

COMMITTEE APPROVAL
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RESOLUTION NO. 207

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
LEGAL AID TO INDIGENTS**

WHEREAS, additional funds are necessary to cover costs associated with 18-B assigned counsel for legal aid to indigents; and

WHEREAS, excess funds are available from New York State Indigents Legal Services (ILS); and

WHEREAS, the excess funds are necessary to be transferred to cover 18-B assigned counsel costs through the end of Fiscal Year 2025.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-11170-43302500	State Aid Indigent Legal Services	\$2,246.88
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-11170-54535060	Professional Fees - Attorney	\$2,246.88
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RESOLUTION NO. 208

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	\$6,569.64
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TRANSFER TO:

10-14390-54535420	Professional Fees Psychiatric	\$6,569.64
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RESOLUTION NO. 209

TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT TRANSFER OF FUNDS DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND WATERSHED AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 128 on July 27, 2022 in support of increasing the Watershed Affairs Professional Services budget for legal expenses associated with the new negotiations to address the NASEM recommendations as part of a new water supply permit and Filtration Avoidance Determination application to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the beginning budget for these expenses as of January 1, 2025 was \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, those funds have been expended and more funds are needed to replenish the account to pay the legal expenses associated with the negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning, Parks and Watershed Affairs has requested and the Planning, Recreation, Culture and Community Committee in conjunction with the Finance Committee and Budget Officer, have agreed that additional funding of appropriations is needed at this time for the additional legal services needed during this time of negotiations regarding the NYC Water Supply Permit and the review of the Revised 2017 FAD and Water Supply Permit.

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

TRANSFER FROM:

10-11990-54900000	Contingency	\$35,000.00
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TRANSFER TO:

10-18740-54535060	Professional Service (WSA)	\$35,000.00
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RESOLUTION NO. 210

TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROPRIATION OF SALES TAX REVENUE TREASURER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the contingency account is nearly exhausted due to unexpected large transfer amounts throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to replenish contingency; and

WHEREAS, funds have been made available through excess sales tax revenue.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-11325-411111000	Sales and Use Tax	\$1,000,000.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-11990-54900000	Contingency	\$1,000,000.00
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RESOLUTION NO. 211

TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 PROPOSAL NO. 26-24

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 55 of 2024 authorized the award of Proposal No. 26-24, “Replacement of Dug Road over Cold Spring Creek, Bridge 136, Town of Deposit, PIN 9755.18, LD40433” to Tioga Construction Co., Inc., 333 Gros Blvd., Herkimer, NY 13350, for the bid amount of \$2,558,539.85; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 74 of 2025 authorized the signing of Change Order No. 1, a no cost time extension of 59 calendar days; and

WHEREAS, final adjustments have been made to bid quantities, resulting in an overall decrease of \$60,662.98.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is herewith authorized to execute Change Order No. 2 for Proposal No. 26-24 decreasing the contract amount by \$60,662.98 to \$2,497,876.87.

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RESOLUTION NO. 212

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 OF PROPOSAL NO. 28-21
ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 71 of 2021 authorized award of Proposal No. 28-21 Construction of Three New Facilities for Delaware County Department of Public Works Electrical Construction Contract to NELCORP Electrical Contracting Corp, 35 North Kelly Avenue, Endwell, NY for the amount of \$1,749,100; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 162 of 2022, authorized Change Order No. 1 increasing the contract amount to \$1,794,116.00; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 91 of 2024, authorized Change Order No. 2 increasing the contract amount to \$1,813,234.34; and

WHEREAS, in response to design enhancement for providing additional IT networking capacity at the Walton and Bloomville sites, IT room changes and grounding for the Bloomville Facility, along with adjustments to bid quantities, the following changes need to be made and have been agreed upon:

Item #1 Proposal - \$48,797.15
Electrical changes for added IT requirements at Walton site.

Item #2 Proposal - \$4,000.02
Electrical changes for added Wifi and camera wiring at Bloomville site.

Item #3 Proposal - \$1514.22
Electrical changes for added IT room changes and grounding at Bloomville site.

Item #4 Proposal – (\$21,916.03)
Adjustments to bid quantities at Delhi site.

Item #5 Proposal - (\$3,599.79)
Adjustments to bid quantities at Bloomville site.

Item #6 Proposal – (\$11,213.32)
Adjustments to bid quantities at Walton site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works be authorized to execute Change Order No. 3 EC in the amount of \$17,582.25 increasing the contract amount from \$1,813,234.34 to \$1,830,816.59.

