adoption of said proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2023, entitled "A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR 2024 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY HAMILTON COUNTY OF A BUDGET FOR 2024 THAT MAY REQUIRE A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR", and it be further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and she hereby is authorized and directed to give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided by law.

Seconded by

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2023
State of New York
County of Hamilton

A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY FOR
2024 AND AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY HAMILTON COUNTY OF A BUDGET
FOR 2024 THAT WILL REQUIRE A TAX LEVY THAT IS GREATER THAN THE TAX
LEVY LIMIT FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton as follows:

- Section 1. Title: This Local Law shall be known as “Hamilton County Responsible Budgeting Law of 2023”.
- Section 2. Declaration of intent: The intention of this local law is to comply with the requirements of General Municipal Law Section 3-c (5) prior to adopting the 2024 Hamilton County Budget. The dramatic economic changes precipitated by COVID, inflation, and workforce shortages have necessitated this increase. Notwithstanding these circumstances the County will need to provide services in 2024, in addition to those mandated by the State, which are important to our citizens. After serious and sustained efforts to minimize the amount of the tax levy, and to project the tax levy limit for Hamilton County for 2024, it is clear that a responsible budget for 2024 will require a tax levy that will be greater than the tax levy limit calculated pursuant to applicable State Law.
- Section 3. Budget Authorization: The Board of Supervisors hereby overrides the tax levy limit for Hamilton County for 2024 and authorizes Hamilton County, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for 2024 that will require a tax levy increase that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2024 pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law.
- Section 4. Severability: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this local law is for any reason declared unconstitutional, or invalid or in whole or in part by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such unconstitutionality or invalidation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this law which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section 5. Effective Date: This local law shall take effect upon the date on which a certified copy of this local law is filed in the office of the Secretary of State pursuant to section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

RESOLUTION NO.

**CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH INDEPENDENT
AUDIT FIRM FOR THREE YEAR CONTRACT-AUDIT SERVICES FOR 2023, 2024
AND 2025**

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer requested a quote from our present County auditor's for the year ending 2023, 2024 and 2025, as our contract has expired with the 2022 year-end audit, and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has recommended continuing with our present audit firm of Drescher and Malecki, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee agreed with staying with our present auditors, and

WHEREAS, the accounting firm of Drescher and Malecki, LLP, proposed \$27,500.00 for the year ending 2023; \$28,600.00 for year ending 2024; and \$29,750.00 for year ending 2025, and these price quotes include the NYS DOT audit for years 2023, 2024 and 2025 as well, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Drescher and Malecki, LLP, Certified Public Accounts, for the audit years 2023, 2024 and 2025 at the stipulated costs listed above, based on the approval of the contract by the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING THE HAMILTON COUNTY TREASURER TO BE THE
COLLECTING OFFICER FOR THE LAKE PLEASANT CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT TAXES**

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, according to Real Property Tax Law Section 578, the County has the right to enter into a contract with a school district for the collection of school taxes, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office has had a contract with the Lake Pleasant Central School to collect the school taxes for the district since 2011, and

WHEREAS, the Lake Pleasant Central School Board agreed at its Annual Reorganizational meeting held on July 11, 2023 to enter into a school tax collection contract with Hamilton County for the collection year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 for \$10,400.00, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Treasurer has agreed to be the tax collecting officer for the 2023-2024 school year for the Lake Pleasant Central School during its normal school tax collection period of September 1 to October 31 with the collection office being the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office, be it

RESOLVED, that Beth Hunt, Hamilton County Treasurer, is authorized to collect the Lake Pleasant Central School District taxes for the School Tax year 2023-24 at the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office for an agreed amount of \$10,400.00, for school tax year to be paid by the Lake Pleasant Central School District, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to enter into a contract with Lake Pleasant Central School to provide school tax collection services for the school year 2023-2024 for \$10,400.00 and the County Treasurer be so notified.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.
MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, it appears from the reports of the County Clerk and the County Treasurer for the period April 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, that there remains for distribution of moneys received by taxation on Mortgages pursuant to the provision of Article Eleven, Section 261 of the Tax Law, the sum of \$115,542.61, for the distribution among the Towns and Village of the County of Hamilton, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton that the sum of \$115,542.61 be and the same hereby is apportioned as follows:

Arietta	\$765.00
Benson	\$3,649.00
Hope	\$5,910.00
Indian Lake	\$35,241.00
Inlet	\$16,753.61
Lake Pleasant	\$14,356.51
Long Lake	\$28,070.50
Morehouse	\$1,227.50
Wells	\$6,629.00
Village of Speculator	\$2,940.49

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to pay the respective sums so appropriated to the Supervisors of said Towns.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING ONE YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LISA BURGESS

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors wishes to renew its lease with Lisa Burgess, and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined it to be in the best interest of the County to extend this relationship, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year lease with Lisa Burgess for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with the approval of the County Attorney, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the monthly rent is hereby set at \$450.00 per month for 2024.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

**APPROVAL TO FUND AND PAY INVOICE FOR GOVERNMENT WEBSITE
UTILIZING THE ARP ACT FUNDS**

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, the invoice for the third payment and prorated maintenance has been received from Catalog and Commerce Solutions, LLC for the new government website, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 318-22 dated October 6, 2022 authorized the use of ARP Act funds for said project, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be hereby authorized to fund Account No. A1040.0411 – ARP Act, Website in the amount of \$4,190.00 to be totally offset by funding Revenue Account No. A4089.0200 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of 4,190.00, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay Catalog and Commerce Solutions, LLC for Invoice No. 2438 in the amount of \$4,190.00 from Account No. A1040.0411 ARP Act, Website.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN NYS OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES GRANT CONTRACT - SECOND STATEWIDE EXPANSION OF HURRELL-HARRING

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 86-19 authorized the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services five-year Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Grant Contract No. CSTWIDEHH20 in the amount of \$769,574.34, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has received the Second Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Contract No. CSTWIDEHH20 for the period of April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2026 for \$1,165,574.34, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the Second Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Harring Grant Contract No. CSTWIDEHH20.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING GRADE CHANGE FOR CORRECTION OFFICERS

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors and the Department Head Committee agreed that further salary adjustments should be undertaken on a department by department basis, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requested a specific review of the grade for Correction Officers, as part of the recruitment and retention review for his department, and

WHEREAS, during the joint meeting and discussions between EP/ER and Internal Management it was determined that a two-grade adjustment was necessary for the Correction Officers for the 2024 budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Correction Officer grade is hereby increased from a Grade 4 to Grade 6 effective January 1, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Sheriff, County Treasurer, Personnel Officer, and the Budget Officer be so authorized.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AND INSTALL OF ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT FOR
2022 RAM SSV – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 269-23 authorized the purchase of a 2022 Ram SSV pickup for the Sheriff’s Office, and

WHEREAS, said vehicle needs to have ancillary equipment installed such as but not limited to emergency lights, sirens, etc., and

WHEREAS, the County has received written quote number 00191344 for the installation of the ancillary equipment from JPJ Electronics, 1 W. Whitesboro St., Yorkville, NY in the amount of \$9,210.69, and

WHEREAS, because of the electronics that new vehicles have from the factory such as air bag components and computer controlled factory equipment the Fleet Coordinator recommends waiving the County’s procurement for three written quotes, and recommends that JPJ Electronics complete the installation of the ancillary equipment, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Fleet Coordinator is authorized to purchase the ancillary equipment from JPJ Electronics installed at a cost of \$9,210.69 for the 2022 Ram SSV pickup, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$9,210.69 from Deputy Sheriff D Account No. A3110.0105 to Sheriff Account No. A3110.0202 Automobile to cover the budget shortage in the 2023 budget for the ancillary equipment for the 2022 Ram SSV pickup and the Clerk of the Board, County Sheriff, and Fleet Coordinator be so notified.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GLOCK TRAINING GUNS AND UPGRADE OF
SERVICE WEAPON**

