The Yates County Legislature convened in regular session Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. with Chairman Paddock presiding.

The Yates County Legislature recognized the Public Health Department Staff for their dedication and hard work during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Chairman Paddock made the following comments:

The members of Yates County’s Department of Public Health have been through a lot over the past 19 months. Starting with closing of businesses and government offices through the first cases and deaths in the county and then the phased re-openings and interpretations of the guidelines, the Department addressed all situations professionally and effectively.

There was a brief lull before vaccines (with initial demand far exceeding supply) and the current resurgence, all addressed with aplomb.

I am sure that I speak for all members of the legislature in recognizing the Yates County Department of Public Health for constantly addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and thanking the members of the Department for their selfless professionalism and dedication.

Leslie Church, Chairman of the Human Services Committee made the following comments:

Myself and all the Legislators would like to thank you for your unwavering dedication to Public Health through the COVID-19 Pandemic. You all have been the face of Yates County and Public Health and we cannot ever thank you enough for your service to our community.

County Administrator, Nonie Flynn made the following comments and presented the staff with a departmental recognition award:

This past year and a half has been the most challenging time ever faced by local government and the work done by our Public Health department to lead the pandemic response is nothing short of heroic.

The plaque on the award read as follows:

In Recognition of the Yates County Public Health Department Employees 2020-2021.

“You are the greatest heroes in this story called COVID-19. Your intelligence, bravery, and compassion were the backbone of this community through our darkest hours. Thank you for your service and dedication to the people of Yates County, we are all forever grateful for you.”

CHAIRMAN’S APPOINTMENT
Chairman Paddock appointed Greg Reitz to the Broadband Committee.

Sara Christensen, Interim Director of Public Health updated the Legislature on COVID-19 statistics. Since Friday with the long weekend we have received 33 new cases, bringing our total to 1,618, of those 33 new cases 20 of them were close contacts or known exposure to someone who had tested positive, 23 were not vaccinated, 9 were fully vaccinated, 1 was too young to be
vaccinated. There were 24 additional recoveries, bringing our total recovery count to 1,541. We currently have 1 community member in the hospital and 25 deaths total. Per the CDC transmission level we’re still red which is high. The 7 day positivity rate was 4.09% and the 7 day average of total new cases according to the CDC is 44. Averaging about 3-5 first dose individuals a week now. Getting busier with the Pfizer booster doses that have been approved. This week the FDA will be looking at both Moderna and J & J booster data. If that does get approved then it would be pushed on to the CDC for full recommendation. Vaccination clinics will be held at the Penn Yan Academy this Friday, the Penn Yan Middle School October 29, and they are looking at a date to hold the vaccination clinic at Dundee Central School for their student population.

Chairman Paddock asked for a report of the auditing committees. The audit was approved as presented.

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Minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Chilson reported the Village of Penn Yan is still waiting for results of the public hearing that was held September 21st regarding the adult use of marijuana.

Mr. Bronson thanked Cornell Cooperative Extension for the Legislative “Virtual” Agricultural Tour, the updates, and for lunch.

Mr. Killen reported the NYSAC Fall Seminar was a good opportunity to get good information on cryptocurrency.

Mr. Killen thanked the workers that answered his questions pertaining to the security of the Yates County Office building. Mr. Killen noted for the record that 96% of the people surveyed here in the building thought that we should have some additional staffing for security.

Mr. Cutler reported on the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Counsel. Paul Gavin assumed the position of Executive Director as of this week. Mr. Cutler thanked Jay Gsell for acting as the interim director from last year.

Mr. Button reported there will be a meeting October 13th discussing the continuation of the Highway Building project along with Public Health Office and Emergency Management.
Mr. Multer reported that the Tourism Advisory Committee did meet and went over the applications from various entities. Their recommendation will be forthcoming.

Ms. Flynn added that Marla Hedworth from Laurentide Inn will be presenting the TAC’s recommendations to the Legislature at the November 8th meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 354-21**

Mr. Cutler offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

**AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH CAITLYN SHAYLOR REPORTING**

WHEREAS, the District Attorney is required to retain a court reporter for transcription of the minutes of Grand Jury proceedings and Felony Preliminary Hearings and to obtain transcripts of these and other court or recorded proceedings or events; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney wishes to exercise an option to renew the services of Caitlyn Shaylor Reporting and to enter into a written agreement for those purposes at a cost of:

a. Original transcript and one condensed copy of transcript produced at a rate of $4.10 per page;
b. There will be no cost for an email PDF version of said transcripts upon request of the County;
c. There will be no appearance fees or expediting costs except a fee of $60.00 for hearing under General Municipal Law 50-h; and
d. There will be a charge of $10.00 for shipping and handling, unless hand delivery of transcripts is practicable; and

WHEREAS, the County requires that payment for the provision of these continuing services be under a written contractual agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign said contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District Attorney and the Treasurer be provided with a copy of this resolution.

VOTE: Unanimous

**RESOLUTION NO. 355-21**

Mr. Cutler offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Chilson.

