

THIRD DAY OF ANNUAL SESSION

Johnstown, NY

November 25, 2024

Roll Call – Quorum Present

Supervisors: Blackmon, Bradt, Breh, DeGiacomo, Fagan, Fogarty, Goderie, Groff, Howard, Kinowski, Orfan, Palcovic, Potter, Praught, Roehl, VanValkenburgh, Young

TOTAL: Present: 17 Absent: 3 (Supervisor Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Chairman Blackmon called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Blackmon 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 TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF FULTON FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Town of Caroga Supervisor, dated November 8, 2024
Subj: Letter regarding Fulton County not being included on state designated Priority Waterbody established list.
2. Letter from Mark Bohne, dated November 19, 2024
Subj: Letter expressing concern about National Grid proposed rate increases.

REPORTS

A. 2025 Adopted Budget for the Fulton County Industrial Development Agency

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Inter-County Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks: Supervisor VanValkenburgh stated that she attended the Inter-County meeting on Thursday and NYSAC gave an update on the Short-Term Rental bill. NYSAC noted that Governor Hochul has refused to sign the bill because she opposes “the registry”. Supervisor VanValkenburgh stated that revised legislation is being proposed.

Supervisor VanValkenburgh stated that John Taflan from Warren County also gave an update at the Inter-County meeting regarding the “Regional Forensic Center” for the Adirondack region and the potential to create a regional authority to fund it.

Soil and Water Conservation District: Supervisor Praught stated that it has been a really positive year. He stated that construction on the new building will begin in the spring.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Blackmon stated that he the Board of Supervisors held its Budget Workshop last week. He noted that the Finance Committee managed to lower the budget down and the Budget Director will give an update later in the meeting. He also noted that today would be the last time for input regarding the 2025 Budget.

Chairman Blackmon announced that a professional photographer would be here to take a picture of all the Supervisors prior to the next Board of Supervisor's meeting, December 9, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. Administrative Officer Jon Stead noted that each Supervisor would receive a copy of the photo.

RESOLUTIONS (TITLES ATTACHED)

No. 437 (Resolution Authorizing Extension of Contract with the Broadalbin-Perth School District to Provide School Resource Officer Services Including Extension of Two Deputy Sheriff (School Resource Officer) Positions): Mr. Stead stated that this Resolution should have went through the last Committee cycle but due to an oversight the Sheriff submitted it late. He noted that it was reviewed by the Finance Committee this morning. Mr. Stead also noted that this is the second and last extension of the current contract.

No. 438 (Resolution Creating a Full-Time Deputy Sheriff Position and Placing a "One-Dollar Hold" on a Temporary Deputy Sheriff Position in the Sheriff's Department to Facilitate a Lateral Hire): Mr. Stead stated that this was also submitted after the last Committee cycle. He stated that the Board of Supervisors has allowed this same process of placing a "one-dollar hold" twice this year, within the last few months. Mr. Stead stated that recruitment has been difficult.

No. 441 (Resolution Endorsing the Development Strategy "Building Fulton County's Future: Housing, Tourism & Economic Growth" (2026-2030)): Mr. Stead stated that at the last Board of Supervisor's meeting there was a detailed presentation and report given by the County's project consultant. He noted that this Resolution would approve the overall goals and strategy.

Supervisor Young stated that he will be recusing himself from Resolutions No. 450 due to his employment with FMCC.

(Supervisor Young left the meeting at 1:20 p.m.)

(Supervisor Young re-entered the meeting at 1:21 p.m.)

Mr. Stead stated that Resolution 457, 458 and 459 would need to be set aside and acted upon after the Public Hearing regarding the Tentative Budget was closed.

Chairman Blackmon called for a five-minute recess at 1:23 p.m.

Chairman Blackmon reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF FULTON FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025

Chairman Blackmon opened the Public Hearing to receive comments regarding the Tentative Budget for the County of Fulton for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. No one came forward to address the Board and the Chairman stated that he would keep the Public Hearing open until later in the meeting.

Budget Director Alicia Cowan provided an update regarding the evolution of the 2025 Tentative Budget through today's meeting. She presented the Supervisors with an updated Budget sheet.

