

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

Johnstown, NY

March 8, 2021

Roll Call – Quorum Present

Supervisors: Argotsinger, Blackmon, Born, Bowman, Bradt, Breh, Callery, Goderie, Greene, Groff, Horton, Howard, Kinowski, Lauria, Perry, VanDenburgh, Wilson, Young

TOTAL: Present: 20 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Chairman Callery called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed all attendees.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Chairman Callery asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Board. No one came forward.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

1:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED *FULTON COUNTY POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION PLAN* IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NYS GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 203 OF 2020

2:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE COUNTY’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, AND SUBMISSION OF ONE OR MORE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2020 PROGRAM YEAR (MICROENTERPRISE GRANT)

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Communication from Assemblyman Robert Smullen
Subj: Advancement of Assembly Bill A.44047 from the Environmental Conservation Committee to the Assembly Floor Regarding Conservation Subdivisions within the Adirondack Park

2. Communication from the Town of Northampton
Subj: Resolution Adopting Local Law 1 of 2021 “Opting Out of Section 487 NYS Real Property Tax Law Exemptions for Solar Farm Projects”

3. Communication from FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth Attorneys and Counselors
Subj: Fulton County IDA – Benjamin Moore & Co. Expansion Project, City of Johnstown, NY

UPDATES FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Human Services: Supervisor Born stated that there was a Public Health Department vaccination POD held at the Fulton Montgomery Community College this past Thursday. Since the POD was held, Ms. Born stated that she received two (2) calls from individuals who received vaccines at the POD and they both could not say enough “good things” about how it was operated. She stated that another vaccination POD would occur in the near future and our County departments were doing an excellent job.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Soil and Water Conservation District: Supervisor Horton stated that Fulton County Soil and Water’s Annual Report was recently submitted to certain State offices. The Soil and Water Conservation District Board approved to have an independent audit in May or June of 2021. He noted that Soil and Water will have a “Tree and Shrub Program” for anyone who may be interested.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Callery stated that local police agencies have expressed interest in reviewing the *Fulton County Police Reform and Reinvention Plan* for guidance.

Chairman Callery also read a “thank you” letter from the U.S. Census in recognition of Fulton County government’s efforts in the U.S. Census process.

RESOLUTIONS (TITLES ATTACHED)

Chairman Callery noted that Supervisors Fagan and Potter were unable to attend today’s meeting and asked for sponsors on the resolutions where said Supervisors were noted as the sponsors. Supervisor Bradt agreed to sponsor Resolutions 75 through 78 in behalf of the Public Works Committee. Supervisor Born agreed to sponsor Resolutions 65 through 67 on behalf of the Human Services Committee.

Resolution No. 73 (Resolution Calling upon NYS Legislators to Curtail Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Emergency Powers Authority): Supervisor Young stated that this Resolution is very important to restore checks and balances as well as local control. He stated that there is growing question about the recent actions of Governor Cuomo. Supervisor Born stated that she voted “no” for this during the Public Safety Committee meeting, but now that the Resolution title has slightly changed, she agrees with it.

A motion was offered by Supervisor Bradt, seconded by Supervisor Groff and unanimously carried, to waive the rules of order to take action on Late Resolutions 1 and 2.

Resolution No. 84 (Resolution Authorizing Hourly Stipend for Vaccination Auxiliary Personnel Who Assist County Departments with Vaccination PODS): Chairman Callery stated “this is money well spent” and hopefully Fulton County can get more vaccines. Supervisor

Kinowski asked if this will be retroactive. Mr. Stead stated only until March 1, 2021. Mr. Stead stated that about three (3) weeks ago the County started doing “second dose” vaccination POD’s. He noted that when second doses began, the County was doing 400 to 500 doses each week and maintaining a consistent flow of auxiliary workers is important for the future. He also stated that the County Public Health Department POD did over 600 doses last Thursday.