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RESOLUTION NO. 213

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 OF PROPOSAL NO. 28-21
GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 71 of 2021 authorized award of Proposal No. 28-21 Construction of Three New Facilities for Delaware County Department of Public Works, General Building Construction Contract to Andrew R. Mancini Associates, Inc., 129 Odell Avenue, Endicott NY 13760 for the amount of \$14,825,000; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 108 of 2021 authorized the Department of Public Works to execute Change Order No. GC-1 increasing the contract by \$81,462.00 for a contract amount of \$14,906,462.00; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 41 of 2022 authorized the Department of Public Works to execute Change Order No. GC-2 increasing the contract by \$48,871.00 for a contract amount of \$14,955,243.00; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 59 of 2022 authorized the Department of Public Works to execute Change Order No. GC-3 increasing the contract by \$555,855.00 for a contract amount of \$15,511,098.00; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 162 of 2023 authorized the Department of Public Works to execute Change Order No. GC-4 increasing the contract by \$17,490.00 for a contract amount of \$15,528,588.00; and

WHEREAS, to establish the Final Contract Value by reducing unspent field directives and furnishing allowances at Delhi, Walton and Bloomville sites and for the final Claim Settlement Agreement on the project, the following changes need to be made and have been agreed upon:

Item #1 Proposal - (\$1,128.42)
Unspent field directive at Bloomville site.

Item #2 Proposal - (\$27,601.00)
Unspent furnishing allowance at Bloomville site.

Item #3 Proposal - (\$15,759.69)
Unspent field directive at Walton site.

Item #4 Proposal - (\$35,000.00)
Unspent furnishing allowance at Walton site.

Item #5 Proposal - (\$688.00)
Unspent field directive at Delhi site.

Item #6 Proposal - (\$49,002.08)
Unspent furnishing allowance at Delhi site.

Item #7 Proposal - (\$26,000.00)
Final Claim Settlement Costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works be authorized to execute final Change Order No. GC-5 in the amount of \$155,179.19, decreasing the contract amount from \$15,528,588.00 to \$15,373,408.81; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works be authorized to withhold the final settlement claim costs of \$26,000.00 from the retainage release.

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RESOLUTION NO. 214

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARDS
DELAWARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
SOLID WASTE DIVISION**

LETTING OF DECEMBER 3, 2025

Notice to bidders and proposals received having been filed and the bidding procedures and documents having been approved by the County Attorney:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Department of Public Works is authorized to make awards to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as follows:

PROPOSAL NO. SW5-25 Cell 6 Pump Control Panel to:
 General Control Systems. Inc. 17 Corporate Circle, Albany,
 12203

Bid Price: \$24,575.00

All original bids and a summary sheet of the bids received are on file for inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

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RESOLUTION NO. 215

**TITLE: LEVY OF TAXES FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS,
HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL OUTSIDE OF VILLAGE**

WHEREAS there has been presented to the Board of Supervisors a duly certified copy of the annual budget of each of the several towns of Delaware County for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026;

RESOLVED that there shall be and hereby is assessed and levied upon and collected from the taxable property situated wholly or partially therein the amounts indicated below for the Highway Outside Village and General Outside Village purposes as specified in the budgets of the respective towns:

TOWN	HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE
Delhi	\$775,540.00	\$.00
Deposit	\$356,600.00	\$49,507.00
Franklin	\$451,240.00	\$34,585.00
Hancock	\$1,017,530.00	\$46,371.00
Harpersfield	\$456,000.32	\$73,343.48
Middletown	\$998,180.00	\$126,925.00
Sidney	\$283,147.00	\$31,998.00
Stamford	\$256,447.00	\$46,179.00
Walton	\$355,838.00	\$78,102.00

FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be and hereby is assessed and levied upon and collected from the real property liable therefore within the respective budgets:

ANDES

Andes Joint Fire District

\$267,741.00

Arena Fire District	\$19,506.66
Andes Light	\$14,000.00

BOVINA

Bovina Center Light District	\$1,955.00
Bovina Rural Fire District	\$134,455.00
Bovina Water District	\$38,281.00
Bovina Sewer District	\$14,035.00
Library	\$40,000.00

COLCHESTER

Downsville Fire District	\$277,216.96
Beaverkill Valley Fire District	\$885.55
Colchester Fire Protection District	\$13,000.00
Delinquent Cooks Falls Water	\$4,185.00
Delinquent Downsville Water	\$11,855.74

DAVENPORT

East Meredith Fire District	\$193,820.78
Davenport Fire District	\$54,251.57
Davenport Light District	\$1,980.00
Davenport Center Light District	\$2,640.00
West Davenport Light District	\$1,625.00
Davenport Water	\$6,762.00
Delinquent Water	\$8,184.44