Ms. Cowan stated that the full Board of Supervisor's met for the Budget Workshop on Monday, November 18, 2024 where some changes were made such as pushing some Capital Projects off until 2026. She noted that it reduced the DM fund and the General fund as well as increased some revenue accounts. Ms. Cowan stated that another \$2.5 million was appropriated from Fund Balance at that meeting, bringing the total appropriated amount from Fund Balance to \$8,501,000.00 for the 2025 Budget. She noted that it brought the Average County Rate down to \$11.20 per thousand.

Ms. Cowan stated that the Tax Levy as of right now is \$33,250,981.00 and that includes the Supervisor's salary increase. Mr. Stead noted that the Supervisor salaries traditionally have been set at the same percentage as every other employee in the County. Ms. Cowan noted that the 2024 rate per thousand was \$10.23 and the 2025 rate is \$11.20. She stated that the final rates for the Towns will be on the final tax levy sheets at the December 9, 2024 Board of Supervisor's Meeting.

Supervisor Potter asked about Fund Balance, the amount it started at and what was applied to date.

Ms. Cowan stated that \$7.8 million was applied from Fund balance for the 2024 Budget. She noted that the starting unassigned Fund Balance was about \$26,000,000.00. After the \$8.5 million was appropriated, the remaining balance in the Fund Balance would be approximately \$17.8 million.

Supervisor Potter inquired about what it would take to get the tax rate to what it was last year.

Ms. Cowan stated that, as of today, the Budgeted levy is over the tax cap by \$2.5 million, so another \$2.5 million. She stated that there have been increases in payroll due to settling contracts and raises during 2024 and those were not budgeted for in 2024 because some were settled in the middle of the year. Ms. Cowan stated that she does not recommend applying any more fund balance. She noted that this is the most fund balance ever applied in the history of the County.

Supervisor Potter stated that he believes more Fund Balance should be applied. He stated that the State has put out a lot of mandates and there is an inflationary issue that has been brought upon all municipalities.

Mr. Stead cautioned that each year, incrementally, the trend has been to use a little more of the Fund Balance. This is the largest amount ever used in Fulton County history.

Supervisor VanValkenburgh stated that it was mentioned at the NYSAC meeting that there was a concern about taking more out of Fund Balances because of the Presidential elections results. She stated that the federal government might reduce aid to New York State, so the State will mandate more on counties.

Supervisor Groff stated that he has attended all of the meetings this year and he would like to leave everything in the Budget proposed the way it is currently.

Chairman Blackmon again asked if there were any members of the public who wished to make comments regarding the Tentative Budget for the County of Fulton for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025. There being no interested speakers, Chairman Blackmon closed the Public Hearing at 1:43 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Fagan stated that he has been a Supervisor for a little over 20 years and this has been the most difficult budget yet and this is the largest amount of Fund Balance applied. He stated that this is the most responsible thing we could have done this year and using more was not the right idea today. He stated that when you look at where we started to where we are now, a lot of work was put in to get it down.

Supervisor Fagan stated that we are not in a State that wants to help the counties. He noted that in most states' counties do not pay anything toward Medicaid but in New York, we pay more than Texas and California combined. It is a huge burden that should not be on the taxpayers.

Supervisor Groff thanked the Committee on Finance. He stated that there is a lot of work that goes into a budget and they did a good job.

Mr. Stead stated that how much Fund Balance to apply is always a hard decision, but it is important to have a cushion from year to year.

Chairman Blackmon thanked all of the Committee Chairs, and a special thanks to the Finance Chairman. He stated that this was his ninth year on the Board and this is the biggest gap we've had to close.

Mr. Stead noted that the next Board of Supervisor's meeting will be held on December 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. He stated that now that the 2025 Budget has been adopted, the contract Resolutions will be brought forward at that meeting.

Chairman Blackmon reminded Supervisors about the photo being taken before the next Board of Supervisor's meeting at 12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Supervisor Groff, seconded by Supervisor Palcovic the Board recessed at 1:57p.m. until December 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Certified by:

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

Resolution No. 432

Supervisors FOGARTY AND HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REORGANIZATION OF CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (2025)

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has reviewed the staffing structure of the Fulton County Social Services Department and recommends reorganization of certain job titles; and

WHEREAS, the Committees on Human Services and Finance have reviewed the Commissioner's recommendations, and for reasons of economy and efficiency, concur; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Committees on Human Services, Personnel and Finance, the following vacant position in the Department of Social Services, be and hereby is abolished, effective January 1, 2025:

Typist (Union Job Group A-2; 2025 rate: \$21.10 per hour)

