

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 12, 2022

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Griffith

SUPERVISORS: Hall, Henke, Ferguson, Shaw, Fisher
Debra Prehoda, Clerk of the Board
Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Melissa Fitch, County Administrator

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1. Call to Order
2. Accept Minutes – April 7, 2022
3. Department Reports/Requests
 - A. Real Property – Corrected Tax Bills/Refunds
 - B. Budget Amendments
 1. Youth/Alt. Sent. – Rural Comm. Of Practice - \$74,940
 2. OFA – Vehicle - \$32,085
 3. DSS
 - a. Adult Protective Grant - \$13,055
 - b. HEAP/ARPA Admin. Allocation - \$368,952
 - c. Foster Care/Child Care - \$288,160
 4. Sewer District No. 2 – Engineering Planning Grant - \$100,000
 5. Authorize Interfund Loan Up to \$2.5M to SD#2
 6. Probation – Employee Fingerprinting - \$2,400
 7. County Road – CHIPs Rollover - \$315,146
 - C. Set Public Hearing for Video Conferencing Local Law
 - D. Mortgage Tax
 - E. Discuss Concept to Act as Lead Agency for Marchiselli Bridge Project
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Chairman Campbell called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 9:39 A.M. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers and via zoom.

A motion to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting was moved by Mr. Rozell, seconded by Mrs. Fedler, and adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/REQUESTS:

REAL PROPERTY – Laura Chadwick, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Monthly Corrected Tax Bills/Refunds Reports – For the committee's information, three refunds issued, handout attached.
- STAR Exemptions/Payments – Property owners with delinquent taxes for the prior year are not eligible to receive STAR exemptions/payments.

Chairman Campbell updated the committee on some state budget items stating that the state took the village AIM payment out of our recent sales tax payment and unsure if it is because of the time frame it covers or another reason. Also noted the Hudson River Black River change through the budget does not go into effect until 2024 due to a five-year contract. He has contacted NYSAC to get clarification on these items.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Handouts attached.

- Rural Community of Practice Grant – Alternative Sentencing – A motion to amend Youth Bureau budget to recognize Rural Communities of Practice Phase III Grant funds to provide programming in both Warren and Washington counties for youth at risk in the amount of \$74,940 was moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Mrs. Fedler, and adopted.
- Vehicle Purchase – Office for the Aging – A motion to amend Office for the Aging budget to purchase a utility vehicle for the nutrition program transferring funds between contractual and equipment in the amount of \$32,085 was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Fedler, and adopted.
- Department of Social Services:
 - Adult Protective Grant \$13,055 – A motion to amend the Department of Social Services budget to recognize Adult Protective Services grant, 100% federal funds, made available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide goods and services to older adults in the amount of \$13,055 was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. Fedler and Mr. Wilson, and adopted.
 - HEAP/ARPA Administration Allocation - \$368,952 – A motion to amend the Department of Social Services budget for Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Administrative allocation, funding related to the American Rescue Plan, for technology upgrades, office furniture for interview rooms and replace various office equipment in the amount of \$368,952 was moved by Mrs. Fedler, seconded by Mrs. Clary, and adopted.
 - Foster Care/Child Care - \$288,160 – A motion to amend Department of Social Services budget for foster care and child care allocated from the American Rescue plan for outreach, recruitment and training for foster care services and outreach and training for regulated home daycare in the amount of \$268,160 was moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Mrs. Fedler and Mr. O'Brien, and adopted.
- Engineering Planning Grant – Sewer District \$100,000 – A motion to amend 2022 Sewer District No. 2 budget to carryforward 2021 unspent NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Engineering Planning Grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and adopted.
- Authorize Interfund Loan Up to \$2.5M to Sewer District #2 – A motion to authorize interfund loan from the General Fund to Capital Project No. 114 – Sewer District No. 2 Long Term Control Plan to be repaid upon receipt of the funds from the State Revolving Loan fund program together with interest to be charged for payment of bills due before the financing is in place in the amount of \$2.5M was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Fedler, and adopted.
- Employee Fingerprinting – Probation – A motion to amend 2022 budget transferring funds between line items to have all employees in the department properly fingerprinted in the amount of \$2,400 was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and adopted.
- CHIPs Carryover Funds – A motion to amend County Road fund budget to carryover remaining 2021 Consolidated Highway Improvement program funds in the amount of \$315,146 was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Rozell, and adopted.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR VIDEO CONFERENCING LOCAL LAW – A motion to set time and place for a public hearing on Introductory Local Law C of 2022, a local law authorizing the use of video conferencing for committee meetings and meetings of the Washington County Board of Supervisors, was moved by Mr. O'Brien, and seconded by Mr. Rozell. Discussion. The County Attorney stated this is basically what is in the state law. This local law requires