DELHI

Delhi Rural Fire District	\$284,302.90
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DEPOSIT

Deposit Fire and Ambulance	\$95,002.00
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FRANKLIN

Treadwell Light District	\$2,725.00
Treadwell Water District	\$11,775.00
Franklin-Treadwell Fire District	\$241,118.44
Delinquent Water Rent	\$1,124.40

HAMDEN

Hamden Light District	\$3,200.00
DeLancey Light District	\$2,200.00
Delhi Fire District	\$658.23
Walton Fire District	\$19,477.00
Downsville Fire Protection	\$3,500.00
Delhi Rural Fire Protection	\$105,063.53
Downsville Fire District	\$5,551.04
Hamden Sewer District	\$16,557.91
Hamden Delinquent Water	\$4,695.00

DeLancey Delinquent Water	\$4,100.00
Sidewalk Snow Removal	\$390.00

HANCOCK

Upper Delaware Valley Ambulance District	\$12,709.88
Cadosia Light District	\$1,600.00
East Branch Light District	\$3,400.00
East Branch Fire District	\$107,435.61
East Branch Water District	\$31,551.00
Fishs Eddy Light District	\$2,800.00
Hancock Rural Fire District	\$158,763.91
Long Eddy Fire District	\$0.00
Hancock Ambulance District	\$296,500.00

HARPERSFIELD

Stamford Fire District	\$158,777.98
Hobart Fire District	\$6,815.98
Davenport Fire District	\$15,365.77
North Harpersfield Fire Protection	\$43,500.00
North Harpersfield Light District	\$2,000.00

KORTRIGHT

Kortright Fire District	\$129,657.95
Bloomville Light District	\$3,000.00
Bloomville Sewer District	\$20,293.57
Stamford Fire District	\$17,012.30
Hobart Rural Fire District	\$12,178.63
East Meredith Fire District	\$5,907.62
Davenport Fire District	\$9,300.66
Delinquent Water	\$11,246.20

MASONVILLE

Masonville Fire District	\$124,950.00
Masonville Light District	\$4,500.00

MEREDITH

East Meredith Light District	\$1,386.00
Delhi Fire District	\$44,565.34
Meredith Square Light District	\$660.00
Franklin-Treadwell Fire District	\$29,571.56
Meridale Rural Fire District	\$68,175.00
East Meredith Fire District	\$32,329.60
Meridale Light District	\$1,254.00

MIDDLETOWN

Halcottsville Light District	\$1,575.00
Arena Fire District	\$18,874.95
Arkville Light District	\$7,075.00
Arkville Water District	\$16,100.00

New Kingston Light District	\$835.00
New Kingston Sewer District	\$3,300.00
Halcottsville Sewer District	\$6,600.00
Arkville Fire District	\$45,300.00
Fire District No. 1	\$81,201.00
Middletown-Hardenburgh Fire District	\$345,850.79
Delinquent Arkville Water	\$15,915.25
Delinquent Halcottsville Water	\$4,213.37

ROXBURY

Roxbury Fire District	\$210,000.00
Roxbury Light District	\$8,600.00
Roxbury Water District	\$69,912.00
Grand Gorge Fire District	\$160,887.32
Grand Gorge Light District	\$7,150.00
Grand Gorge Water District	\$107,845.00
Middletown/Hardenburgh Fire District	\$6,350.52
Roxbury Run Light District	\$3,700.00
Roxbury Sewer District (unit charge)	\$48,916.39
Denver Sewer District (debt charge)	\$0.00
Denver Sewer District (unit charge)	\$132,266.00
Denver Water District	\$51,671.00
Delinquent Denver Water	\$2,253.02
Delinquent Grand Gorge and Roxbury Water	\$12,380.71

SIDNEY

Consolidated Health District	\$0.00
Sidney Center Light District	\$5,000.00
Sidney Center Fire District	\$96,092.00
Sidney Fire Protection District	\$84,986.00

STAMFORD

Stamford Fire District	\$71,612.62
South Kortright Fire District	\$5,642.99
Hobart Fire District	\$38,705.39
Kortright Fire District	\$13,641.33
South Kortright Light District	\$1,000.00
South Kortright Sewer	\$5,446.52

TOMPKINS

Tompkins Fire District	\$173,329.00
Hancock Rural Fire District	\$19,601.79
Sewer District	\$7,401.62