Chairman Callery opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed *Fulton County Police Reform and Reinvention Plan* in accordance with the NYS Governor’s Executive Order No. 203 of 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Ralph Desiderio, 152 Eden Lane, Mayfield, NY: Mr. Desiderio thanked the Sheriff’s Department for doing an excellent job. He stated that he went through the *Fulton County Police Reform and Reinvention Plan* and would raise a few key issues. He asked what it means where it reads the department will pursue more training and de-escalation training regarding “implicit bias”. He asked, “what is implicit bias” and “what kind of training will they get for implicit bias”. He also stated that the Sheriff’s Department only received 75 responses to the survey and expressed that is not enough responses to get a good view of the situation when there are approximately 41,000 adults in Fulton County. He noted that he has a problem with the “pass/fail system” recommendation that is proposed regarding State Civil Service exams for police officers. He stated that the Plan shouldn’t be considered with a pass/fail system. He also noted that the plan states that minorities have scored less than whites historically. He then asked, “what is whites” and “what does that mean”. He stated that the term “whites” shouldn’t be used. He stated that “We want the best people in our police department.” Being the best has nothing to do with the color of someone’s skin. He thanked the Board for allowing him to speak.

Chairman Callery asked if there were any other members of the public who wished to make comments regarding proposed *Fulton County Police Reform and Reinvention Plan* in accordance with the NYS Governor’s Executive Order No. 203 and none came forward. He then stated that he will keep the public hearing open for a while longer.

Chairman Callery asked for an update regarding COVID-19.

Mr. Stead stated that there are vaccination conference calls now with Larry Schwartz who is leading New York's vaccination strategy planning for Governor Cuomo. He stated that Mr. Schwartz has held multiple briefings regarding vaccines. Mr. Stead stated that they are State-wide calls that include members from counties throughout the State.

Mr. Stead noted that contact-tracing is still underway and advised that Fulton County Public Health Director Laurel Headwell made commitments to complete State contact-tracing protocols and will continue with said protocols.

Mr. Stead stated that certain “Phase 1B essential workers” which included teachers, first responders, grocery workers, etc. were given priority over senior citizens. He stated that two weeks ago, the Governor announced that folks with certain comorbidities were now eligible for vaccinations which allowed some seniors to be vaccinated with that category. He noted that local pharmacies are receiving quite a bit more vaccine. He stated that there are three (3)

Walgreens locations in the County that have been getting vaccines and Palmers in Johnstown has received vaccine.

Mr. Stead stated that the Fulton County Office for the Aging is going to be announcing an initiative with Kinney's Drug Stores. He explained that certain Kinney's pharmacists will go to senior housing complexes and administer vaccinations on-site. Mr. Stead stated that Fulton County has received its normal amount of vaccines this week, but didn't receive any specifically allotted for seniors.

Chairman Callery again asked if there were any members of the public who wished to make comments regarding proposed *Fulton County Police Reform and Reinvention Plan* in accordance with the NYS Governor's Executive Order No. 203 of 2020. There being no interested speakers, Chairman Callery closed the Public Hearing at 1:47 p.m.

Supervisor Greene stated that during his previous employment with the Fulton County Probation Department he never had any issues with any police agency in Fulton County related to racial bias. He stated that the Sheriff's Department had sent out a lot of surveys to multiple areas in the County to be completed but few were returned. He also stated that the Undersheriff was extremely strong on training and any must be well-documented and validated to be helpful. The Police Reform Advisory Committee took a vote and endorsed the final Plan. He noted that all residents that were present for the final meeting all agreed to this Plan.

Supervisor Breh thanked Mr. Greene, Mr. Stead and Ms. Lathers for their help with the administrative duties and deadlines that had to be met during this process. She then thanked the Committee. Ms. Breh expressed that Sheriff Richard Giardino and Undersheriff Dan Izzo did a great job working through this Plan and committed a great deal of time to this process. She also stated that the Committee had multiple public speakers and she found them all to be informative and helpful.

Mr. Stead stated that due to time limitations by the Governor's Executive Order, the survey was done parallel to as recommendations for the very reason mentioned by the earlier public speaker. It was a very small sample size. It was considered only as an Appendix to the Plan rather than included. He also stated that the recommendations that are included in the Plan were not made based on the survey due to the limited amount of responses.

Supervisor Greene stated that sometimes individuals are good test takers but may not have the experience, references or background that the Sheriff's Department is looking for. Mr. Stead stated that there are multiple Sheriff's State-wide that have put forth an initiative to try to convince the State Civil Service Commission to make some changes to who can be hired if they pass a Civil Service exam. Mr. Stead stated that the State Civil Service Commission will likely not approve a pass/fail exam, but may enlarge the top qualifying list.

Supervisor Groff stated that having worked in the Sheriff's Office of over 40 years, he expressed that a pass/fail system isn't the answer. He stated that an Officer must need to meet certain qualifications and reverting to a friend and relative process is not progress.

