

REGULAR MEETING
DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOVEMBER 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 1:01 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, with Chairman Tina Molé presiding.

The Clerk called the roll and all Supervisors were present.

Chaplain Dawn Shuman offered the invocation.

Mr. Haynes led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were accepted as presented.

The Clerk noted that all communications received have been referred to their respective committees for review.

Ms. Molé granted privilege of the floor to Supervisor Gladstone who introduced Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond.

Sheriff DuMond welcomed Peter Kehoe, Executive Director of the New York State Sheriff's Association.

Mr. Kehoe said it was his pleasure to attend the meeting to recognize and honor Mr. DuMond, Undersheriff Kim Smith, Civil Accreditation Program Manager Corporal Dan McGowan, and all the staff of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office for the reaccreditation of the Sheriff's Office Civil Division. He stated only 32 of 62 counties in the State were able to achieve civil office accreditation.

Mr. Kehoe stated Delaware County's Correctional Facility was also accredited by the New York State Sheriff's Association and the Patrol Division was accredited by the New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council. He stated these accomplishments are a great testament to Sheriff DuMond and the entire staff of the Sheriff's Office, showing dedication to the pursuit of excellence in their service to County residents.

Mr. Kehoe said the Delaware County Sheriff's Office is not only respected locally but throughout the State for their accomplishments and dedication to their duties. He stated the citizens of Delaware County and Supervisors should be proud of the Sheriff's Office and the employees of the Civil Office, who Mr. Kehoe called the unsung heroes of the entire justice system.

Mr. Kehoe said the work of Civil Office employees can be just as dangerous as the work of a Road Patrol Officer, as too often angry litigants take out their frustration with a civil court system on the employee who was just doing their job to serve and enforce court orders and judgements. He stated that without Civil Office employees, court orders and judgements would just be pieces of paper and the courts of civil justice could not function.

Mr. Kehoe stated that to earn accreditation the Sheriff's Office submitted itself to scrutiny by an outside, independent Board of Assessors which reviews the agency's operations to ensure it meets a stringent set of standards and practices developed by experts in the field of civil practice. He stated the standards currently have 121 individual components, all of which the Delaware County Sheriff's Office was reported to meet or exceed.

Mr. Kehoe congratulated the Delaware County Sheriff's Office for the achievement, as well as Supervisors and the citizens of Delaware County. He stated without the moral and financial support given to the Sheriff's Office, all the outstanding work they provide would not be possible.

Mr. Kehoe gave special recognition to Corporal Dan McGowan who he said devoted a great deal of extra time and effort to demonstrate and manage the many details required for the accreditation process. He stated Corporal McGowan did an excellent job and thanked him for his hard work for the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Delaware County.

Mr. Kehoe then presented a plaque to commemorate the reaccreditation to Sheriff DuMond.

Sheriff DuMond thanked Mr. Kehoe for attending the meeting and his hard work and dedication to the New York State Sheriff's Association over the past 52 years as executive director. He stated all sheriffs across New York State are grateful to have Mr. Kehoe's support, whenever and however necessary.

Sheriff DuMond thanked Supervisors for their continuous support. He stated none of the work of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office would be possible without their support, and it is the cornerstone of everything they do for the citizens of Delaware County.

Sheriff DuMond also thanked Undersheriff Kim Smith, Major John DeMeo, and Civil Office staff Corporal McGowan, Robert Mantzouratos, Tammy Wagner, Diane Mauro, and Ashley Allen who were all in attendance, as well as other supporting staff who were not able to attend.

Sheriff DuMond said he was blessed not only to lead a group of fantastic individuals but to also have the support and respect of Supervisors and the citizens of Delaware County.

Mr. Kosier offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 181

TITLE: ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING NYS OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the County of Delaware has been awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the implementation of a microenterprise assistance program in the amount of \$300,000 through the New York State Office of Community Renewal; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to provide financial assistance to new and existing microenterprise businesses; and

WHEREAS, the County will enter into sub-recipient agreements with the Delaware County Local Development Corporation (LDC) and the Western Catskills Community Revitalization Corporation (WCCRC) for the delivery and administration of the program on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County is required to conduct a review of the program and individual projects to assess any potential environmental issues under NEPA and SEQR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Chairman to formalize acceptance of the grant award by taking any and all steps necessary including, but not limited to, executing the Grant Agreement and entering into sub-recipient agreements with the LDC and WCCRC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Glenn Nealis, Director of Economic Development, is designated as certifying officer for the purposes of the environmental reviews; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2025 Budget be modified as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-16326-44498900/6326020/972	Other Federal Grant Funds	\$300,000.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-16326-54327000/6326020/972	General Grant Related Expense	\$300,000.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mrs. Driscoll and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 200, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Mr. Vernold offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 182

TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT DESIGNATION OF DELAWARE COUNTY AS LOCAL SPONSOR FOR SNOWMOBILE GRANT PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has made funds available to develop and/or maintain snowmobile trails in New York State; and

WHEREAS, applications for grants for such development and/or maintenance of snowmobile trails require a local government sponsor; and

WHEREAS, Hamden Hill Ridge Riders, Delaware Valley Ridge Riders, Central Catskill Trail Association, Big Valley Trail Breakers, Maywood Snowriders, Delaware Otsego Chenango Snowriders and the D & D Snowdiggers have applied for said funds for the development and/or maintenance of snowmobile trails in Delaware County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Delaware County is hereby declared as the Local Sponsor for this application under the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Snowmobile Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2025 Budget be amended to receive and dispense these moneys in compliance with the requirements of the Preservation Snowmobile Trails Grant Program as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-17989-43388900/7989010/908	State Otr Culture & Recreation	\$143,636.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-17989-54555000/7989010/908	Recreation Snowmobile Grant	\$143,636.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis.

Chairman Molé stated this is an annual resolution.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 200, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Mr. Marshfield offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 183

TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT TRANSFER OF FUNDS VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

WHEREAS, funds are needed to complete the purchase of a replacement copier/imager/fax that has reached the end of our contractual agreement and the equipment's lifecycle by Delaware Business Systems (DBS), Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the cost was an unexpected expense and requires the transfer of \$5,885.00 to complete the purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:

10-16510-54262010	Hardship Fund	\$5,885.00
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TRANSFER TO:

10-16510-52200000	Equipment	\$5,885.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Faulkner and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 200, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Mr. Hinkley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 184

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
LEGAL AID TO INDIGENTS**

WHEREAS, the account line for professional attorneys is exhausted; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is needed in the professional attorney account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:

10-11990-54900000	Contingency	\$100,000.00
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TRANSFER TO:

10-11170-54535060	Professional Fees Attorney	\$100,000.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 200, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Mr. Cetta offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 185

TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT TRANSFER OF FUNDS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, Delaware County inmates have been deemed incapacitated to meaningfully participate in their criminal defense proceedings and require care from a NYS Psychiatric hospital; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County is 100% responsible for inpatient psychiatric hospital costs; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is needed to cover current inpatient hospitalizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:

10-11990-54900000	Contingency	\$96,902.19
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TRANSFER TO:

10-14390-54535420	Professional Fees Psychiatric	\$96,902.19
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold.

Mr. Cetta stated the department expects to need one more transfer of funds at the November 25 Board Meeting, but the cost should not be nearly as much.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 200, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Mr. Haynes offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 186

TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, funds are necessary to cover payroll in Fund 24 (Maintenance) for the remainder of the year; and

WHEREAS, there is money in Fund 34 (Capital Road and Bridge).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATION:

34-15112-51000000	Personal Services	\$600,000.00
34-15112-58300000	Social Security Emplr Contrib.	\$28,000.00
34-15112-58900000	Medicare Emplr Contrib.	\$6,000.00

DECREASE REVENUE:

34-15112-45503100	Transfer from General Fund	\$634,000.00
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DECREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-19901-59990310	Op Transfer Out to CAP Road & Bridge	\$634,000.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

24-15110-51000000	Personal Services	\$600,000.00
24-15110-58300000	Social Security Emplr Contrib.	\$28,000.00
24-15110-58900000	Medicare Emplr Contrib.	\$6,000.00

INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

24-15110-45503100	Transfer from General Fund	\$634,000.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-19901-59990240	Operating Transfer Out to Road	\$634,000.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Kosier.

Mrs. Walley questioned why more funds were needed for payroll, and if it was due to unexpected salary increases or overtime expenses.

Department of Public Works Commissioner James Thomas stated the department budgeted payroll expenses too low in the Capital Fund and too high in the Maintenance Fund therefore a resolution is needed to relocate the funds. He stated the transfer of funds does not impact the Budget and it is just an internal transfer within the Department of Public Works' funds.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 200, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Mr. Merrill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 187**TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING
2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED that the budget, with the changes discussed, be adopted as the 2026 Tentative Delaware County Budget and a public hearing be held on the 25th day of November 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Room of the County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield.