WALTON

Walton Fire District	\$370,073.00
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FURTHER RESOLVED that the amounts to be raised by tax for all other purposes, as specified in the annual budgets as presented to the Board and which are on file in the office of

the Clerk of the Board, are hereby assessed and levied upon and collected from all of the taxable property in the towns as enumerated below, except as otherwise provided by law; namely:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>TOWN GENERAL</u>	<u>HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE</u>
Andes	\$823,246.00	\$1,129,300.00
Bovina	\$387,881.00	\$469,893.00
Colchester	\$1,260,216.00	\$1,395,300.00
Davenport	\$372,291.00	\$778,200.00
Delhi	\$452,381.00	\$751,563.00
Deposit	\$365,760.00	\$532,210.00
Franklin	\$190,511.00	\$769,310.00
Hamden	\$231,691.00	\$739,075.00
Hancock	\$651,316.00	\$978,370.00
Harpersfield	\$468,736.55	\$183,711.33
Kortright	\$481,421.00	\$702,013.00
Masonville	\$254,778.00	\$657,438.00
Meredith	\$263,531.52	\$744,763.00
Middletown	\$1,014,641.00	\$1,251,300.00
Roxbury	\$1,076,286.00	\$1,415,071.00
Sidney	\$395,836.00	\$401,505.00
Stamford	\$396,723.00	\$257,912.00
Tompkins	\$307,044.00	\$830,861.00
Walton	\$267,681.00	\$644,100.00

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RESOLUTION NO. 216

TITLE: LEVY OF COUNTY TAX, EXTENSION OF ROLL, WARRANTS FOR SAME

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$37,629,318.50 be levied against the taxable property of the County of Delaware and the same be credited by the County Treasurer to the objects specified in the Appropriation Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be and hereby is directed to extend the tax according to this resolution on the tax rolls of the several towns and that, when the same have been extended, the various rolls of the several towns shall become the tax rolls thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the several tax rolls, when completed in accordance with the direction of the Board and the several warrants are signed for the collection of taxes by the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board to bear the date of December 29, 2025 the taxes be returnable the first day of April 2026 and that the County Treasurer of the County of Delaware be and hereby is authorized to extend the time of collection in any town not beyond the first day of June 2026 upon the collector's complying with the statute thereto.

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RESOLUTION NO. 217

TITLE: AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CAUSE TO BE PRINTED A SUMMARY OF ABSTRACT OF THE TOWN BUDGETS

WHEREAS, Section 115 of the Town Law requires that the budgets of the respective towns for each year be printed in the Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, said section authorizes the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to cause to be printed a summary or abstract of each budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be and hereby is authorized and directed to cause to be printed in the Proceedings of this Board a summary or abstract of the budgets of the respective towns in this County in such form as the State Comptroller shall prescribe.

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RESOLUTION NO. 218

TITLE: 2026 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, in accordance to Rule 2 of the Rules of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, Board meeting dates are annually designated in December each year for the following year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on the dates and times as stated below.

Wednesday, January 7, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, January 28, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 25, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.		
Wednesday, March 11, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, March 25, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, April 22, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, May 27, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 24, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.		
Wednesday, July 22, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.		
Wednesday, August 26, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.		
Wednesday, September 23, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.		
Wednesday, October 14, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.	Wednesday, October 28, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 10, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.	Tuesday, November 24, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 9, 2026	- 1:00 p.m.		

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RESOLUTION NO. 219

TITLE: CALLING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 151 [1] of the County Law and Rule 1 of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, the organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors shall be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the County Office Building, Delhi, New York.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BY: Jim Ellis
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RESOLUTION NO. 220

TITLE: EXCEPTION TO RESOLUTION NO. 269-1990 PERSONNEL OFFICE

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 269 of 1990 prohibited County employees from holding more than one County position simultaneously except if such dual employment is specifically authorized by resolution of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Office is experiencing difficulties in recruiting Clerks to serve as exam monitors for exams scheduled on Saturdays and to help with additional clerical duties as necessary; and

WHEREAS, from time to time employees in other county departments may be willing to work on a per-hour, as-needed basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 269 of 1990 is hereby temporarily waived until December 31, 2026, for County employees who are willing to work on a per-hour, as-needed basis in the Personnel Office.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BY: Wayland Gladstone
DATE: 11/3/2025
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RESOLUTION NO. 221

TITLE: EXCEPTION TO RESOLUTION NO. 269-1990 SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 269 of 1990 prohibited County employees from holding more than one County position simultaneously except if such dual employment is specifically authorized by resolution of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is required to provide qualified Nursing services for the Correctional Facility, and Minimum Staffing in the Jail; and

WHEREAS, from time to time employees in other County departments are willing to work on a per-hour, as-needed basis in the Sheriff's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 269 of 1990 is hereby temporarily waived, effective January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, for County employees who are willing to work on a per-hour, as-needed basis in the Sheriff's Office.