Supervisor Young stated that an online survey may have allowed for more survey responses and noted that accreditation will be good for the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Stead stated that during the first Police Reform Advisory Committee meeting, he advocated for using social media or an online survey platform, but the Sheriff felt that a lot of the groups in Fulton County would respond better to a paper survey. He stated that he expected that Sheriff Giardino would probably also opt for an online survey process if we were to do it over again.

Chairman Callery opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on the County's Community Development needs, and submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant applications for the 2020 program year at 2:00 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS

DECLARING WEEK OF APRIL 18-24 OF 2021 AS "CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK IN FULTON COUNTY"

WHEREAS, in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims; and

WHEREAS, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims; and

WHEREAS, crime can leave a lasting impact on any person, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, incorporating communities' existing experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve survivors will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice; and

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims, including the rights to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its dedication to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime and building resilience in our communities, and offers it appreciation to all those community members, criminal justice professionals and provider agencies working for a better future for all victims and survivors; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April 18-24 "*Crime Victims Rights Week in Fulton County*".

Chairman Callery again asked if there were any members of the public who wished to make comments regarding the County's Community Development needs, and submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant applications for the 2020 program year. There being no interested speakers, Chairman Callery closed the Public Hearing at 2:10 p.m.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Lauria, seconded by Supervisor Bradt and unanimously carried, the Board entered Executive Session at 2:11 p.m. to discuss employment history.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Bradt, seconded by Supervisor Howard and unanimously carried, the Board re-entered into Regular Session at 3:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Supervisor Kinowski, seconded by Supervisor Bradt and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Certified by:

Jon R. Stead, Administrative Officer/ DATE
Clerk of the Board

Resolution No. 65

Supervisors BORN and ARGOTSINGER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NORTH COUNTRY DSRIP FUNDS TO PURCHASE CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR USE IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution 35 of 2021 authorized acceptance of Adirondack Health Institute (AHI) Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) engagement funds in the amount of \$23,840.44 for use in the Public Health Department; and

WHEREAS, said funding constitutes reimbursement to the Public Health Department for completing work tasks related to “P4P” (Pay for Performance) during 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has proposed to use a portion of said Engagement funds to purchase necessary equipment, and supplies for use by the Public Health Department as follows:

- Five (5) Laptops
- Five (5) Carrying Cases

now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Public Health Director be and hereby is authorized to purchase the above-listed equipment, supplies and services with said Engagement Funds in an amount not to exceed \$8,940.00; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2021 Adopted Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

Revenue:

Increase A.4010.4010-2770 – REV – Other Unclassified Revenues \$8,940.00

Appropriation:

Increase A. 4010.4010-2000-EXP-Equipment-Fixed Asset	\$8,740.00
Increase A. 4010.4010-4530-EXP-Supplies	\$ 200.00

and, be it further

Resolution No. 65 (Continued)

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Public Health Director, Information Services Director, North Country DSRIP, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor VANDENBURG and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 66

Supervisors BORN and ARGOTSINGER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE (OTDA) TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE PROGRAM
FUNDS (SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services received notification from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance that Fulton County was selected for Transportation Initiative Program funding in the amount of \$37,894.00 to operate transportation outreach in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services is reviewing transportation needs and grant options prior to utilizing said funds for the contract period January 1 through December 31, 2021; and

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Social Services and the Committees on Human Services and Finance, the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to accept funding from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) Transportation Initiative Program in the amount of \$37,894.00, effective January 1 through December 31, 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this contract is contingent upon approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2021 Adopted Budget be and hereby is amended, as follows:

Revenue Account:

Increase A.6010.6010-4610-REV-Federal Aid – DSS - Administration \$37,894.00

Appropriation Account:

Increase A.6010.6010-4170-EXP-Programs \$37,894.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Social Services Commissioner is hereby directed to return to the Board of Supervisors with details of how the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) Transportation Initiative Program funds will be allocated; and, be it further

Resolution No. 66 (Continued)

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Social Services Commissioner, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/ Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor YOUNG and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 67

Supervisors BORN and ARGOTSINGER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE (OTDA) CODE BLUE FUNDS
(SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, the Social Services Commissioner recommends an agreement for acceptance of 2021 Code Blue funds from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to offset the costs of housing and transportation provided by DSS to homeless individuals not eligible for DSS standard housing programs; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to sign an agreement between the Department of Social Services and NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to accept Code Blue funding in the amount of \$3,900.00, said agreement subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2021 Adopted Budget be and hereby is amended, as follows:

Revenue Account:

Increase A.6010.6010-3610-REV-State Aid-Social Services Administration \$3,900.00

Appropriation Account:

Increase A.6010.6010-4170-EXP-Programs \$3,900.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Public Health Director, NYS Department of Health, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/ Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor BRADT and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 68

Supervisor BREH offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SERGEANT MIKE PEDRICK TO THE FULTON COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Fulton County Traffic Safety Board; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Committee on Public Safety, the following individual be and hereby is appointed to the Traffic Safety Board for the balance of the term, as follows:

January 1, 2021 Through December 31, 2023:

Sergeant Mike Pedrick (Johnstown Police Department)

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That said appointee is required to complete the Fulton County Board of Ethics Financial Disclosure Statement and is further directed to sign the Fulton County Oath Book, located in the Fulton County Clerk's Office; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, District Attorney, Fulton County Board of Ethics, Traffic Safety Board, Richard Giardino and Administrative Officer/ Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor HORTON and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 69

Supervisors BREH AND ARGOTSINGER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NITRILE GLOVES FOR USE IN THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

WHEREAS, in relation to a recommendation by the COVID-19 Task Force, the Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator is requesting a transfer of \$2,233.00 from the Contingent Fund to purchase 116 Boxes of Nitrile Gloves as part of the Personal Protective Equipment required for COVID-19 responses; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator has recommended that all COVID-19 related supplies be purchased from A.3640.3640-4926 – EXP – Emergency Response Supplies account for easier accountability for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator and Committees on Public Safety and Finance be and hereby is authorized to purchase 116 Boxes of Nitrile Gloves at a total cost of \$2,233.00 and approving that Montgomery County purchase 40 Boxes of said Gloves from the Emergency Management Office at a total cost of \$770.00; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer be and hereby is directed to make the following transfers:

From: A.1000.1990-4907 – EXP – Contingent Fund Expense
To: A.3640.3640-4926 – EXP – Emergency Response Supplies
Sum: \$1,463.00

RESOLVED, That the 2021 Adopted Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

Revenue	
Increase A.3640.3640-2770 – REV – Other Unclassified Revenues	\$770.00
Appropriation	
Increase A.3640.3640-4926 – EXP – Emergency Response Supplies	\$770.00

and, be it further

Resolution No. 69 (Continued)

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor BOWMAN and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 70

Supervisors BREH AND ARGOTSINGER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PURCHASE A DNA EXAM FOR AN UNIDENTIFIED BODY CASE FROM 2015 (SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a transfer of \$5,000.00 from the Sheriff's Office Contractual account to purchase a DNA Exam for an unidentified body case from 2015; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Sheriff and Committees on Public Safety and Finance, the Sheriff be and hereby is authorized to purchase a DNA Exam for an unidentified body case from 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer be and hereby is directed to make the following transfers:

From: A.3110.3110-4130 – EXP – Contractual
To: A.3110.3110-4090 – EXP – Professional Services
Sum: \$5,000.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Sheriff, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor BORN and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 71

Supervisor BREH offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR 2021-2022 PUBLIC SAFETY
ANSWERING POINTS (PSAP) OPERATIONS GRANT FROM NYS OHSES
(SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has been notified of the availability of a 2021-2022 Public Safety Answering Points Operations Grant from the NYS Department of Homeland Security to make investments in new functionality and/or technology to improve emergency dispatch systems; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff desires to submit an application to the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for a 2021-2022 PSAP Operations Grant to fund personnel services and benefits for the Communications Division; and

WHEREAS, the range of past grant allocations has been between \$186,017.00 and \$213,000.00 for said purposes; and

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Committees on Public Safety and Finance, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes application for said 2020-2021 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Operations Grant to the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That if said grant application is approved, the Sheriff shall return to the Board of Supervisors with a detailed plan for use of the grant funds and proceeding shall be subject to the Board of Supervisors approval by Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Sheriff, NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor HOWARD and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 72