the Board to set up a policy and need to determine what constitutes extraordinary circumstances and who decides that listing the Chairman of Board and Chairman of the committee. The quorum of the committee will need to be present, in the room, and other committee members can participate through teleconference if the quorum is present and they meet the extraordinary circumstances. The public can attend the meetings here at the Municipal Center. The policy must address videoconferencing. There are very few extraordinary circumstances. The County Attorney stated the whole point of this is a quorum present in a public place and then if you have an extraordinary circumstance you can video in and vote as long as there is a quorum. He stated there should be a record of what that extraordinary circumstance is. Also, this local law addresses members of the body and members of the committee and everyone else who are not members of the committee are in the opinion of the Committee on Open Government no different from the general public. If there is no provision for public speaking then you do not have to provide provision for anybody but members who are duly qualified to participate and if you allow non-members of the committee to speak then you have to provide an opportunity for everybody to speak and comment at the meeting. Mr. Haff thinks it should be rewritten to that if the member cannot be present period not extraordinary circumstances. He does not want somebody to decide because that makes us not equal anymore. The County Attorney stated the only words that were changed from the state statute is the part where the Chairman or Committee Chairman decides otherwise this is the language in the state statute and it cannot be changed by us. The only wiggle room in this is the who decides part. Extraordinary applies if you are not in a public place, if a Supervisor was at the town hall accessible by the public and that was properly noticed then they could attend and vote via teleconference. A motion to remove the last sentence in section 3 "Said extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and/or the Chairman of the Committee in the case a committee meeting" was moved by Mr. Haff and seconded by Mr. Hogan. Discussion. There is currently no local law that this proposed law is replacing. The State said you can do this but only if you have passed a local law saying you can do it; adopt local law and a policy. The policy will be addressed at the Government Operations Committee meeting. This change was adopted in the NYS budget with sixty days to comply. Currently operating under the Governor's executive order until May 15th when it will expire or it could be extended. The motion to remove the last sentence in section 3 "Said extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and/or the Chairman of the Committee in the case a committee meeting" was moved by Mr. Haff, seconded by Mr. Hogan, and adopted. The motion to set time and place for a public hearing on Introductory Local Law C of 2022, a local law authorizing the use of video conferencing for committee meetings and meetings of the Washington County Board of Supervisors was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Rozell, and adopted.

MORTGAGE TAX:

- Disbursement Report for the period ending March 31, 2022, included in attached handout.
- Amend Budget for Supplemental – Resolution K in attached handout.

A motion to approve Supplemental Mortgage Tax disbursements and Mortgage Tax Warrant was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Fedler, and adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion to enter an executive session to discuss collective negotiations under the Taylor Law was moved by Mrs. Fedler, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, and

adopted. A motion to return to regular session was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Messrs. Rozell and Wilson and Mrs. Fedler, and adopted. No action was taken in the executive session.

A motion to ratify agreement with the Correction Officers Association was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and Mrs. Fedler, and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed.