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Committees on Human Services and Finance, one (1) Senior Typist position (Union Job Group A-5; 2025 rate: \$22.40 per hour), be, and hereby is, reclassified to a Principal Typist (Union Job Group A-12; 2025 rate: \$25.70 per hour) effective January 1, 2025; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Committees on Human Services and Finance (1) Data Entry Machine Operator (Union Job Group A-2; 2025 rate: \$21.10 per hour) be and hereby is, reclassified to Senior Data Entry Machine Operator (Union Job Group A-5; 2025 rate: \$22.40 per hour), effective January 1, 2025; and, be it further

Resolution No. 432 (Continued)

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Committees on Human Services and Finance, the following positions be and hereby is created, effective January 1, 2025:

Social Welfare Examiner (Union Job Group A-8; 2025 rate: \$23.69 per hour)

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, CSEA Local 818, Social Services Commissioner, Personnel Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor POTTER and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 433

Supervisors GROFF AND HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION INCREASING CORONER’S FEE FOR THE CORONER’S OFFICE (2025)

WHEREAS, Resolution 435 of 2012 authorized the creation of a stipend for Coroners’ Office Administrative Work of \$1,680.00 per year (pro-rated into bi-weekly payments); and

WHEREAS, Resolution 520 of 2018 authorized an increase from \$160.00 to \$180.00 for the per case fee for work done by the Coroner and Deputy Coroner; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 395 of 2021 authorized an increase from \$180.00 to \$200.00 for the Coroner’s per case fee and increased the “Coroner’s; Office Administrative Work” stipend from \$1,680.00 to \$2,600.00 for work done by Coroner Margaret Luck; and

WHEREAS, the Committees on Public Safety and Finance have recommended increasing the Coroner’s “Per Case Fee” effective January 1, 2025; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That effective January 1, 2025, the fee paid to the elected Fulton County Coroner and Deputy Coroner be and hereby is increased to \$230.00 per case; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Coroner and Personnel Director 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, Coroner, Personnel Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor GODERIE and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 434

Supervisors GROFF AND HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION INCREASING PART-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER
SALARY (2025)

WHEREAS, the Public Defender has requested that the hourly rate for the Part-time Assistant Public Defender position in the Public Defender's Office be set equivalent to the hourly rate of the full-time Assistant Public Defenders; and

WHEREAS, the Committees on Public Safety and Finance have reviewed said request and recommend increasing the Part-time Assistant Public Defender hourly rate (2025 Rate: \$48.8525 per hour) commensurate with the Full-time Assistant Public Defender rate (2025 Rate: \$58.3974 per hour); now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That effective January 1, 2025, the Part-time Assistant Public Defender (Non-Union, Part-time) annual Salary Rate be and hereby is set at \$60,967.00 reflecting the pro-rated hourly equivalents of full-time; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Public Defender and Personnel Director 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, Personnel Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor POTTER and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 435

Supervisors GROFF AND HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION CREATING A PER DIEM FIRST DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR
POSITION IN THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE (2025)**

WHEREAS, the Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator has requested creation of a per diem First Deputy Fire Coordinator position in the Emergency Management Office to assist oversight of the Fire Investigation Team, Hazardous Material Response Team, scheduling, training for firefighters and operation of the Fire Training Center and Burn Building; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate for this position as established by the Personnel Director would be \$26.00 per hour with said individual working on an as-needed basis; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator hereby is authorized to employ one (1) per diem First Deputy Fire Coordinator (\$26.00 per hour, Non-union, part-time, no benefits) on an as-needed basis, at a total annual cost not to exceed \$7,500.00 in the Emergency Management Office, effective January 1, 2025; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Personnel Director and Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator 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, Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator, Personnel Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor YOUNG and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 436

Supervisors GROFF AND HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION CREATING A PER DIEM FIRE INVESTIGATOR POSITION IN THE
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE (2025)

WHEREAS, the Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator has requested creation of a per diem Fire Investigator position in the Emergency Management Office to assist oversight of Fire Investigation Reports and other fire investigation related duties; and

WHEREAS, the hourly rate for this position as established by the Personnel Director would be \$25.08 per hour with said individual(s) working on an as-needed basis; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator hereby is authorized to employ multiple per diem Fire Investigators (\$25.08 per hour, GEN A-11, no benefits) on an as-needed basis at a total annual cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 in the Emergency Management Office, effective January 1, 2025; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Personnel Director and Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator 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, Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator, Personnel Director, CSEA Local 818, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor ROEHL and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 437