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office purchased new Glock 40 caliber service weapons in 2011, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office participate in active shooter training and have to borrow training guns from other agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has received a quote from Amchar Wholesale, Inc, 100 Air Park Drive, Rochester, New York under New York State Contract PC68729 to upgrade all eight of the service weapons and purchase 5 Glock training guns for \$5,557.11, and

WHEREAS, Amchar Wholesale is offering to purchase eight of the Glocks owned by Hamilton County for a credit of \$1,880.00, lowering the quote to \$3,677.11, be it

RESOLVED, the Sheriff is authorized to purchase 5 Glock training guns and purchase and trade in the 8 Glock pistols from Amchar Wholesale for \$3,677.11, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$3,677.11 from Account No. A3110.0105 – Deputy Sheriff D to Account No. A3110.0402 – Deputy Sheriff.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – BOAT PATROL

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in the A3110.0106 – Sheriff Boat Patrol, therefore,
be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$8,600.00 from
Account No. A3110.0111 – Part Time Deputy Sheriff to Account No. A3110.0106 – Sheriff Boat
Patrol.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – SHERIFF CAR EXPENSE

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of funds in the A3110.0401 - Sheriff Car Expense, due to vehicle repairs, K-9 kennel purchase, maintenance along with the increase in gasoline prices, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$18,500.00 from Account No. A3110.0105 - Deputy Sheriff D to Account No. A3110.0401- Car Expense.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – OTHER CORRECTIONAL

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, there will be a shortage of funds in the A3170.0401 – Other Correctional, due to rise of inmates being housed out to Fulton County Jail, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$13,000.00 from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance in accordance with Section 366 Subdivision 1 of the County Law to Account No. A3170.0401 – Other Correctional.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

2023 EPILEPSY AWARENESS RESOLUTION

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Month is a nationwide effort to raise awareness about and change the conversation around the epilepsies, seizures and side effects, as well as to improve and save lives through care, advocacy, research and new therapies, and public health and education, and

WHEREAS, epilepsy is a brain disorder characterized by recurrent and unprovoked seizures that can affect anyone, at any age, any time, and

WHEREAS, epilepsy is a spectrum disease comprised of many diagnoses and experiences and includes a wide range of seizure types, comorbidities, control, severity, and outcomes varying from person-to-person, and

WHEREAS, epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder. Approximately 3.4 million people in the U.S. including 215,000 in New York State live with active epilepsy, and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of people are diagnosed with rare epilepsies which are largely complex, severe, chronic and even life-threatening, and collectively rare epilepsies account for a growing percentage of the epilepsy population, and

WHEREAS, people with epilepsy need access to affordable, comprehensive, physician-directed and person-centered healthcare and delays in accessing effective treatments increase the likelihood of breakthrough seizures and related complications including injury, disability or even Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP). Each year, it is thought that 1 in 1,000 people with epilepsy die from SUDEP and this number increases drastically to 1 out of 150 for people whose epilepsy is not controlled by treatment, and

WHEREAS, many treatments are approved to treat seizures, 30 – 40% of people with epilepsy still live with uncontrolled seizures and the epilepsy-related medical costs associated with uncontrolled epilepsy are 2 to 10 times higher than those of controlled epilepsy, and

WHEREAS, 21% of people with epilepsy have reported not being able to afford their prescription medication(s) in the last year, and

WHEREAS, non-medical drivers of health, such as social, economic, and environmental conditions including housing, employment, food security, transportation and education account for 80-90% of a person's health outcomes, and

WHEREAS, epilepsy and/or seizures imposes an annual economic healthcare burden of \$54 billion, and

WHEREAS, 470,000 children live with epilepsy in the U.S. and students with epilepsy aged 6 – 17 years old have missed 11 or more days of school the past year on average and 336,000 kids have at least one seizure annually, and

WHEREAS, protections exist in the Americans with Disabilities Act and related civil rights laws but people with epilepsy still encounter discrimination in areas including employment, education, and housing, and