**RECOGNIZE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER**
WHEREAS, Domestic Violence remains one of society’s challenges as a crime often not reported that has significant impact on victims, their children, and families – including physical, emotional, financial, social, and spiritual implications so in nationally recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, it promotes a time for the community to build awareness toward safe and healthy relationships for all individuals. First recognized in October 1987 makes 34th year anniversary where we know that domestic violence is not merely a "private issue" that only affects a single person or family. Domestic violence affects our entire community. Everyone has the responsibility to prevent domestic violence and build a healthy, safe community; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence poisons relationships, destroys lives, and shatters families. Homes should be places of comfort and stability where love and mutual respect thrive. Domestic violence erodes this environment, leaving many Americans in potentially life-threatening situations. We must resolve to have zero tolerance for acts of domestic violence. During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we reaffirm our steadfast commitment to empowering survivors and ending this destructive abuse; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence affects Americans regardless of income, race, gender, or socioeconomic status. Still, women make up a disproportionately higher number of victims of domestic violence, with nearly half of female homicide victims killed by a current or former male partner. Each of us has a duty to speak out against these crimes and to make every effort to prevent such tragedies from occurring. We must ensure those who have suffered at the hands of abusers receive needed care and support, and we can protect potential victims from future abuse; and

WHEREAS, this month, we strengthen our resolve to ensure homes are places of refuge, comfort, and protection — and not places of fear and abuse. We renew our commitment to support and protect victims, hold perpetrators accountable, and prevent violence before it starts. We strive to eliminate domestic violence in all its horrific forms in order to sustain the hope of a better life for victims and to foster safer homes and relationships for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence violates a person’s dignity, safety, and basic human rights, and knowing the Offices of District Attorney and Sheriff support services that assist victims of domestic violence, including District Attorney’s and Sheriff’s Victims Assistance program advocating for victims and assisting victims in their court appearances, legal rights, psychological, personal safety and family needs while additionally the Sheriff has VineLink.Com and Victims Hotline providing automated information (1-800-VINE-4-NY) about an offender’s incarceration (jail) status to registered victims to help them find a greater sense of safety, and SAVIN the NYS Sheriffs ‘order of protection notification program, as well as advocating the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE and locally having a victims advocate available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature proclaims October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Yates County together with the wearing of purple ribbons and recognizing the theme “Every 1 Knows Some 1,” which brings awareness to the issue, and supports, recognizes, and trusts in the efforts of law enforcement,
public health and social services providers to hold offenders accountable, protect victims of crime and their communities, and prevent future violence; and be it further

RESOLVED, that by showing an ongoing commitment to and support for victims of domestic violence we recognize the efforts of the office of the District Attorney, the Sheriff, and especially Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes (SHFL) and the Child Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes (CACFL), as well as other entities in our regional community in ensuring advocates and supportive services are available to victims; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided the Sheriff, District Attorney, Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes and Child Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 356-21

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
(Distributors)

WHEREAS, the County of Yates (hereinafter referred to as “County”) is a named plaintiff in a civil action regarding the opioid addiction crisis, against several defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies (said civil action hereinafter referred to as the “Action”); and

WHEREAS, the County’s attorney in the Action is the law firm of Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC (hereinafter referred to as “Napoli Shkolnik”); and

WHEREAS, the Action alleges several causes of action against defendants McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, PSS World Medical, Inc., Kinray, LLC, Bellco Drug Corporation, and American Medical Distributors, Inc. (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Distributors”) based on claims that the Distributors contributed to the opioid epidemic by failing to comply with their obligations under the federal Controlled Substances Act and the New York Controlled Substances Act to implement adequate measures to prevent diversion of the prescription opioids they distributed to pharmacies and others, all of which contributed to a public health crisis in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Distributors have offered to settle the County’s claims against it by paying the sum of between approximately $368,280.86 and $650,562.87 over eighteen (18) years, and agreeing to implement injunctive relief under a controlled substance monitoring program; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to resolve this matter with respect to the Distributors without further litigation and enter into such settlement with the Distributors, wherein it will settle all allegations against the Distributors and avoid protracted litigation; and
WHEREAS, in order to effectuate the County’s settlement with the Distributors, the County would need to execute two proposed documents, namely: a) New York Opioid Settlement Sharing Agreement and b) New York Subdivision Settlement Participation Form (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Settlement Agreement”), and said Settlement Agreement having been submitted to members of the Yates County Legislature prior to its meeting held this 12th day of October, 2021, for its consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the form and substance of the aforementioned Settlement Agreement is hereby approved, and the County is authorized to enter into said Settlement Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in light of the foregoing, the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized on behalf of the County, to execute and deliver the Settlement Agreement, in a form substantially similar thereto, and execute and deliver such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement with the Distributors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that moreover, and in light of the foregoing, Napoli Shkolnik is also hereby authorized on behalf of the County, to execute and deliver the Settlement Agreement, in a form substantially similar thereto, and execute and deliver such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement with the Distributors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the County Administrator, County Attorney, Napoli Shkolnik PLLC and any other person/entity deemed necessary.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 357-21

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

AUTHORIZE HISTORIAN TO FILL CLERK POSITION

WHEREAS, a part time Clerk position became vacant on September 30, 2021 as the result of a retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Historian through the vacancy review process has identified the continued need for the position and is requesting the vacancy be filled; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost to fill the position, including fringe, is $15,336 to $17,589 depending on retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective October 12, 2021 the Historian is hereby authorized to fill the part time Clerk position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the Historian, Personnel Officer, County Administrator and County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous
RESOLUTION NO. 358-21

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Banach.