Supervisor BREH offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO APPLY FOR A 2021-2022
GOVERNOR’S TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff desires to submit an application to the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for a 2021-2022 Police Traffic Services Grant to support overtime for Sheriff’s patrols related to “Buckle Up NY” and School Zones Safety enforcement during the grant cycle of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Committee on Public Safety, the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to sign and submit an application to the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for Police Traffic Services grant funds; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That if said grant application is successful, the Sheriff shall return to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance and appropriation of any grant proceeds; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Sheriff do each and every other thing necessary to further the purport of this Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Sheriff, Traffic Safety Board, Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor PERRY and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 73

Supervisor BREH offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION CALLING UPON NYS LEGISLATORS TO CURTAIL GOVERNOR
ANDREW CUOMO'S EMERGENCY POWERS AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020 Chapter 23 of the Laws of 2020 amended Sections 20 and 29-a of the Executive Law to permit the Governor of the State of New York to issue by executive order any directive necessary to respond to a state of emergency including disease outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020 the Governor declared a statewide emergency to address the threat that the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 poses to health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the overriding concern it to slow the spread of the disease as to save lives and not overwhelm the capacity and resources of the medical system in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the NYS State of Emergency has been extended numerous times and is still in effect; and

WHEREAS, on numerous occasions, Governor Cuomo used emergency powers to execute non-emergency policy beyond the risks of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's broad response has come with great economic and social cost and has infringed on the basic freedoms of the people of Fulton County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby calls upon New York State Legislators to curtail Governor Cuomo's emergency powers authority to restore the balance of power and reinstate local home rule; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator James Tedisco, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, All Counties, NYSAC, Fulton Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor GREENE and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 74

Supervisor BREH offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF 2021-2023 NYS
INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES UPSTATE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT
DISTRIBUTION NO. 11 (PUBLIC DEFENDER)

WHEREAS, Resolution 64 of 2015 authorized application and acceptance of “Upstate Quality Improvement Grant 5” from the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services for 2015 through 2017; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 375 of 2018 authorized an Application and Acceptance of “Upstate Quality Improvement Grant 8” from the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services for the period ending December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, said grants have not been fully expended by the Public Defender’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender reports that the Public Defender’s Office is eligible for a new three-year Upstate Quality Improvement Grant (ILS Contract C800017: Distribution 11) for 2021 through 2023; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to sign a contract extension with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services effective immediately through December 31, 2023 in an amount of \$220,248.00, for “Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grants (ILS Contract #C800017: Distribution 11); all other terms and aspects of said contract shall remain in full force and effect; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Public Defender do each and every other thing necessary to further the purport of this Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Public Defender, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor VANDENBURGH and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 75

Supervisor BRADT offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPROVING FACILITIES USE APPLICATION FOR VISITOR CENTER
USE FOR THE 2021 FARMERS MARKET

WHEREAS, a Facilities Use Application has been received from the Fulton-Montgomery Farmer's Market Association, Inc., requesting permission to host Farmer's Markets during 2021 at the Fulton County Visitor Center; and

WHEREAS, Fulton-Montgomery Farmers Market Association, Inc. will arrange for cleanup, as well as provide for sufficient insurance protection coverage as required by County policy; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Committee on Public Works, the Fulton-Montgomery Farmers Market Association, Inc. be and hereby is authorized to utilize the Fulton County Visitor Center for the Farmers Market, every Friday, 2 p.m. through 7 p.m., June 11 through October 1, 2021, contingent upon issuance of the appropriate County permit by the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney do each and every other thing necessary to further the purport of this Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Attorney, Fulton-Montgomery Farmers Market Association, Inc., Planning Director, Superintendent of Highways and Facilities, Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce, Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board and to each and every other person, institution or agency which will further the purport of this Resolution.

Seconded by Supervisor BLACKMON and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 76

Supervisor BRADT offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT WITH NYSDOT FOR GATEWAY TO THE ADIRONDACKS VISITOR CENTER AND FJ & G RAIL TRAIL

WHEREAS, the “Gateway to the Adirondacks” Visitor Center building and FJ & G Rail Trail are on land owned by the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 133 of 2018 authorized a Consolidated Use and Occupancy Permit with NYSDOT for Visitor Center, FJ & G Rail Trail and Vail Mills Sanitary Sewer System; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 278 of 2020 authorized transfer of certain Sewer System Infrastructure for Fulton County Sewer District No. 2: Vail Mills to the Village of Broadalbin; and