Mr. Merrill stated all Supervisors were provided copies of the 2026 Tentative Budget and was proud to present a Budget that does not exceed the 2% tax levy limit. He stated the increase in the 2026 Budget is 3.4292% which is within the County's allowable increase amount.

Mr. Merrill highlighted that within the 2026 Tentative Budget there is an adjustment under the usage of sales tax. He stated the County is not using any more sales tax than used previously and is still delineating 25% of sales tax revenue to the Solid Waste Management Facility.

Mr. Merrill stated when sales tax revenue was implemented in the 1960's it was decided that 1% of the 4% sales tax implemented would be allocated to the Solid Waste Management Facility. He stated that of all sales tax revenue the County receives, 25% is allocated to the Solid Waste Management Facility.

Mr. Merrill said while this has been the case for many years, it was not previously reflected in the budget. He stated that the perception there is a large fund of sales tax revenue within the County is not accurate, and if the County collects \$32 million in sales tax revenue, \$8 million is allocated to the Solid Waste Management Facility, and the remaining \$24 million goes into the budget.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Molé waived Board Rule 10 to permit the introduction without objection of the following not-prefiled resolutions.

Mr. Hinkley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 188

TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT TRANSFER OF FUNDS BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, funds are needed to complete the purchase of a replacement Rapid Print time stamp machine from Williams Business Machines LLC for the purposes of accuracy; and

WHEREAS, funds remaining in the General Grant Related Expenses Account are qualified for and can cover this expense.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:		
10-11450-54327000/1450015/961	General Grant Related Expenses/CTCL	\$1,072.00

TRANSFER TO:

10-11450-52200001/1450015/961	Equipment Grant	\$1,072.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 200, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Mr. Marshfield offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 189

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the following appropriation account is in need of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Budget be amended and the following transfer be made:

TRANSFER FROM:

10-16010-54427020	Preventive Delaware Opportunities	\$600,000.00
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TRANSFER TO:

10-16109-54113000/6010608/971	Family Assistance	\$600,000.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold.

Mr. Marshfield stated the funds are being transferred from the current Family Residence Independent Living Skills (FRILS) program fund that was contracted to Delaware Opportunities, to a new program that is replacing the FRILS program called the Family Assistance Program. He stated the Family Assistance Program is for needy families with minor children and covers the basic needs for those out of work or below a certain income threshold to be considered under a hardship.

Mr. Marshfield said applicants cannot receive Family Assistance Program funds for more than 60 months over their lifetime.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 200, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Mr. Merrill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 190

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's

office in the amount of \$3,267,477.58 are hereby presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval of payment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer be directed to pay said expenditures as listed below:

General Fund	\$1,286,470.71
OET	\$0.00
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$3,479.58
CAP MH	\$289.64
CAP DSS	\$1,681.88

Highway Audits, as Follows:

Weights & Measures	\$1,412.18
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$189,275.12
Road	\$119,089.50
Machinery	\$69,243.18
Capital Solid Waste	\$500,714.00
Capital Road & Bridge	\$1,086,869.63
CAP DPW Complex	\$769.66
CAP SW Improvement	\$8,182.50

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gladstone and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 200, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Ms. Molé stated the Human Resources Committee would meet following the Board Meeting.

For other business Ms. Boukai stated she appreciated the discussion at the October 22 meeting regarding committee processes but said she learned that the Legislative Committee members voted to reject a proposal to allow public comment at Board of Supervisors Meetings three weeks prior to the October 22 meeting.

Ms. Boukai said she found it unusual no one mentioned the proposal was rejected considering the public comment proposal was one of the main topics of discussion at the last meeting, and asked why no Legislative Committee members let anyone know the proposal was already discussed and rejected.

Mr. Hinkley stated the decision was reflected in the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the October 5 meeting.

In response, Ms. Boukai said the minutes were not released until a month after the meeting.

Mr. Hinkley said that is always the process as meeting minutes are not made public until they are approved.

Ms. Boukai opined that procedure is one of the problems the public has with the communication of the Board of Supervisors.

In response to Mr. Cetta, Ms. Molé agreed that the discussion should be had at the committee level.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.