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH THE BROADALBIN-PERTH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICES INCLUDING EXTENSION OF TWO DEPUTY SHERIFF (SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER) POSITIONS (2025)

WHEREAS, Resolution 270 of 2022 authorized creation of a Deputy Sheriff (School Resource Officer) position and contracting with the Broadalbin-Perth School District to provide school resource officer services; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 308 of 2022 authorized creation of a second Deputy Sheriff (School Resource Officer) position and contracting with the Broadalbin-Perth School District to provide school resource officer services for 2023, with the option for (2) one-year extensions at mutual consent; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 329 of 2023 authorized extension of said contract with the Broadalbin-Perth School District to provide School Resource Officer Services including extension of two (2) Deputy Sheriff positions from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Broadalbin-Perth School District requests extending said contract with the County of Fulton to provide two (2) Deputy Sheriffs (School Resource Officers) through December 31, 2025; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Board be of hereby is authorized to sign a contract extension with the Broadalbin-Perth School District with terms and conditions as specified; effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That said contract shall require Broadalbin-Perth School District to reimburse the County for all costs associated with said Resource Officer position, including salary, benefits, recruitment, background investigation, training, equipment, SRO membership to State and Federal Organizations and overtime, at no cost to the County of Fulton exclusive of officer overtime costs associated with non-school Sheriff's Office duties; and, be it further

Resolution No. 437 (Continued)

RESOLVED, That said contract shall hold the County harmless from all liability and be subject to cancellation by either party with 60 days written notice to the other; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That said contract shall be subject to approval by the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Sheriff Department, Personnel Director, Broadalbin-Perth School District, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor DIGIACOMO and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 438

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION CREATING A FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION AND PLACING
A “ONE-DOLLAR HOLD” ON A TEMPORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION IN THE
SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT TO FACILITATE A LATERAL HIRE

WHEREAS, Resolution 356, dated October 15, 2024 created a full-time Deputy Sheriff position and placed a “one-dollar hold” on a temporary Deputy Sheriff position in the Sheriff’s Department to facilitate a lateral hire; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 386, dated November 12, 2024 created a full-time Deputy Sheriff position and placed a “one-dollar hold” on a temporary Deputy Sheriff position in the Sheriff’s Department to facilitate a lateral hire; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested creating An additional full-time Deputy Sheriff position and placing a “one-dollar hold” on a temporary Deputy Sheriff position to facilitate a lateral hire; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance have reviewed the current department structure and recommend creating a full-time Deputy Sheriff position in lieu of filling the aforementioned temporary Deputy Sheriff position in this instance; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a full-time Deputy Sheriff position at (2024 Start Rate: \$26.41 per hour), be and hereby is created effective immediately; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a third vacant temporary Deputy Sheriff position (2024 Start Rate: \$26.41 per hour) in the Sheriff’s Department, be and hereby is placed on “hold” in the budget at \$1.00 until such time as it becomes unencumbered and then it shall be abolished by the Personnel Director; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Sheriff and Personnel Director 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, Personnel Director, Sheriff, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor PRAUGHT and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 439

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO CONTRACT WITH
REGIONAL HEAVY EQUIPMENT TO REBUILD BULLDOZER ENGINE
(2024 CAPITAL PLAN)

WHEREAS, Resolution 235 of 2024 awarded bid to Regional Heavy Equipment, Lockport, NY to Rebuild a Bulldozer Engine for use in the Solid Waste Department (2024 Capital Plan); and

WHEREAS, Resolution 359 of 2024 authorized Change Order No. 1 to said contract with Regional Heavy Equipment to add purchase of a new Oil Cooler for use in the Solid Waste Department in an amount not to exceed \$5,335.00; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Director is requesting Change Order No. 2 for Additional Labor Costs and Unexpected Repairs and Replacement Parts recently discovered; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that based upon the recommendation of the Director of Solid Waste and the Committees on Finance, the Chairman of the Board be and hereby is authorized to sign Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Regional Heavy Equipment of Lockport, New York for the Rebuild Bulldozer Engine Project authorizing Additional Labor Costs, Unexpected Repairs and Replacement Parts as follows:

Original Contract Amount	\$56,371.00
Change Order No. 1 (Oil Cooler)	5,335.00
Change Order No. 2 (Additional Labor/Parts)	<u>7,369.18</u>
Revised Contract Amount	\$69,075.18

and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor POTTER and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 440

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION OF A 2009 CHEVROLET C3500 AMBULANCE
FROM THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN FOR USE IN THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator recommends decommissioning a 1995 Ford F350 Ambulance currently used for Fire Investigations, Haz Mat Responses, Firefighter Rehab and Mass Casualty Incidents due to its obsolete condition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Johnstown has offered to donate a used 2009 Chevrolet C3500 Ambulance to the Emergency Management Office; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator and Committee on Finance recommend approving said donation; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator be and hereby is authorized to accept said donation of one (1) 2009 Chevrolet C3500 Ambulance for use in the Emergency Management Office; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That said 1995 Ford F350 be removed from service and offered for auction at a later date; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its appreciation to the City of Johnstown for its impressive demonstration of support to area Public Safety; and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor YOUNG and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 441

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY “*BUILDING FULTON COUNTY’S FUTURE: HOUSING, TOURISM & ECONOMIC GROWTH*” (2026-2030)

WHEREAS, the 2024 Capital Plan included a \$75,000.00 appropriation to prepare an update to the “Vision 2026 Development Strategy” for Fulton County; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) contributed \$25,000.00 to assist in said strategy; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 105 of 2024 authorized a contract with the MRB Group to prepare the updated development strategy now known as “Building Fulton County’s Future: Housing, Tourism and Economic Growth (2026-2030)”; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance has endorsed the concept of the Development Strategy “Building Fulton County’s Future: Housing, Tourism and Economic Growth (2026-2030)” with the following goals:

- MRB Group directed to concentrate on three components: Housing, Tourism and Economic Development, and to identify five (5) specific priority projects to pursue within each category (15 total projects).
- The RFP contract also required MRB Group to identify a Dashboard Reporting software application for the Board of Supervisors use to effectively monitor progress of Strategy initiatives.

and

WHEREAS, the MRB Group presented a briefing detailing “Building Fulton County’s Future: Housing, Tourism and Economic Growth (2026-2030)” to the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on November 12, 2024; now, therefore be it

Resolution No. 441 (Continued)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby endorses the Development Strategy “Building Fulton County’s Future: Housing, Tourism and Economic Growth (2026-2030)” and said goals; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Planning Director, Fulton County IDA, Fulton County CRG, Fulton County Chamber of Commerce, and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor ROEHL and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 442

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANKS (2025)

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 212 of County Law, the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County does hereby designate the following banks as depositories of County funds, the maximum amount to be deposited in the following banks not to exceed the sum set opposite their respective names, for the year 2025:

Key Bank, Johnstown	\$75,000,000.00
NBT, Johnstown – LPL Financial	\$75,000,000.00
Community Bank	\$75,000,000.00
New York Cooperative Liquid Securities System (NYCLASS) and (“NYCLASS – PRIME”)	\$75,000,000.00

and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor BREH and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 443

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY FOR 2025

WHEREAS, Resolution 65 of 1986 established an "Investment Procedure" for "Investment of Idle Funds" by the County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 414 of 1994 updated said procedure to correspond with current requirements; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 397 of 1998 adopted the "Fulton County Investment Policy" to conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 292 of 2013 amended said policy to allow certain additional permitted investment instruments; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law, Section 39, requires that the "Fulton County Investment Policy" be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors on an annual basis; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby confirms the contents of the "Fulton County Investment Policy", as adopted by Resolution 292 of 2013, as amended; and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor GROFF and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 444

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DELEGATING APPROVAL AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY TREASURER
FOR CORRECTIONS OF ERRORS AND/OR TAX REFUNDS LESS THAN \$2,500.00 IN
2025**

WHEREAS, NYS Real Property Tax Law, Section 554, Subdivision 9, provides that the Board of Supervisors may, by resolution, delegate its authority to authorize Corrections of Errors to a county officer when such recommended Correction of Errors is “twenty-five hundred dollars or less”; and