WHEREAS, a new Use and Occupancy Permit with NYSDOT is required to remove the Vail Mills Sanitary Sewer System infrastructure from Fulton County’s permit; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Broadalbin will enter into a Use and Occupancy Permit with NYSDOT for said Vail Mills Sanitary Sewer System infrastructure; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to execute a Use and Occupancy Permit agreement with the NYS Department of Transportation for the Gateway to the Adirondacks Visitor Center land, FJ & G Rail Trail (Vail Mills) excluding the Vail Mills Sanitary Sewer System, effective at the mutual consent of both parties; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That said agreement is subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Attorney, Planning Director, Superintendent of Highways and Facilities, NYS Department of Transportation, Fulton County Chamber of Commerce, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor PERRY and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 77

Supervisor BRADT offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR BRIDGE DECK AND
STEEL STRINGERS FOR KING ROAD BRIDGE (2021 CAPITAL PLAN)**

WHEREAS, the 2021 Capital Plan includes a project to replace King Road Bridge over Middle Sprite Creek, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Purchasing Agent be and hereby is authorized and directed to advertise for sealed bids from vendors for construction materials for replacement of King Road Bridge over Middle Sprite Creek (and according to further specifications which may be obtained at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, County Building, Room 203, Johnstown, NY 12095, during usual business hours); and, be it further

RESOLVED, That such sealed bids must be addressed to Jon R. Stead, Purchasing Agent, County Building, Room 203, Johnstown, NY 12095, no later than 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Superintendent of Highways and Facilities and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor WILSON and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 78

Supervisor BRADT offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF CONTRACTS WITH BREZZY'S
CLEANING SERVICE FOR THE DSS COOPER BUILDING AND COMPLEX I AND II TO
INCLUDE RECYCLING AND GARBAGE SERVICES
(HIGHWAY AND FACILITIES DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, Resolution 318 of 2020 awarded a bid to Brezzy Cleaning Services for Cleaning Services in County Complex I and II and Resolution 319 of 2020 awarded a bid to Brezzy Cleaning Services for Cleaning Services in the DSS Cooper Building; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways and Facilities recommends amending said contract to include disposal of garbage and recyclables at Department of Social Services and County Complex I and II in the County provided receptacles, in an amount not to exceed \$35.00 per week for all three (3) locations, effective March 8, 2021 through December 31, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Highways and Facilities and Committees on Public Works, and Finance, the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to sign an amendment to the contracts with Brezzy Cleaning Services, of Gloversville, NY, for Custodial Services at Fulton County Complex I and II and DSS Cooper Building, effective March 8, 2021 through December 31, 2021, at a cost not to exceed \$35.00 per week for all three (3) locations; all other terms and conditions in said contract shall remain in full force and effect; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer be and hereby is directed to make the following transfer:

From: A.1620.1621-4590-EXP-Cleaning Supplies
To: A.1620.1621-4130-EXP-Contractual
Sum: \$368.00

From: A.1620.1629-4590-EXP-Cleaning Supplies
To: A.1620.1629-4130-EXP-Contractual
Sum: \$735.00

From: A.1620.1630-4590-EXP-Cleaning Supplies
To: A.1620.1630-4130-EXP-Contractual
Sum: \$368.00

and, be it further

Resolution No. 78 (Continued)

RESOLVED, That said contract amendment is contingent upon approval by the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Superintendent of Highways and Facilities, Brezzy Cleaning Service, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor GROFF and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 79

Supervisor ARGOTSINGER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPROVING USER AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOARD OF
ELECTIONS AND LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO USE
COUNTY VOTING MACHINES (2021)

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2016, area school districts must use electronic voting machines to conduct school elections to meet new State mandates for school board elections; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 155 of 2015 authorized a Pilot program with the Greater Johnstown School District for Image Cast Electronic Voting to determine best practices for any other schools that desire to contract with the County for said service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors previously approved User Agreements between the Board of Elections and Local School Districts to Use County Voting Machines during 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections Commissioners and Committee on Finance recommend authorizing User Agreements between the Board of Elections and local school districts to use County-owned electronic voting machines; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to sign User Agreements between the Board of Elections and local school districts for use of the County voting machines for 2020 school board elections; said agreement subject to approval by the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That said school districts will reimburse the Board of Elections for costs associated with preparation and use of said machines at school district polling sites; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Board of Elections Commissioners, All Local School Districts, H-F-M BOCES Superintendent, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor LAURIA and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 80