AUTHORIZE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO FILL HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITION

WHEREAS, a Heavy Equipment Operator vacancy was created effective October 14, 2021 as a result of a retirement; and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent through the vacancy review process has identified the continued need for the Heavy Equipment Operator position and is requesting the vacancy be filled; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost to fill the position, including fringe, is $56,532 to $79,445, depending on health insurance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective October 12, 2021 the County Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to fill the Heavy Equipment Operator position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Highway Superintendent is also authorized to fill any subsequent vacancy that will occur as the result of a promotion of an employee into the vacant Heavy Equipment Operator position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the County Highway Superintendent, Personnel Officer, County Administrator and County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 359-21

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO FILL CASEWORKER POSITION

WHEREAS, a Caseworker position became vacant effective October 1, 2021 as the result of a resignation; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner through the vacancy review process has identified the continued need for the Caseworker position and is requesting the vacancy be filled; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost to fill the position, including fringe, is $62,368 to $82,682, depending on health insurance; the County receives 80% reimbursement for salary and fringe and therefore the total cost to the County to refill this position will be $12,474 to $16,536;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective October 12, 2021 the Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to fill a Caseworker position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services is also authorized to fill any subsequent vacancy that may occur as the result of a promotion of an employee into the vacant Caseworker position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Commissioner of Social Services, Personnel Officer, County Administrator, and County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 360-21

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO FILL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COUNSELOR POSITION

WHEREAS, an Employment and Training Counselor position becomes vacant effective October 18, 2021 as the result of a resignation; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner through the vacancy review process has identified the continued need for the Employment and Training Counselor position and is requesting the position be filled; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost to fill the position, including fringe, is $53,482 to $76,395, depending on health insurance; the County receives approximately 94% reimbursement for salary and fringe from the following sources, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Safety Net, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training Program and therefore the total cost to the County to refill this position will be $3,209 to $4,584;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective October 18, 2021 the Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to fill an Employment and Training Counselor position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services is also authorized to fill any subsequent vacancy that may occur as the result of a promotion of an employee into the vacant Employment and Training Counselor position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided the Commissioner of Social Services, Personnel Officer, County Administrator, and County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous
RESOLUTION NO. 361-21

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO FILL PART-TIME PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION

WHEREAS, a full-time Public Health Program Coordinator position became vacant effective October 8, 2021 as the result of a resignation; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Program Coordinator position has been a shared position between Schuyler and Yates Counties since 2019; and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County is no longer desirous of continuing with the shared services agreement for the Public Health Program Coordinator position and, therefore, the position will no longer be considered a shared position effective October 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Health through the vacancy review process has identified the continued need for the Public Health Program Coordinator position, however, is requesting the position be filled on a part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost to fill the part-time position, including fringe, is $27,764 to $31,842; the County receives 100% reimbursement for the salary and fringe from the Federal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant and New York State Aid therefore the total cost to the County to refill this position will be $0;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective October 12, 2021 the Director of Public Health is hereby authorized to fill the part-time Public Health Program Coordinator position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Director of Public Health, Personnel Officer, County Administrator, and County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 362-21

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 322-21
(Regarding Account Clerk Typist)

WHEREAS, Resolution 322-21 authorized the Director of Public Health to create and fill a temporary full time Senior Account Clerk Typist position effective September 13, 2021; and
WHEREAS, the resolution is in need of being amended to reflect that the position in need of being filled is an Account Clerk Typist position and not a Senior Account Clerk Typist position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that “Account Clerk Typist” replace “Senior Account Clerk Typist” in the title and in paragraphs 1 and 3; and be it further

RESOLVED, the second paragraph be amended to read as follows:

“WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost to fill the Account Clerk Typist position, including fringe, is $42,379 to $62,692, depending on health insurance; the County receives 100% reimbursement from the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Grant for salary and partial reimbursement for fringe, therefore the estimated annual cost to the County, including fringe, is $0 to $29,150;”

And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the Director of Public Health, Personnel Officer, County Administrator and County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 363-21

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Chilson.

ADOPT FY 2022 WORKERS’ COMPENSATION BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Workers’ Compensation Committee, pursuant to Article 5 of the Workers’ Compensation Law, has submitted its proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, dated October 12, 2021; the budget shows the amount chargeable to the several municipalities participating in the Yates County Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurance Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said budget be and hereby is filed and approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Yates County Treasurer collect from each participating village and town the amount chargeable to each, as provided by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of $345,504.88 be apportioned to the County of Yates as its share of said budget and be included in the County’s 2022 budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution and the budget be given to each of the Town Clerks, Village Clerks, the Personnel Officer, County Administrator and the County Treasurer.
We, the undersigned members of the Workers' Compensation Committee on Mutual Self Insurance, do hereby submit the following budget for the fiscal period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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VOTE: Unanimous
RESOLUTION NO. 364-21

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

AMEND RESOLUTION 449-20 ADOPT 2021 NON-UNION EXEMPT EMPLOYEE SALARY SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, Resolution 449-20 was duly adopted on December 14, 2020 which adopted the 2021 Non-Union Exempt Employee Salary Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the resolution is in need of additional amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective November 4, 2021 the salary schedule shall be amended by removing the following from the resolution:

Director of Public Health Schuyler Add-On $20,000;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the Director of Public Health, Personnel Officer, County Administrator and County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 365-21

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT

(ArchiveSocial - Durham, NC)

WHEREAS, I.T. has identified a requirement that any County run Social Media account utilized for the purposes of disseminating information creating electronic documents considered county records, requires a tool or service for the purpose of searching, analyzing, and/or retention of the records; and

WHEREAS, I.T. has vetted a solution providing the county the ability to archive all social media account data for this purpose provided by ArchiveSocial at the following cost;

- Social Media Archiving Subscription
  ($399/month) - Unlimited Accounts & Up To 3k Records Per Month – 4,788.00/Annually
- Risk Management Analytics Subscription ($199/month) – 2,388.00 Annually

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign a contract with ArchiveSocial of Durham, NC for Social Media Archiving services; and be it further
RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to ArchiveSocial and to the I.T. Director.