WHEREAS, we must increase public knowledge about the epilepsies and seizure first aid to change the way people think about the epilepsies and seizures because 25% of the general public say they would be nervous around a person with epilepsy, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim November Epilepsy Awareness Month to encourage New York residents to take action together and use our brains to overcome the challenges of living with the epilepsies and accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures and save lives.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

2023 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – PH & CHHA

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, there are shortages in the CHHA On-Call and Public Health supplies and printer accounts, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be authorized to make the following transfers:

FROM:

A4050.121 Director of Patient Services \$ 10,000.00

TO:

A4010.110 CHHA On-Call \$ 6,000.00

A4050.409 PH Office Supplies \$ 2,000.00

A4050.414 Printer/Copier \$ 2,000.00

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS IN TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE (VETERAN STATUS)

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, the residents of Hamilton County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women that served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens, and

WHEREAS, Hamilton County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all, and

WHEREAS, New York States Veteran Population has decreased by 44% over the last 20 years, and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve their community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, church groups, civil service, and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20% increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future, and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44% to 72% of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life, and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County appreciates the sacrifices our United State Military Personnel made while defending freedom and believes specific recognition be accorded them in appreciation of their service and to demonstrate the honor and support they have earned; therefore be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Military Service County, Hamilton County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 2023 a time to salute

and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service, therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, the Hamilton County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who the immeasurable sacrifices helped to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING REGIONAL MEETING – HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Community Services is the sole provider of behavioral health service in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Community Services Board (CSB) has identified the impact on Hamilton County of recent healthcare transformation initiatives by the State of New York as representing significant challenge to its ability to continue to provide adequate behavioral health services to all of its residents, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton CSB has recommended that a regional meeting be held with other counties in the North Country that would include each counties Director of Community Services, CSB Chair and relevant CSB members to develop both regional and local strategies to ensure that behavioral health services can continued to be provided to all Hamilton County residents, and

WHEREAS, representatives of the NYS Office of Mental Health’s Central Office, the NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services Central Office, the NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities, the NYS Office of Children and Family Services, the NYS Department of Health, representation from associated Regional Field Offices, and representatives of the regions state operated Psychiatric Hospitals would also participate in this meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County CSB would support this meeting in Hamilton County, be it

RESOLVED, that a meeting be held at the Minnowbrook Conference Center in Blue Mt. Lake, NY on the 16th and 17th of November, 2023, for the purpose stated above, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Hamilton County Community Services will cover the cost of Hamilton County participants at an amount not to exceed \$775.00 to be charged to Mental Health Account No. A4320.0407 Outreach.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING PROMOTIONS FOR DSS EMPLOYEES

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner has met with the Human Services Committee to recommend a promotion of two employees, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner has justified the promotions with the committee, verified the qualifications and discussed the requirement to test for the following promotions:

Abigail Eichler would be provisionally promoted to Director of Services, Grade 16, with a salary of \$76,000 and with budget line A 6010.0117

Stephanie Hutchins would be promoted to Director of Administrative Services, Grade 13, with a salary of \$67,000 and with budget line A 6010.0111

and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Committee recommend these promotions, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Personnel Officer is authorized to adjust these employees effective January 1, 2024 and the Commissioner, County Treasurer and Clerk of the Board be so notified.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS – BRIDGE PROJECTS

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 211-23 authorizes the Robbs Creek Bridge Project, and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent recommended the initial appropriation of \$150,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the County has received the new superstructure steel and decking for the bridge project, and

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen weather and schedule delays the project will not be completed until 2024, and

WHEREAS, there are other county bridge repairs that were necessary on Chartier Road and Washburn Road in the Town of Benson, and

WHEREAS, there is a balance of \$72,981.00 in Account No. D5120.2001 Robbs Creek Bridge that the DPW Superintendent recommends be transferred back to D5112.0203 Bridge Projects, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton does approve the transfer of \$72,981.00 from Account No. D5120.2001 Robbs Creek Bridge to Account No. D5112.0203 Bridge Projects as recommended by the DPW Superintendent, and the County Treasurer be so authorized to make the transfer and DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR REPAIRS TO CHARTIER ROAD BRIDGE – TOWN
OF BENSON**