DISCUSS CONCEPT TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR MARCHISELLI BRIDGE PROJECT (IDA Bridge Project at former Dewatering Facility Site) - The Superintendent of Public Works addressed the committee. Regarding this project, she stated that lead agency in the eyes of NYS DOT means nothing different than any other federal aid project that we do. The federal aid project process would remain the same with the County making payments as required and after checking with the state to see if there was another way for payments to be made they stated no and that the process would remain the same. If the County was lead agency it would be like a typical County project. She has not had a chance to talk with the Treasurer but understands there are a number of ways that the County could cash flow the project and have the IDA provide funding to the County. The County Attorney stated the Treasurer is in discussions with the NYS Comptroller's Office about this and he has a call into the Counsel's office so they can double check on how funds can flow. Mr. Hogan asked if there was still a tax obligation due on that property owned by the IDA down at the former dewatering facility site. Chairman Campbell confirmed there are delinquent taxes due. A motion to suspend any discussion going further until those tax obligations have been met was moved by Mr. Hogan and seconded by Mr. Hicks. Discussion. Mr. O'Brien stated there are no tax obligations on that road. Mr. Hogan stated the County is owed almost a million dollars in tax obligations by the IDA at this time. Mr. O'Brien stated that was correct. Mr. Hogan stated under no circumstances should we be entertaining the idea of serving as lead agency to an organization that owes the County a million dollars at this point and shows no evidence of looking to pay that in the near future. Mr. Haff also has a problem with this and going back to the federal grant funding and doesn't know if that is against the law to give funding to somebody, an agency, that is delinquent in their property tax. Mr. Haff said this is not a public road because Mr. O'Brien has said he would make it open to the public and there is huge difference between public road and a road open to the public. Mr. Haff asked if other projects are going to take a back seat because we are limited to maybe two to four projects at a time and we have to wait for this bailey bridge to get cleared out before another real public road project comes on the list. The DPW Superintendent stated indirectly yes. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a multi-year program of transportation projects done every five years and everyone puts in their wish list to the Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council (A/GFTC) and everyone gets their first wish. There is one project for Washington County that is not getting funded because the TIP ran out of money. The County is not mandated to do this project for the IDA. Chairman Campbell stated this property has been widely discussed for years and whether or not we want to do something down there, a new bridge is needed and this is an avenue to get a new bridge and get it paid for and yes the taxes need to be paid and the IDA is working on that. Mr. Haff stated why would be put a private bridge on our list ahead of a public bridge. Chairman Campbell stated for economic development someone has to invest for that to happen and we have a partner with money. Mr. Haff stated the IDA is delinquent in their taxes up to almost \$1M. For the IDA to get the bridge on the TIP they had to open the road to the

public and they did. The town of Fort Edward has agreed to take the balance of the road as soon as the paperwork gets done. Mr. O'Brien read a section of NYS Highway law about the definition of a private road and the IDA has committed to public use of the road and NYS DOT has recognized that commitment as a public road. He stated the discussion is not about whether or not this is a public road because by law this is a public road. Mrs. Fedler asked why the County has to be lead agency when the IDA can apply for these TIP projects. The DPW Superintendent stated the IDA can be the lead agency and go through the process of hiring a consultant to design then hire for construction but Mr. O'Brien did some research and found out that if the IDA does that they do not get Marchiselli aid and the Superintendent believes that is why he wants the County to be lead agency. Mr. Hogan feels it troubling that IDA members can vote on both sides of this matter and referred back to his motion as to why is this discussion happening when the IDA has unpaid taxes. Chairman Campbell stated he is talking on behalf of the County not the IDA because this is where our biggest opportunity is in economic development and the state and federal government both recognize that and this is in a town that has lost the most assessment over the last fifteen years. Mr. O'Brien stated the IDA is slated to receive \$2.7M from the TDI project as soon as their construction financing is completed and is supposed to be completed on June 30th and at that point, the entire IDA Board is committed to paying the tax bill out of those funds and they are not asking for any reduction of that amount. Mr. O'Brien clarified that the TDI project has thirty to sixty days after the June 30th deadline to provide that funding to the IDA. The A/GFTC is hoping to finalize who gets what projects next week. The motion on the floor would not really have an impact on when that bridge, lead agency status and all that stuff gets done. The DPW Superintendent stated if the County is not lead agency, the IDA would have to hire a consultant and they do not qualify for Marchiselli funds and would be responsible for 20% of the project verses 5% if the County was lead agency. The A/GFTC will go forward with this without the lead agency determination at this time. Mr. O'Brien stated the DPW Superintendent had stated in exchange for her doing the work, the IDA give the bailey bridge to the county as part of the compensation. The DPW Superintendent stated she thought if the county could get the temporary bridge and put it on the Whitehall bridge that would lower the cost of the Whitehall bridge and she would be able to possibly fund the last bridge on the list. She felt it was beneficial to the County. Mr. Hicks asked if the County waits for the bailey bridge won't that take longer than if the County moved along with project and the DPW Superintendent agreed. Mr. Hicks asked if the cost to County to get the bailey bridge removed and reinstalled in Whitehall would be more than the \$225,000 which is the 5% of the \$4.5M bridge project and he believes it would be, it is not economical. The DPW Superintendent stated something does need to be done with the Whitehall bridge sooner rather than later and this timeline with the bailey bridge is not working out the way she had hoped. Whitehall would still get a federally funded bridge. The DPW Superintendent stated it would take less time to leave the bailey bridge out of the replacement of the Whitehall bridge. It would be two to three years less to construct a new bridge verses using the bailey bridge. Mr. Rozell stated there is potential for future development on property accessed by the Whitehall bridge. DPW having the bailey bridge would be advantageous in general. Mr. Hicks stated if we wait until the taxes are paid it does not preclude the County from being lead agency, it does not push anything back past October 1st and does not change the bridge time table. The motion calls for no further discussion on this subject at committee. Mr. Hogan thinks the County should just move forward with the process under normal circumstances with Whitehall to get the Whitehall bridge taken care of and not wait for this nonsense to play out. Mr. Haff stated the owner of the bridge (IDA)