VOTE: Roll Call – Cutler, Bronson, Chilson, Gleason, Church, Banach, Holgate, Multer, Percy, Harper, Willson, Paddock, Killen voting “Yes”; Button voting “No”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 366-21

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT
(TimeClock Plus, LLC – Denver, CO)

WHEREAS, the county’s current on premise time clock software solution (TCP) has reached end-of-life and support; and

WHEREAS, TimeClock Plus, LLC will no longer support an on-premise version of their product. The county will be required to move to their new Cloud supported model of the product in order to continue using this product with support including maintenance and security patches; and

WHEREAS, I.T. has received the following quote from TCP:

- TCP Cloud solution Enterprise Plan with licensing ($5,130.00/annually with a one-time implementation cost of $900.00)
- TCP Cloud solution Software and Hardware Support and Maintenance ($1,599.00/annually)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign a contract with TimeClock Plus, LLC (TCP) of Denver, CO for the TCP Cloud based solution and support services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to TimeClock Plus and to the I.T. Director.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 367-21

Mrs. Church offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Gleason.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH WATER STREET PHARMACY FOR COVID 19 TESTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Deputy Director of Public Health has identified a need to contract with Water Street Pharmacy for COVID 19 testing services as it relates to COVID 19 testing of school age students and faculty in order to comply with school districts’ reopening plans; and
WHEREAS, the cost associated with the testing services is 100% funded by the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID-19 Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney the Chairman is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Water Street Pharmacy for COVID-19 testing services at an amount not to exceed $8,000 per month for the period September 1, 2021 through July 1, 2023, unless the contract is ended sooner by the county; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to Water Street Pharmacy, the Deputy Director of Public Health, County Administrator and County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 368-21

Mrs. Church offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Bronson.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH S2AY RURAL HEALTH NETWORK, INC. FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND RESCIND RESOLUTIONS 319-21 AND 320-21

WHEREAS, effective September 13, 2021 Resolution 319-21 authorized the Director of Public Health to create and fill a temporary full time Public Health Specialist position; and

WHEREAS, effective September 13, 2021 Resolution 320-21 authorized the Director of Public Health to create and fill a temporary full time Public Health Specialist or Registered Professional Nurse position; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Director of Public Health no longer desires to create the aforementioned positions; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Director of Public Health is desirous of contracting with S2AY Rural Health Network, Inc. for assistance with the response to COVID-19 as it relates to the NYS Fellow Grant Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney the Chairman is authorized to enter into a contract with S2AY Rural Health Network, Inc. for assistance with the response to COVID-19 as it relates to the NYS Fellow Grant Program at an amount not to exceed $448,585 for the grant period of September 1, 2021 to July 31, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract be made retroactive to September 13, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Resolutions 319-21 and 320-21 are hereby rescinded; and be it further
RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to S²AY Rural Health Network Inc., the Deputy Director of Public Health, Personnel Officer, County Administrator and County Treasurer.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 369-21

Mrs. Church offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

DESIGNATE OCTOBER 24-30, 2021 AS LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, lead poisoning remains a leading environmental health hazard to children in Yates County; and

WHEREAS, lead exposure to children can result from multiple sources and can cause irreversible and life-long health effects; and

WHEREAS, of parents who had their child receive a routine screening, 15 new cases of lead poisoning were discovered in children residing in Yates County in 2020 alone; and

WHEREAS, young children and pregnant women living in pre-1978 housing are most vulnerable, through exposure to lead particles when lead-based paint deteriorates or is disturbed during home renovation and repainting; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning is preventable; the key is to keep children from coming into contact with lead; and

WHEREAS, there are simple steps that can be taken to protect all family members from lead-based paint hazards in the home; and

WHEREAS, education and awareness about age-appropriate testing and the dangers of lead can help protect the lives of children living in Yates County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature proclaims October 24-30, 2021, as Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Yates County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature encourages all parents to have their children receive their routine lead test, and shall observe this week with appropriate activities designed to enhance public awareness of lead poisoning prevention and the ways we can protect our families from lead poisoning; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Director of Public Health and the County Treasurer.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 370-21
SIGN AMENDMENT #1 TO AGREEMENT WITH HEALTH RESEARCH INC. (HRI)

WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health has received an extension of the grant which provides additional funding through the New York State Department of Health ELC COVID-19 Enhanced Detection of $1,461,230; with $461,230 available to the County and $1,000,000 restricted for use by NYSDOH; and

WHEREAS, said grant period has been extended through March 31, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign the amendment to the agreement with Health Research Inc. (HRI) for the period ending March 31, 2023 for the ELC COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Public Health Department and the County Treasurer.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 371-21