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, Hamilton County owns and maintains any culvert or bridge span in excess of a 12 foot span on Town Roads within the County, and

WHEREAS, the guide rail on Chartier Road bridge located on Chartier Road in the Town of Benson were found to be deteriorated beyond repair, and

WHEREAS, after conferring with Andrew S. Bell, P.E. the bridge needed to have a new guide up to code guide rail and approach rail installed to include some alteration to two superstructure beams, and

WHEREAS, R&B Construction has a contract with the County for bridge repairs, and the Superintendent had R&B Construction demo the old guide rail and install bump out beams and new bridge rail, and new approach rail per the County Engineers design, and

WHEREAS, the bridge work has been completed and the Superintendent recommends payment for the bridge work, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to make payment to R&B Construction, L.L.C., 1094 Bulls Head Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010 in the amount of \$45,515.00 from Account No. D5112.0203 Bridge Projects and the DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO JOHNSON BRIDGE –
TOWN OF BENSON**

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, Hamilton County owns and maintains any culvert or bridge span in excess of a 12 foot span on Town Roads within the County, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent inspected Johnson Bridge located on Washburn Road in the Town of Benson and found an issue with the superstructure, and

WHEREAS, after conferring with Andrew S. Bell, P.E. the bridge needed to be closed and a new superstructure and deck be installed on the bridge, and

WHEREAS, R&B Construction has a contract with the county for bridge repairs, and the Superintendent had R&B Construction demo the old superstructure and install a new steel beam superstructure, deck and repair guide railing under the Engineers design, and

WHEREAS, the bridge work has been completed and opened for traffic and the Superintendent recommends payment for the bridge work, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is authorized to make payment to R&B Construction, L.L.C., 1094 Bulls Head Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010 in the amount of \$56,660.00 from Account No. D5112.0203 Bridge Projects and the DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR REPAIRS TO TRUCK #132

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, the County owns a 2014 Mack Granite Tandem axle Dump truck, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent had it brought to Utica Mack for repairs of emissions system, battery shut off switch and rear springs replacement, and

WHEREAS, the final invoice for the said repairs is \$20,600.45, be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to send payment for Invoice #010418071 to Interstate Billing Service, Inc., PO Box 2208, Decatur, AL 35609-2208 in the amount of \$20,600.45 for the repairs to truck #132 and the funds be taken out of Account No. DM5130.0401 Repairs and Clerk of the Board and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR REPAIRS TO TRUCK #135

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, the County owns a 2016 Mack Granite Tandem axle Dump truck, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent had it brought to Utica Mack that needed fuel injectors replaced and rear springs replacement, and

WHEREAS, the final invoices for the said repairs is \$11,498.05 (Injectors \$4,395.05, Spring replacement \$7,103.01), be it

RESOLVED, that hereby the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to send payment for Invoices #010418014 and #010418240 to Interstate Billing Service, Inc., PO Box 2208, Decatur, AL 35609-2208 in the amount of \$11,498.06 for the repairs to truck #135 and the funds be taken out of Account No. DM5130.0401 Repairs and Clerk of the Board and Highway Superintendent be so notified.

Seconded by

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT KOBELCO EXCAVATOR – DPW (Highway)

DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

BY

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 271-23 authorizes the purchase of a 2023 Kobelco SK140 excavator from Robert H. Finke & Sons under Sourcewell Contract pricing, and

WHEREAS, the said excavator has been delivered and inspected by the Superintendent and the Superintendent recommends payment of the excavator, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Treasurer to make payment in the amount of \$179,702.30 to Robert H. Finke and Sons, Inc. PO Box 127 Selkirk, NY 12158 out of Account D5112.0202 Permanent Improvements (CHIP's) and the DPW Superintendent and Clerk of the Board be so advised.

Seconded by