is a deadbeat on the taxes and could pay these taxes suggesting they get a loan. He stated the County appoints the IDA members and the County wants these taxes paid. A motion to call the question was moved by Mrs. Fedler, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and adopted. The motion that the Finance Committee suspend discussion on concept of the County to act as lead agency for Marchiselli funding for the bridge project for the IDA until the tax obligation is satisfied was moved by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Hicks, and adopted.

Mrs. Fedler thanked the DPW Superintendent for her efforts and all the work and time she has put into this.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 19th at 10 A.M. for the Treasurer's 2021 annual financial report. Chairman Campbell anticipates resolution coming forward from the discussions.

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 A.M.

*Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors*



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**Monthly Report to Finance Committee
Corrected Tax Bills/Refunds
May 12, 2022**

<u>Town</u>	<u>Tax Roll Year</u>	<u>Tax Map Number</u>	<u>Applicants Name and Address</u>	<u>Error</u>	<u>Original Tax Bill Amount</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
Fort Edward	2022	163.17-2-23	Virginia Henry	RPTL Sect. 550 Par. 22(c) Clerical error Aged exemption removed	\$993.60	\$385.31
Kingsbury	2022	146.-1-25	BOCES	RPTL Sect. 5550 Par 2(h) Clerical error \$434.17 penalties added	\$3,949.70	\$434.17
Whitehall	2022	37.-1-17.6	Gideon & Mary Byler	RPTL Sect. 550 Par. 2(c) Clerical Error Ag exemption Not added	\$2,202.06	\$415.51

Resolution No. **A** May 20, 2022
By Supervisors

TITLE: Amend Budget – Youth Bureau for Rural Communities of Practice Phase III Grant

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau/Alternative Sentencing has been notified of a grant in the amount of \$74,940 to be shared with Warren County to provide programming in both counties for youth at risk, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 107 of 2022 authorized entering into a MOU with Warren County for the shared funding, and

WHEREAS, these funds need to be added to the budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget amendment:

Increase Appropriation:

A.7310.122	OT 1.0 – Youth Bureau	18,460
A.7310.9030	Soc. Sec/Medicare	1,413
A.7310.9010	State Retirement	3,202
(No. to be assigned by Treas.)	Comm. of Practice Grant - Contractual	<u>51,865</u>
		74,940

Increase Revenue:

A.7310.3820	State Aid for Youth Programs	74,940
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: Recognizes 100% state funding in the 2022 budget.

Resolution No. **B** May 20, 2022
By Supervisors

TITLE: Amend Office for the Aging Budget to Purchase a Utility Vehicle for the Nutrition Program

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee awarded a bid for a 2022 RAM ProMaster City for the Nutrition Program in the amount of \$32,084.83, and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is needed for this purchase and the Finance Committee has approved transferring funds between line items for this purchase; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget amendment:

Increase Appropriation:

A.6772.2070	Vehicles – OFA	32,085
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Decrease Appropriation:

A.6010.4400	Subcontractor – DSS	32,085
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: Transfers budgeted stimulus funds from contractual to equipment.