SIGN AGREEMENT WITH HEALTH RESEARCH INC. (HRI) – ELC SCHOOLS GRANT

WHEREAS, Yates County Public Health has received the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute ELC Schools Grant Award of $999,663; and

WHEREAS, said grant period will be for the period of July 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman is hereby authorized to sign the agreement with Health Research Inc. (HRI) for the period July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 for the ELC Schools Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Public Health Department and the County Treasurer.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 372-21

RESCIND RESOLUTION 353-21
(Finger Lakes Staffing Agreement)

WHEREAS, Resolution 353-21 authorized the Public Health Director and the Chairman of the Legislature to enter into an agreement for staffing; and

WHEREAS, it has been difficult to get a contract in place;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution 353-21 is hereby rescinded; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of the resolution be provided to the Public Health Director and the Treasurer.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 373-21

Mrs. Church offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Gleason.

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

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually and there is expected to be an estimated 20% increase in service members that will be transitioning to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that a significant portion of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life. Sadly, 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 Yates County Legislature appreciates the sacrifices our United States military personnel made while defending freedom and believes specific recognition should be accorded them in appreciation of their service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature hereby declares Yates County a Green Light for Military Service County from October 13, 2021, through Veterans Day, November 11, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this is a time to salute and honor our men and women in uniform making the transition from active service to civilian life by switching one lightbulb to green to show visible support for veterans; and be it further

RESOLVED, that as a Green Light for Military Service County, the Yates County Legislature hereby pledges to work toward removing employment barriers by participating in quarterly job fairs at Fort Drum and by removing civil service residency requirements for active-duty military personnel interested in relocating to Yates County; and be it further
RESOLVED that the Legislature will also support the Expiration Term of Service Sponsorship Program (ETS-SP) that connects mentors to new veteran residents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light for Military Service, the Yates County Legislature encourages its citizens to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to help to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence. Green is the color of hope, renewal and well-being. The simple action of changing one light to green can spark meaningful conversation regarding the recognition of veterans and help “green light” them forward as valued members of our communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to all Yates County Veteran organizations and the Director of Veterans’ Services.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 374-21

Mrs. Church offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Button.

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH RAINBOW JUNCTION FOR CHILDCARE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is required by regulation to provide childcare assistance for eligible Yates County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is interested in contracting with Rainbow Junction Child Care Center for these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after review by the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Legislature and the Social Services Commissioner are hereby authorized to sign a contract with Rainbow Junction at the rates set by New York State for the period of 10/1/21-9/30/22; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the Yates County Commissioner of Social Services and the County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 375-21

Mrs. Church offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Chilson.

ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PROACTION OF STEUBEN AND YATES COUNTIES INC. FOR THE OUTREACH AND ALTERNATE CERTIFIER OF THE HEATING ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) PROGRAM FOR 2021-2022
WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services requires assistance with the processing of HEAP applications and an alternate certifier during the upcoming HEAP season;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that contingent on the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Legislature and the Social Services Commissioner are hereby authorized to sign a contract for the administration of the HEAP program with ProAction of Steuben and Yates Counties, Inc. at an amount not to exceed $13,000 for the period of 8/1/21-7/31/22; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Yates County Department of Social Services and the Yates County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 376-21

Mrs. Church offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 229-21 (AUTHORIZE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT)

WHEREAS, Resolution 229-21 authorized the Chairman of the Legislature to sign a contract with Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board for WIOA Youth Services for the amount of $65,489; and

WHEREAS, additional funding has been allocated by the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount of the contract will be $80,836; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Commissioner of Social Services and the County Treasurer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 377-21

Mr. Banach offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Gleason.

AWARD BID FOR PROPANE GAS

WHEREAS, bids were requested for Propane Gas and received on September 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and three firms submitted a bid to the Yates County Highway Department;
Bidder                                      Price Per Gallon
                                              Over Selkirk Posting
Finger Lakes Propane LLC                     $0.38
NOCO                                         $0.44
Hometowne Energy                             $0.55

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to award the bid to Finger Lakes Propane LLC; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to each bidder, the Yates County Treasurer, and the Yates County Highway Superintendent.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 378-21

Mr. Banach offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

AUTHORIZE LEGISLATURE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN 2021 – 2022 SNOW AND ICE CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety all County roadways need to be cleared of snow and ice during the months of November to April; and

WHEREAS, the Yates County Highway Department does not employ sufficient staff to accomplish the snow and ice removal on all County roadways; and

WHEREAS, several Towns have agreed to contract this snow and ice removal on County roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney the Chairman of the Yates County Legislature is hereby authorized to sign contracts with participating Towns for Snow and Ice Removal for the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Yates County Treasurer, the Yates County Highway Department and each Town contracting with the County for Snow and Ice removal.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 379-21

Mr. Holgate offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Cutler.
ENTER INTO A POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM NORTHEAST, LLC

WHEREAS, the County of Yates (hereinafter referred to as the “County”) wishes to license for its own use, the right to attach and maintain its telecommunications cables, equipment, facilities and attachments with necessary guys and appurtenances on poles owned by Spectrum Northeast, LLC (hereinafter referred to as “Charter”); and

WHEREAS, Charter is willing to permit, to the extent it may lawfully do so, the placement of said cables, equipment, facilities and attachments on Charter poles; and

WHEREAS, to this end, Charter requires the County to enter into a Pole Attachment Agreement with it, concerning the licensing of the use of Charter poles by the County for the purposes set forth above; and

WHEREAS, Charter requires the County to identify the specific poles (listed in the Appendix A of the Agreement), and subsequently requires the County to amend the Agreement for any pole additions or changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to execute on behalf of Yates County a Pole Attachment Agreement with Charter including subsequent amendments due to pole changes concerning the County’s right, by way of license, to attach and maintain its telecommunications cables, equipment, facilities and attachments with necessary guys and appurtenances on poles owned by Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Yates County Administrator, Yates County Planner, the Grant Specialist and Charter.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 380-21

Mr. Holgate offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Banach.