WHEREAS, NYS Real Property Tax Law, Section 556, Subdivision 8, provides that the Board of Supervisors may, by resolution, delegate its authority to authorize the payment of bills related to refunding of taxes without prior audit by the Board of Supervisors as the tax levying body; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 105 of 2005 delegated approval authority to the County Treasurer for certain corrections of errors related to tax exemptions; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 210 of 2002 authorized the County Auditor to make refunds of taxes and authorize payment of bills prior to audit; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County Treasurer to approve Corrections of Errors and/or Refunds of Taxes less than \$2,500.00 in 2025, pursuant to the aforementioned laws; and, be it further

RESOLVED, said delegation of authority shall be effective during the calendar for which it was adopted and shall be applicable only where the recommended correction is less than \$2,500.00; and, be it further

Resolution No. 444 (Continued)

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer shall submit a monthly report to the Board of Supervisors of any and all Corrections of Errors and/or Refunds of Taxes processed by him during the preceding month; and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor PRAUGHT and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 445

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY TREASURER TO ADVANCE MONIES
BETWEEN FUNDS WHEN NECESSARY (2025)

RESOLVED, That in the event of a cash flow problem within any unrestricted fund due to untimely receipt of State, Federal or other monies during 2025, the Fulton County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and empowered to loan monies necessary to such funds from any other unrestricted funds; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Treasurer be and hereby is directed to make a full report to the Finance Committee immediately following such transactions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Treasurer be and hereby is directed to repay these loans, with interest, at an appropriate current rate; and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor FAGAN and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 446

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ABOLISHING A CASE AIDE POSITION IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (2025)

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance has reviewed a long-term Case Aide vacancy in the Department of Social Services, and for reasons of economy and efficiency, recommend abolishing said position to achieve cost savings in the 2025 County Budget; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, one (1) Case Aide position (Union Job Group GEN A-4, 2025: \$21.96 per hour) be and hereby is abolished, effective January 1, 2025; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Personnel Director 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, Social Services Commissioner, Personnel Director, CSEA Local 818, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor DIGIACOMO and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 447

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION PLACING A “ONE DOLLAR HOLD” ON A SENIOR TAX MAP
TECHNICIAN POSITION IN THE REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance has reviewed the existence of long-term vacancies throughout County departments for reasons of economy and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends that a vacant Senior Tax Map Technician position be held at a salary of \$1.00 in the salary structure until such time as the ongoing need for it is determined; and

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Services Agency Director anticipates promoting an employee to said position in 2025; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That, effective immediately, one (1) Senior Tax Map Technician position remain in the Budget at an appropriation of \$1.00 until such time as the Board of Supervisors and the Real Property Tax Services Director determine that said position may be abolished; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Real Property Tax Services Agency Director, CSEA Local 818, Personnel Director, Payroll Division, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor POTTER and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 448

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PLACING A “ONE DOLLAR HOLD” ON AN ASSISTANT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR POSITION IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance has reviewed the existence of long-term vacancies throughout County departments for reasons of economy and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends that a vacant Assistant Information Technology Director position be held at a salary of \$1.00 in the salary structure until such time as the ongoing need for it is determined; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That, effective immediately, one (1) Assistant Information Technology Director position remain in the Budget at an appropriation of \$1.00 until such time as the Board of Supervisors and the Information Technology Director determine that said position may be abolished; and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor ORFAN and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 449

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE OF 2025 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors hereby fixes Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the Supervisors' Chambers, County Office Building, Johnstown, NY, as the date, time and place of a meeting to organize the Board and to select a Chairman for the year 2025, and for the election of officers and the transaction of other business relative to organization; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board be and hereby is directed to serve, by mail, a notice, in writing, to each member of his/her last known post office address, at least 48 hours before said meeting, stating the date, place and purpose of said meeting.

Seconded by Supervisor BREH and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 450

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR FULTON-MONTGOMERY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

RESOLVED, That there be appropriated for Fulton County's fiscal year 2025 for the Fulton-Montgomery Community College the sum of \$1,645,821.00 for its operating expenses; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That said appropriation represents the approved Sponsor contribution for College fiscal year September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025 and an anticipated payment for September 2025; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That in accordance with Resolution 322 of 2024, the County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to pay said total sum in four (4) installments, as follows:

Installment 1 (September 2024)	\$411,455.25
Installment 2 (January 2025)	411,455.25
Installment 3 (March 2025)	411,455.25
Installment 4 (June 2025)	<u>411,455.25</u>
	\$1,645,821.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Montgomery County Legislature, Montgomery County Treasurer, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/ Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor ROEHL and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 395 (16) Nays: 0 Abstention: 25 (1) (Supervisor Young)
Absent: 109 (3) (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 451