Supervisor ARGOTSINGER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH ABSOLUTE AUCTIONS AND REALTY FOR 2021 REAL PROPERTY AUCTION SERVICES (TREASURER'S OFFICE)

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has recommended a contract with Absolute Auctions and Realty for annual property auction services on behalf of the County; and

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized and directed to sign a contract extension between the County of Fulton and Absolute Auction and Realty, of Pleasant Valley, NY, for real property tax sale services, with compensation based on a 10% Buyer's Premium plus a 1.5% advertising fee to be paid to the County by each property buyer, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the property auction procedure include the stipulation that any bids received under \$100.00 must be paid in full at the time of the auction, with other bids utilizing the normal procedure; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That said contract shall be contingent upon the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Real Property Tax Services Agency, Absolute Auction and Realty, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor BOWMAN and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 81

Supervisor ARGOTSINGER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 59 BLOOMINGDALE AVE (SBL #149.14-4-1) IN THE CITY OF GLOVERSVILLE TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER KEITH LACHMAYER (TREASURER'S OFFICE)

WHEREAS, delinquent tax parcel (SBL 149.14-4-1) is a vacant Operation Greene Scene property at 59 Bloomingdale Ave. in the City of Gloversville owned by County of Fulton; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has been contacted by adjacent home owner Keith Lachmayer regarding said parcel; who expressed an interest in purchasing the parcel for the amount of \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lachmayer has expressed interest in improving the vacant parcel to be used in conjunction with his next-door residence; and

WHEREAS, due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor has issued Executive Orders suspending the annual tax foreclosure and auction process; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer and Committee on Finance recommend that this parcel be removed from the annual auction process and sold to said adjacent owner in this unique instance to reduce any further costs being incurred by the County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to sell said parcel (SBL 149.14-4-1) in the City of Gloversville to Keith Lachmayer for the sum of \$500.00; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Real Property Tax Services Agency, City of Gloversville, Keith Lachmayer, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor BLACKMON and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 82

Supervisor ARGOTSINGER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SELL BACK 40 HOURS VACATION ACCRUAL

WHEREAS, Resolution 290 of 2007 amended the Non-Union Employee Policy Manual as it relates to Vacation Sell-back for Department Heads; and

WHEREAS, the Non-Union Policy Manual states as follows:

Department Heads who have reached their maximum vacation accrual and who because of operational needs of their Department, determine that they cannot schedule their annual leave at that time will, upon concurrence of their respective oversight committee, be entitled to have their vacation maximum accrual extended for up to three (3) months so that they will not lose their vacation accruals. During that three (3) months extension, it is anticipated that the Department Heads will be able to schedule their annual leave. If unusual operational circumstances exist in their annual leave, the Department Heads may then request that the Board of Supervisors by Resolution approve a vacation sell-back of up to 40 hours.

and,

WHEREAS, due to the time commitments related to the COVID-19 pandemic response, the Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board is requesting to sell back 40 hours of accrued vacation time; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board Jon R. Stead be and hereby is authorized to sell back 40 hours of accrued vacation leave, effective immediately; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Personnel Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor GREENE and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 83

Supervisor ARGOTSINGER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TRANSFERS AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer be and hereby is directed to make the following transfers:

Sheriff

From: A.3110.3113-4530 – EXP – Supplies
To: A.3110.3113-4010 – EXP – Equipment - Non-Asset
Sum: \$450.00
(Shredder)

Public Health

From: A.4010.4010-1000 – EXP – Payroll
To: A.4010.4010-4530 – EXP – Supplies
Sum: \$6,450.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2021 Adopted Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

Sheriff

Revenue
Increase A.3110.3110-2680 – REV – Insurance Recoveries \$3,107.00

Appropriation
Increase A.3110.3110-4540 – EXP – Vehicle Maintenance \$3,107.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Sheriff, Public Health Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor HOWARD and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 84

Supervisor ARGOTSINGER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOURLY STIPEND FOR VACCINATION AUXILIARY WORKERS WHO ASSIST COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WITH VACCINATION PODS