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Button stated that he felt he didn’t have enough information on the One Touch Make Ready part.

Mr. Paddock asked Marian Walrath to clarify.

Ms. Walrath clarified that to enter into a pole attachment agreement with NYSEG and Frontier they have either a standard process or this One Touch process. They have to do surveys of the poles, create and design, so that it can go into the utility company’s systems for approval and issuing advices. The One Touch process allows less people to be involved and for the process to be more efficient. Once the application is put in, it goes quickly because the process was done by the company’s certified engineering company.
Mr. Button expressed his concern about extra expenditures and duplication of services.

Ms. Walrath stated that there is no duplication of services. The engineering firm that the county hires also does the surveys, but they have to do that survey. Whether you do the standard process or the One Touch process both the county’s engineering firm and the utility’s engineering firm will have to survey the poles.

Ms. Chilson questioned if the surveys are at the expense of the county?

Ms. Walrath stated that both are at the expense of the county. It is a requirement. Most of these are grant eligible expenses.

Mr. Paddock stated if the county was not to sign this then NYSEG and Frontier would have to conduct their own surveys and on a time basis it would take them several months to complete.

Ms. Walrath stated that it will take longer if we do not do the work through Labella, which could delay the start of construction.

Mr. Button stated he thinks about the efficiency of redoing things. He understands sometimes it becomes the lesser of two evils, you pay it and go on. At least Marian has said that we have the opportunity to recoup some of the costs. He doesn’t like spending money twice, but he also doesn’t want to hold up the project.

**AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH LABELLA ASSOCIATES FOR ONE TOUCH MAKE READY SERVICES ON THE YATES COUNTY USDA RECONNECT BROADBAND PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Yates County (hereinafter referred to as “County”) has been awarded a USDA ReConnect grant to enable design and construction of a fiber-to-the premises broadband network to reach the unserved and underserved with regard to internet access; and

WHEREAS, the County has signed Pole Attachment Agreements with New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (hereinafter referred to as “NYSEG”) and Frontier Communications (hereinafter referred to as “Frontier”) licensing the use of NYSEG and Frontier poles for attaching and maintaining its telecommunications fiber; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the actual attachments, NYSEG and Frontier charge an application fee covering Make Ready activities including field survey, design analysis, design system entry, mid-span measurement, structural analysis, construction inspection; and

WHEREAS, NYSEG and Frontier recommend that the County follow One Touch Make Ready processing where some of these activities are out-sourced to a certified engineering firm in return for a reduced application fee and a more stream-lined, efficient process; and
WHEREAS, LaBella Associates (hereinafter referred to as “LaBella”) is certified by NYSEG and Frontier for these activities and has submitted a One Touch Make Ready Services proposal for the NYSEG and Frontier poles included in Phase 1 of the ReConnect project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to enter into a contract with LaBella for its provision of the above recited services, for a price not to exceed $128,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to LaBella, USDA/RUS, County Administrator, Treasurer, Planner, and the Grant Specialist.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 381-21

Mr. Holgate offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Bronson.

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE YATES COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
(Jamie Landcastle III, At-Large)

WHEREAS, Jamie Landcastle III (24 Gilbert St., Rushville NY 14544), has expressed his interest to serve as an “at large” representative on the Yates County Planning Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Jamie Landcastle III is hereby appointed as a member of the Yates County Planning Board, as an “at-large member”, for a term to expire on October 12, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to Jamie Landcastle III, the County Planner and the County Clerk.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 382-21

Mr. Holgate offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Cutler.

DISCUSSION:
Mr. Button questioned if there was going to be an end date. After so many days how is the county going to move forward on this?

Mr. Paddock stated he believes this will end when the county appoints a Planner.

Mr. Paddock stated that the county has received applications and they have been screened. Ms. Flynn will be interviewing for the position.

Ms. Flynn stated she will be interviewing this afternoon.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH GENESEE/FINGER LAKES REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
WHEREAS, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, located at 50 West Main Street, Suite 8107, Rochester, New York 14614, will assist the County with interim planning services at a rate not to exceed seventy five dollars ($75) per hour during the absence of a County Planner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature be and hereby is authorized to sign the agreement with Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council after the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council and the County Administrator.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 383-21

Mr. Holgate offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Banach.