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REPORT ON RETURNED SCHOOL TAXES

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has duly filed this day with the Board of Supervisors a certified Report of Returned School Taxes; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the taxes mentioned in said Report be levied and assessed against the properties described in the Report; and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor YOUNG and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 452

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REPORT ON TOWN AND CITY ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED, That the Budget Director/County Auditor be and hereby is directed to debit or credit the sums as shown in the report of the Committee on Finance - Town and City Accounts, dated November 25, 2024 to the respective municipalities of the County and to include same in their 2025 tax levies; and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor KINOWSKI and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 453

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REPORT ON RETURNED VILLAGE TAXES IN
BROADALBIN, MAYFIELD, NORTHVILLE AND DOLGEVILLE

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has duly filed this day with the Board of Supervisors a certified Report of Returned Village Taxes for the Villages of Broadalbin, Mayfield, Northville and Dolgeville; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the taxes mentioned in said Report be levied and assessed against the properties described in the Report; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Report be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, where it will be available for public inspection; and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor BRADT and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 454

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
FOOTING OF ASSESSMENT ROLLS

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Footing of Assessment Rolls, dated November 25, 2024, be accepted as the act and determination of the Board; and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor FAGAN and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 455

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EQUALIZATION

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Equalization, dated November 25, 2024, be adopted as the act and determination of the Board, that the rates of percentages, as determined by the NYS Board of Real Property Services, which the assessed value of real property bears to the full value as computed by the Committee, be and they hereby are adopted as to the act and determination of the Board and that same be reported forthwith to the Department of Taxation and Finance and printed in the minutes; and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor DIGIACOMO and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 456

Supervisor HOWARD 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:

Facilities

From: A.1620.1621-2010.1200 - EXP - Capital Expense
To: A.1620.1628-2010.1200 - EXP - Capital Expense
Sum: \$2.00

Social Services

From: A.6010.6010-2000 - EXP – Equipment - Fixed Asset
To: A.6010.6010-4010 - EXP – Equipment - Non-Asset
Sum: \$1,308.00

Solid Waste

From: CL.8160.8163-4530 - EXP - Supplies
To: CL.8160.8163-2000 – EXP - Equipment - Fixed Asset
Sum: \$1,500.00

and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor PRAUGHT and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Luria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 457

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION FIXING 2025 SALARIES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Article F, Section 200 of the County Law, on and after January 1, 2025, the salary of the Supervisors of the County of Fulton shall be fixed at an annual salary of \$10,090.00; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That on and after January 1, 2025, the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and hereby is fixed at an annual salary of \$13,281.00; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay salaries of Supervisors and the Chairman as hereby fixed in bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor GROFF and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 420 (17) Nays: 0 Absent: 109 (3) (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 458

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 FULTON COUNTY BUDGET

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Budget Review and Finance, as presented herewith, be approved and that the several amounts specified therein (or as much thereof as may be necessary) be and hereby are appropriated for the purposes enumerated; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That upon prior written certification of the necessity therefore, and written approval thereof, by the appropriate committee of the Board of Supervisors having jurisdiction of such department, emergency employees may be employed within the limits of appropriation therefor; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all moneys received by the County Treasurer from State and/or Federal relief and all revenues attributable to functions be credited by him to the proper estimated revenues of the department according to the 2025 Budget; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That there be levied, assessed and collected upon the taxable property of the County of Fulton the sum of \$33,250,981.00 for County purposes, and the Budget Director/County Auditor be and hereby is directed to apportion the various amounts for the current year for the several towns and Cities of Johnstown and Gloversville for presentation to the Clerk of the Board; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board utilize said apportionment for the preparation and issuance of the warrants, in accordance with law; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the line item budget be and hereby is eliminated in favor of a summarized version, with all transfers to be screened and categorized by the Committee on Finance, unless directed by the Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board to the oversight committee; and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor FAGAN and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 420 (17) Nays: 0 Absent: 109 (3) (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)

Resolution No. 459

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Apportionment dated November 25, 2024, be accepted and adopted as the basis of apportionment for the respective taxes to be levied; and, be it further

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

Seconded by Supervisor GROFF and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Isabella, Lauria, Lehr)