WHEREAS, the Public Health department has been conducting ambitious and effective COVID-19 vaccination Points of Dispensing (PODS) on a regular basis, assisted by Emergency Management Office staff, Nurse volunteers and local first responders; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Task Force recommends paying an hourly stipend to EMS first responders and Nurse volunteers who assist the Public Health Department at Vaccination PODS in Fulton County to ensure enough resources are available in coming weeks; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Officer and Personnel Director recommend an hourly rate of \$18.00 per hour payable to said vaccination auxiliary workers as contractors on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator reports that sufficient funds exist within the Emergency Management Office Payroll account to cover 10 weeks of estimated stipend payments due to an unfilled vacancy; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the COVID-19 Task Force and the Committee on Finance, Vaccination Auxiliary Workers qualified by the Public Health Director and/or Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator at the “Certified First Responder” level and above, shall be eligible to be paid a stipend of \$18.00 per hour on a contract basis as needed; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That said stipend payments shall be for the time period effective March 1, 2021 on a go forward basis; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That notwithstanding the elements of this Resolution, nothing herein shall prevent a first responder from volunteering their services without remuneration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer be and hereby is directed to make the following transfer:

From: A.3640.3640-1000 – EXP – Payroll
To: A.3640.3640-4130 – EXP – Contractual
Sum: \$10,080.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator and Public Health Director be and hereby are directed to do each and everything necessary to further the purport of this Resolution; and, be it further

Resolution No. 84 (Continued)

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator, Public Health Director, Personnel Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor KINOWSKI and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 85

Supervisor BREH offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FULTON COUNTY POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH NYS EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 203

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo issued Executive Order 203 requiring each local government in the State to adopt a policing reform plan by April 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 271 of 2020 established a Fulton County Police Reform Advisory Committee to provide community stakeholders input; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Police Reform Advisory Committee met for deliberations on October 27, 2020, November 10, 2020, December 1, 2020, December 15, 2020 and February 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, said Advisory Committee, at its meeting on February 9, 2021, endorsed the final draft of a Fulton County Police Reform and Reinvention Plan for consideration by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. the Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding the *Fulton County Police Reform and Reinvention Plan*; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the *Fulton County Police Reform and Reinvention Plan*, as presented to the Committee on Public Safety and placed on file in the Board of Supervisors Office and the County Attorney's Office, be, and hereby is adopted; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Attorney, Sheriff, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor GREENE and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 86

Supervisor GROFF offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE NYS OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL TO OPERATE A
FULTON COUNTY MICRO-ENTERPRISE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Fulton County is considering an application for Community Development Block Grant funding under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Center for Regional Growth (CRG) has notified the Board of Supervisors that Community Development Block Grant funding from the NYS Office of Community Renewal will be available to operate Micro-Enterprise grant programs; and

WHEREAS, a pre-application was submitted to the NYS Office of Community Renewal and was accepted; and

WHEREAS, the CRG proposes to apply for and administer said grant program on behalf of the County in a grant amount of \$300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Micro-Enterprise Grant program is intended to provide grants up to \$35,000.00 to small businesses with five or less full-time employees to assist with start-up or expansion costs; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing regarding said application to the NYS Office of Community Renewal to Operate a Fulton County Micro-Enterprise Grant Program was held at the Supervisors' Chambers, County Office Building, Johnstown, NY on March 8, 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Committee on Economic Development and Environment, the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to submit an application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), in the amount of \$300,000.00 to operate a "Fulton County Micro-Enterprise Grant" program to benefit area businesses; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors give notice of said public hearing on the application to the NYS Office of Community Renewal to Operate a Fulton County Micro-Enterprise Grant Program and that said notice shall be published once in the official newspaper of this County, at least five (5) days prior to the date of said public hearing; and, be it further

Resolution No. 86 (Continued)

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Fulton County Center for Regional Growth, Fulton County Industrial Development Agency, Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce, Fulton County Rotary International, City of Gloversville, City of Johnstown, All Towns, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor WILSON and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)

Resolution No. 87

Supervisor BREH offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSIGNED COUNSEL ADMINISTRATOR (PART-TIME)

RESOLVED, That Christopher Stanyon of Gloversville, NY, be and hereby is appointed Assigned Counsel Administrator (Part-Time, 17 hours per week with benefits), for the balance of the current two (2) year term, effective April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, at a permanent salary rate of \$49,000.00 per year subject to a one-year probationary period; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Christopher Stanyon is required to complete the Fulton County Board of Ethics' Financial Disclosure Statement and is further directed to sign the Fulton County Oath Book located in the Fulton County Clerk's Office; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Assigned Counsel Administrator Office, Public Defender, District Attorney, Probation Director and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor BOWMAN and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Fagan and Potter)