2021 BUDGET TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following transfers be made in the 2021 budget:

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And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Clerk of the Legislature, the County Administrator, the County Clerk, the Planning Director, the Director of Veteran Services, the Sheriff and the County Treasurer/Budget Officer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 384-21

Mr. Holgate offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Gleason.
CHARGEBACK ELECTION EXPENSE

BE IT RESOLVED, the following amounts be levied on 1/1/2022 against the Towns of Yates County for 2020 election expense as set forth below:

- BARRINGTON $37,311.03
- BENTON $26,040.55
- ITALY $12,416.53
- JERUSALEM $103,100.02
- MIDDLESEX $25,596.34
- MILO $67,407.24
- POTTER $12,495.08
- STARKEY $34,140.01
- TORREY $23,400.05

TOTAL $341,906.86

And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Commissioners of Elections and the County Treasurer/Budget Officer.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 385-21

Mr. Holgate offered resolutions 385-21, 386-21, and 388-21 and moved their adoption, seconded by Mr. Bronson.

APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE (ELECTIONS)

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections has received additional revenue from the New York State Cyber Security Remediation Grant; and

WHEREAS, these funds are not part of the 2021 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following accounts be increased as tabulated below:

Revenue:
A1450.43089 ELEC-OTHER STATE AID $66,704.00

Appropriation:
A1450.52115 ELEC-COMPUTER HARDWARE $47,126.00
A1450.54011 ELEC-CONSULTANT $19,578.00
And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Election Commissioners and the County Treasurer/Budget Officer.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 386-21

APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE
(PUBLIC DEFENDER)

WHEREAS, the Public Defender’s office has received grant reimbursement monies to cover expenditures to date; and

WHEREAS, these funds are not part of the 2021 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following accounts be increased as tabulated below:

Revenue:
A1170.43025 PD-ILS REVENUE $ 6,400.00

Appropriation:
A1170.54470 PD-SUPPLIES; OFFICE $ 2,000.00
A1170.54507 PD-COPIER CHARGE $ 2,000.00
A1170.54074 PD-INVESTIGATOR SERVICES $ 500.00
A1170.54916 PD-PUBLICATIONS $ 1,900.00

And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Public Defender, the Assigned Counsel Administrator and the County Treasurer/Budget Officer.
VOTE: Results appear after Resolution No. 388-21.

RESOLUTION NO. 387-21

Mr. Holgate offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL STATE AID
(PUBLIC HEALTH)

WHEREAS, Public Health has received additional revenue from the New York State Health Foundation for COVID Response and Public Health Federal Aid; and

WHEREAS, these funds are not part of the 2021 budget;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following accounts be increased and tabulated below:

Revenue:
A4010.43402  PH-NYSHF COVID Response $  1,785.00
A4010.44401  PH-FED AID $ 10,300.00

Appropriation:
A4010.54115  PH-NYSHF COVID Response $  1,785.00
A4010.54153  PH-EDUCATION $ 10,000.00
A4010.54469  PH-NURSING SUPPLIES $   300.00

And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Director of Public Health and the County Treasurer/Budget Officer.
VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 388-21

APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE
(COMMUNITY SERVICES)

WHEREAS, the Community Services office has received New York State funding to cover expenditures to date; and

WHEREAS, these funds are not part of the 2021 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following accounts be increased as tabulated below:

Revenue:
A4320.43490  CS-MH LGU/CO POP. $  8,997.00
A4320.43492  CS-COMM SUPP $ 46,457.00
A4320.43493  CS-PSYCH REHAB $ 26,144.00
A4320.43494  CS-C&F $ 30,799.00
A4320.43495  CS-REINVEST $ 57,993.00
A4320.43497  CS-KIDS HOME $ 2,175.00
A4320.43498  CS-INTEGRATED $ 15,376.00
A4320.43500  CS-KENDRA’S LAW $  3,670.00
A4320.43503  CS-SUPP HSG $ 22,107.00
A4320.43504  CS-SUBS ABUSE $  8,864.00
A4320.43507  CS-CLINICAL $ 16,967.00
A4320.43508  CS-EMERG C&F $ 46,411.00
A4320.43509  CS-CLINICAL AD $  1,649.00
A4320.43511  CS-HLTH HOME $  6,302.00
RESOLUTION NO. 389-21

Mr. Holgate offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Harper.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT
(Pitney Bowes)

WHEREAS, the Yates County Real Property Tax Services department processes and prints tax bills; and

WHEREAS, the department offers folding and stuffing of the tax bills into envelopes provided by the municipalities as an additional service; and

And be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the Director of Community Services and the Treasure/Budget Officer.
VOTE: Unanimous
WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Services department is replacing the folder-inserter machine that is no longer in service in order to be able to perform this service; and

WHEREAS, the equipment will require occasional maintenance and service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, after review by the County Attorney, the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign a Purchase and Maintenance Agreement with Pitney Bowes to purchase, maintain and service a Relay 2500 folder-inserter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the purchase price of the Relay 2500 folder-inserter is $6,560; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the maintenance contract cost is $720 annually, for a period of 60 months, with no charge the first year and payments to begin the second year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the County Administrator, the Treasurer and the Real Property Tax Services Director.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTION NO. 390-21

Mr. Holgate offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Cutler.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GREENIDGE GENERATION LLC

WHEREAS, Greenidge Generation LLC (Greenidge) provides needed electrical generation to the public and has made a significant investment in the Finger Lakes Region; and

WHEREAS, Greenidge has created and filled forty five (45) high paying jobs in Yates County and contributes a significant amount of tax revenue to Yates County; the 2020 average wage at Greenidge was $77,565; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the United States Environmental Protection Agency carefully and thoroughly reviewed potential impacts of renewed generation and determined there would be no significant environmental impacts in the generating plant operating full time at 106 Megawatts electricity produced; and