Resolution No. **C** May 20, 2022
By Supervisors

TITLE: Amend 2022 Budget for Adult Protective Services Grant

WHEREAS, DSS has been notified of 100% federal funds made available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide goods and services to older adults in the amount of \$13,055, and
 WHEREAS, these funds need to be recognized in the budget; now therefore be it
 RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget amendment:

Increase Appropriation:

A.6070.4290	Services for Recipients – Expenses	13,055
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Increase Revenue:

A.6010.4670	Federal Aid – Services for Recipients	13,055
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: Recognizes 100% federal funds in the 2022 budget.

Resolution No. **D** May 20, 2022

By Supervisors

TITLE: Amend 2022 Budget for Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Administrative Allocation

WHEREAS, DSS has received notice of additional HEAP funding related to the American Rescue Plan for administration of HEAP in the amount of \$368,952, and

WHEREAS, this funding is flexible in terms of supporting their overall programming within the department, and

WHEREAS, DSS will use this funding for technology upgrades throughout the building, desks and chairs in the interview rooms and replacing various scanners, printers and iPads; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget amendment:

Increase Appropriation:

(No. to be assigned by Treas.)	HEAP ARPA Admin. - Equip.	68,952
(No. to be assigned by Treas.)	HEAP ARPA Admin. – Contractual	<u>300,000</u>
		368,952

Increase Revenue:

A.6010.4641	Federal Aid for HEAP	368,952
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: Recognizes HEAP administrative allocation in the budget.

Resolution No. **E** May 20, 2022

By Supervisors

TITLE: Amend 2022 Budget for Foster Care and Child Care

WHEREAS, in 2021 the Board of Supervisors earmarked \$288,160 of American Rescue Plan funds to make an investment in outreach, recruitment and training for foster care services, and

WHEREAS, this project also includes development in the area of child care providing outreach and training for regulated home daycare, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has developed a plan and requested that these funds to be added to the 2022 budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget amendment:

Increase Appropriation:

(No. to be assigned by Treas.)	Foster Care Recruitment Exp.	227,000
(No. to be assigned by Treas.)	Child Care Exp.	<u>61,160</u>
		288,160

Increase Appropriated Fund Balance:

A.599	Appropriated Fund Balance	288,160
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: Recognizes ARPA funds earmarked for foster care and child care in the 2022 budget.

Resolution No. **F** May 20, 2022

By Supervisors

TITLE: Amend 2022 Sewer District No. 2 Budget for Engineering Planning Grant

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 251 dated November 19, 2021 amended the Sewer District No. 2 budget to recognize a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) in the amount of \$100,000, and

WHEREAS, these funds are part of a project for a Feasibility Study related to significant infrastructure and operational needs of the district, and

WHEREAS, none of these funds were expended in 2021 and the Executive Director has requested to carryover this grant to the 2022 budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget amendment:

Increase Appropriation:

GB.8000.8110.4625.2102	NYS DEC EPG	100,000
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Increase Revenue:

GB.8000.8110.3990	State Aid – Capital Project	100,000
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: Brings forward unspent grant funds into the 2022 budget.

Resolution No. **G** May 20, 2022

By Supervisors

TITLE: Authorize Interfund Loan from the General Fund to Capital Project No. 114 – Sewer District No. 2 Long Term Control Plan

WHEREAS, Capital Project No. 114 was established to track all costs related to the Washington County Sewer District No. 2 Long Term Control Plan, and

WHEREAS, work at the Sewer plant began this spring and is to be funded by financing through the State Revolving Fund Program, and

WHEREAS, due to circumstances out of the Sewer District’s control, the loan hasn’t closed yet but is expected to close by June 1st and funds be available by July 1st at the latest, and

WHEREAS, bills for this work will be due before this financing is in place and the Executive Director has requested an interfund loan from the general fund for up to \$2.5 million to pay these bills timely and not delay the projects, and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Finance Committees recommend this loan be made; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make an interfund loan to Capital Project No. 114 – Sewer District No. 2 Long Term Control Plan for up to \$2.5 million, to be repaid upon receipt of the funds from the State Revolving Fund Program together with interest to be charged at the rate currently being paid to the County at the time of repayment.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. Lost of interest income will be repaid by the Sewer District.