WHEREAS, Greenidge acquired the idled coal fired plant which had been in place in the Town of Torrey since 1937, and converted it to a clean, natural gas fired generating plant and resumed operations in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Greenidge operates the plant in full compliance with existing air and water permits issued by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and Greenidge’s cryptocurrency mining operation onsite is a 100% carbon neutral operation; and
WHEREAS, since resuming operation in 2017 Greenidge has made a significant contribution to the economy of Yates County. The growing tax payments to the Town of Torrey, Penn Yan Central School, and Yates County significantly offset real property taxes. Directly due to its data processing center, local tax payments increased in 2020 by almost $300,000 and are anticipated to increase significantly in further years; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by Appleseed Inc. stated that “we estimate Greenidge’s combined operations and capital investments in 2020 directly and indirectly supported 108 jobs in NY with total earnings of nearly $8.4 million and nearly $16.8 million in statewide impact;” and

WHEREAS, in 2020, during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Greenidge supported over 80 businesses in NY. As a result of environmental leadership and positive economic impact, there is widespread support for Greenidge. Several large employers have publicly supported Greenidge including O’Connell Electric, City Hill Construction, and Hunt Engineers. In addition there is solid support from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), whose workers are partnering with Greenidge onsite in Dresden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature supports Greenidge Generation LLC and is in favor of renewing the Title V air permits; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to Governor Hochul, Commissioner of NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Seggos, NYS Senator Tom O’Mara, NYS Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, US Senator Charles Schumer, US Senator Kirsten Gillebrand, US Congressman Tom Reed, the NY State Association of Counties and any other person/entity deemed necessary.
VOTE: Unanimous with Willson abstaining

RESOLUTION NO. 391-21

Mr. Holgate offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Ms. Chilson.
DISCUSSION:
Mr. Button stated we should have things like this sooner so they can be discussed. He knows Mr. Paddock stated that this will be improved in the future. Is the grant money that could be available to update existing mobile homes? To replace them and make them safer and more energy efficient?

Mr. Paddock stated that, as he understands it from Renee, she talks to code enforcement officers to determine where there might be some structures that are less than desirable and then they replace the mobile homes with new ones and update well & septic if necessary.

Mr. Button stated that this isn’t something for a first time home buyer. This is to help upgrade the mobile homes from the past.

Mr. Paddock stated that is his understanding.
Mr. Button stated this will help people have a better way of life and that’s a good thing.

Mr. Paddock stated that they would certainly have safer homes. The requestor should have gotten the message that things should come through the committee and be here in a more timely fashion. This doesn’t have to be acted on and it can be put off for a month. However, they need the letter to submit the grant application by Thursday.

Mr. Button stated he does not want to hold it up, but he thinks it would be good if we had it so we could talk to and help the public understand and know it’s available.

Ms. Chilson stated she thinks it’s a very good program. First Time Homeowners grant is a whole different program for first time homeowners.

**AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SEND A LETTER SUPPORTING KEUKA HOUSING COUNCIL’S APPLICATION FOR MOBILE HOME REPLACEMENT**

WHEREAS, a communication has been received from Renee Bloom, Keuka Housing Council’s (KHC) Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, said communication requests a letter of support from Yates County for KHC’s application for Mobile Home Replacement; and

WHEREAS, KHC has partnered with Yates County on many grants over the past 17 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the chairman of the Legislature is authorized to prepare and send a letter of support to appropriate personnel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Renee Bloom.

VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Willson moved to enter into executive session to discuss:

1. the employment history of a particular person or persons, with members of the legislature and County Administrator present; and
2. matters that will imperil public safety if disclosed, with members of the legislature and County Administrator present;

It is not anticipated that there will be action taken after the conclusion of the executive session.

Seconded by Mr. Harper.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Cutler stated the fact that some of the county employees in different areas regularly feel threatened is no secret. We have no need to compromise the privacy of the individuals who have documented their concerns nor do we need to necessarily get into the details that they outlined. We need to have an open discussion so that everyone understands where we stand individually and collectively and our concerns for the security of our individuals.
Ms. Chilson stated she agrees that there needs to be open discussion and she also thinks that there are things that need to be discussed in executive session on security.

Mr. Willson stated that he feels the executive session needs to be held to deal with the specifics we may come up with for solutions and that part of it should not be divulged until it’s been executed.

Mr. Cutler stated we chose last month not to pass the local law about bringing dangerous weapons into the county. He doesn’t think we need to go into executive session to discuss how the county will enforce a law that doesn’t exist on the books.

Mr. Paddock stated that this will not be a topic for discussion.

Mr. Willson stated he doesn’t believe that talking about security and enhancing security has to be by the law that was voted down. He also believes there may be other laws on the books that can enforce public safety. The question is what procedures do we want to enhance or add?

Mr. Button stated, “We’ve known this discussion should have occurred many years ago. We didn’t do it right and we let the public down because we didn’t discuss this sooner.”

Mr. Paddock stated there were multiple opportunities to discuss this. The motion on the floor is to go into executive session.

VOTE: Roll Call – Bronson, Chilson, Gleason, Church, Banach, Holgate, Multer, Percy, Harper, Button, Willson, Paddock, Killen voting “Yes”; Cutler voting “No”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.