Resolution No. **H** May 20, 2022

By Supervisors

TITLE: Amend 2022 Budget – Probation for Fingerprinting

WHEREAS, the Director of Probation has requested a budget amendment transferring funds between line items to have all employees in the department properly fingerprinted, and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety and Finance Committees have approved this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget amendment:

Increase Appropriation:

A.3140.4250.02	Fees, DCJS Livescan – Probation	2,400
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Decrease Appropriation:

A.3140.121	Reg. Earnings – Probation	2,400
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: None. Transfer between line items.

Resolution No. **I** May 20, 2022

By Supervisors

TITLE: Amend County Road Fund Budget for Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIP) Rollover Funds

WHEREAS, the 2022 budget contains \$3,420,712 in CHIPs funding, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has requested that \$315,146 of rollover funds remaining from previous years be added to the 2022 budget for paving; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget amendment:

Increase Appropriation:

D.5000.5112.202	Road Projects – Co. Road Fund	315,146
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Increase Revenue:

D.5000.5112.3501	Consolidated Highway Aid	315,146
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BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: Recognizes rollover CHIPs funds in the 2022 budget for paving.

Resolution No. J May 20, 2022

By Supervisors

TITLE: To Set Time and Place for a Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law "C" of 2022

WHEREAS, Introductory Local Law "C" of 2022 authorizing the use of video conferencing for committee meetings and meetings of the Washington County Board of Supervisors has been duly introduced in writing at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing thereon be held by the Board of Supervisors in the Supervisors' Chambers, Fort Edward, New York on the 17th day of June, 2022 at 10:05 AM at which time all persons for or against the proposed Local Law may be heard; and be it further

RESOLVED, that notice of such public hearing be published at least five (5) days prior to said hearing in the official County newspapers for 2022.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: Costs for advertising contained in the budget.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. "C" OF 2022

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, NEW YORK

Introduced by Supervisors

A LOCAL LAW Authorizing the Use of Video Conferencing for Committee Meetings and Meetings of the Washington County Board of Supervisors

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

SECTION 1: This local law is enacted pursuant to the authority provided in Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 (Senate Bill 8006-C/Assembly Bill 9006-C) which amended Subdivision (c) of section 103 of the Public Officers Law as added by chapter 289 of the laws of 2000.

SECTION 2: This law shall authorize the use of video conferencing and provide for the process and procedures for such by committees, subcommittees of the Board of Supervisors as well as by the Board of Supervisors itself.

SECTION 3: At any meeting of the Board of Supervisors or a committee thereof, use of video conferencing during a meeting may be used at the discretion of the committee or Board provided that a minimum number of members are present to fulfill the body's quorum requirement in the same physical location or locations where the public can attend and the following criteria are met:

1. The Board of Supervisors has adopted this local law following a public hearing, for meetings of both the Board itself as well as its committees and subcommittees.

2. The Rules of the Board of Supervisors are amended to establish written procedures governing member and public attendance consistent with this law and such written procedures are conspicuously posted on the County's website.

3. Members of the Board or Committee shall be physically present at any such meeting unless such member is unable to be physically present at any such meeting location due to extraordinary circumstances including, but not limited to, disability, illness, care giving responsibilities or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member's physical attendance at such meeting. Said extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and/or the Chairman of the Committee in the case a committee meeting.

4. Except in the case of executive sessions conducted pursuant to section one hundred five of the Public Officers Law, the Board or Committee shall ensure that members of the Board or committee can be heard, seen and identified, while the meeting is conducted, including but not limited to any motions, proposals, resolutions, or any other matter formally discussed or voted upon.

5. The minutes of the meetings involving videoconferencing shall include which, if any, members participated remotely and shall be available to the public pursuant to section one hundred six of the Public Officers Law.

6. If videoconferencing is used to conduct a meeting, the public notice for the meeting shall inform the public that videoconferencing will be used, where the public can view and/or participate in such meeting, where required documents and records will be posted or available, and identify the physical location for the meeting where the public can attend.

7. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall provide that each meeting conducted using videoconferencing shall be recorded and such recordings posted or linked on the public website of the Board of Supervisors within five (5) business days following the meeting, and shall remain so available for a minimum of five years thereafter. Such recordings shall be transcribed upon request.

8. If videoconferencing is used to conduct a meeting, there shall be an opportunity for members of the public to view such meeting via video, and to participate in proceedings via video conference in real time where public comment or participation is authorized and those participating in videoconferencing shall have the same public participation or testimony as those participating in person.

9. The in person participation requirements of this law shall not apply during a state disaster emergency declared by the governor pursuant to section 28 of the executive law, or a local state of emergency proclaimed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, if the Board of Supervisors determines that the circumstances necessitating the emergency declaration would affect or impair the ability of the Board to hold an in person meeting.

SECTION 4: This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

Resolution No. **K** May 20, 2022
By Supervisors

TITLE: Supplemental Mortgage Tax Disbursements

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 215 entitled: Authorizing the Increase of the County Clerk's Mortgage Tax Administrative Fees dated August 17, 2018 the County Clerk increased the Mortgage Tax Administration fee to reflect the actual cost incurred by the office, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors elects to reimburse the several tax districts their total amount collected, and

WHEREAS, the budget needs to be amended for this disbursement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget amendment:

Increase Appropriation:

A.1410.4440.MT Misc. – Supp. Mort. Tax 20,031

Increase Revenue:

A.1410.1255 Clerk Fees 20,031

;and be it further

RESOLVED, this Board of Supervisors issues the payment of the amounts listed below, and authorize and direct the County Treasurer to make payment of said amounts to the respective districts in accordance with the report.

TOWN OF ARGYLE	\$ 1,958.81
TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE	\$ 740.66
TOWN OF DRESDEN	\$ 400.60
TOWN OF EASTON	\$ 589.48
TOWN OF FORT ANN	\$ 2,361.69
TOWN OF FORT EDWARD	\$ 1,080.01
TOWN OF GRANVILLE	\$ 1,363.54
TOWN OF GREENWICH	\$ 1,794.48
TOWN OF HAMPTON	\$ 400.60
TOWN OF HARTFORD	\$ 600.92
TOWN OF HEBRON	\$ 600.92
TOWN OF JACKSON	\$ 600.92
TOWN OF KINGSBURY	\$ 2,789.54
TOWN OF PUTNAM	\$ 600.92
TOWN OF SALEM	\$ 801.22
TOWN OF WHITE CREEK	\$ 810.20
TOWN OF WHITEHALL	\$ 464.31
VILLAGE OF ARGYLE	\$ 44.24

VILLAGE OF CAMBRIDGE	\$ 251.89
VILLAGE OF FORT ANN	\$ 41.97
VILLAGE OF FORT EDWARD	\$ 322.13
VILLAGE OF GRANVILLE	\$ 238.90
VILLAGE OF GREENWICH	\$ 220.01
VILLAGE OF HUDSON FALLS	\$ 815.95
VILLAGE OF WHITEHALL	\$ 136.61
GRAND TOTAL TO BE APPORTIONED AND DISTRIBUTED	\$ 20,030.52

2022 MORTGAGE TAX WARRANT

To the Board of Supervisors of Washington County:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report from the financial statement relative to Mortgage Tax receipts made by the County Clerk and County Treasurer of Washington County for the period ending March 31, 2022, and filed in the Office of the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, it appears that the amount received ending March 31, 2022 allocable to the various towns and villages, was \$708,281.41, and after payment of all expenses the County's share to be distributed to the several tax districts amounts to \$687,938.40.

That the amounts to be distributed to the several tax districts of the County are as follows:

TOWN OF ARGYLE	\$ 66,581.25
TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE	\$ 28,485.14
TOWN OF DRESDEN	\$ 10,231.45
TOWN OF EASTON	\$ 21,547.63
TOWN OF FORT ANN	\$ 78,498.92
TOWN OF FORT EDWARD	\$ 34,799.66
TOWN OF GRANVILLE	\$ 48,472.77
TOWN OF GREENWICH	\$ 59,262.71
TOWN OF HAMPTON	\$ 11,671.85
TOWN OF HARTFORD	\$ 23,601.09
TOWN OF HEBRON	\$ 21,532.27