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PUBLIC HEARING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DELAWARE COUNTY 2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET

The Delaware County Board of Supervisors scheduled a Public Hearing concerning the 2026 Tentative Budget in the Board of Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, Chairman Tina Molé presiding.

Chairman Molé called the hearing to order and read the notice of public hearing:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DELAWARE COUNTY 2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, NY on the 2026 Tentative Budget.

Pursuant to Section 359 of the County Law, the maximum salaries that may be fixed and payable during said fiscal year to members of the Board of Supervisors and the Chairman thereof, respectively, are hereby specified as follows:

18 members of the Board of Supervisors (each)	\$17,165
1 Chairman of the Board of Supervisors	\$78,800

All persons interested in speaking concerning the proposed budget will be heard at the aforementioned time and place. Copies of the proposed budget are available in the office of the Clerk of the Board at 111 Main Street, Delhi, NY during office hours. Disabled citizens who require assistance in attending said public hearing or in furnishing comments or suggestions should contact the Clerk of the Board to request assistance at (607) 832-5110.

Dated: November 19, 2025

Penny A. Bishop
Clerk of the Board
Delaware County Board of Supervisors

Chairman Molé stated that a sign-in sheet is being passed around and asked that anyone wishing to speak to please stand and state their full name and the town they live in.

Ronda Williams from the Town of Walton stated that for security contracts in the Clerk of the Board section, the County budgeted \$239,000 in 2024 and \$511,000 in 2025. She noted in the 2026 Budget, that budget line is \$0. She questioned if the building security on page 36 was the new line item for building security, and if she was correct in saying the budget item is increasing to \$704,000.

Chairman Molé stated the public hearing is strictly for comments, not questions and answers.

Mrs. Williams said she assumed the contracted security company was private, and wanted to know the name of the company and if the County has considered using the Delaware County Sheriff's Office to provide security.

Mrs. Williams stated on page 8 under the Treasurer, the credit card fees increased from \$13,000 to \$50,000, and wondered if the County has looked into using another credit card company that will charge fees directly to the cardholder rather than the County instead of the taxpayers having to pick up that difference.

Mrs. Williams suggested there may be a potential shortfall in revenue for lien searches, budgeted at \$108,000 as shown on page 14. She stated the County only seems to receive \$17,000 in revenue for lien searches and questioned how large the shortfall will be.

Mrs. Williams also questioned why the County has not increased the budgeted amount for Unallocated County Insurance from \$75,000. She stated the County recently passed a resolution to transfer nearly \$1 million to that budget line, but noticed over the last two years upwards of \$700,000 has been spent for that line item and suggested that will be another shortfall and questioned why that amount has not been increased over \$75,000.

Referring to page 98, Mrs. Williams opined there will be a potential \$1.2 million shortfall in the Department of Public Works Road & Bridge Fund. She stated at the November 12 meeting, a \$600,000 transfer was needed to move from one fund to the Road & Bridge Fund, which was explained by Department of Public Works Commissioner Jim Thomas as an error. Mrs. Williams stated that error was not accounted for in the 2026 Tentative Budget and that line item could potentially lead to a \$1.2 million shortfall if spending continues in the same manner.

Mrs. Williams said total appropriations, including budget modifications, for the 2025 Budget total \$18 million and the revenue modifications were \$13 million, which she believes will leave a shortfall of \$4.5 million in the 2025 Budget. She questioned how the 2026 Tentative Budget will accommodate those shortfalls, and also asked if there is currently a policy for the unappropriated fund balance.

Since no one else wished to speak, Chairman Molé declared the hearing adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOVEMBER 25, 2025

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 1:07 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 except Supervisor Driscoll and Supervisor Hinkley.

Pastor Larry Light offered the invocation.

Mrs. Scott led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 191

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging has been approved to purchase new office furniture and partitions; and

WHEREAS, there currently is no funding for the purchase of new furniture and partitions in the Agency's equipment budget; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price of the new furniture and partitions is \$59,502.72.

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

TRANSFER FROM:

10-16772-51000000

Personal Services

\$59,502.72

TRANSFER TO:

10-16772-52200000/6772027/977	Equipment	\$59,502.72
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Cetta and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 184, Noes 0, Absent 16 (Driscoll, Hinkley).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 192

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
RECESSION OF RESOLUTION NO. 186 OF 2025
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, funds are needed to cover payroll in Fund 24 (Maintenance) for the remainder of the year.

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

DECREASE APPROPRIATION:

24-00000-34915000	Assigned Unapprop Fund Bal	\$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

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No.186 entitled 2025 Budget Amendment be rescinded.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 184, Noes 0, Absent 16 (Driscoll, Hinkley).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 193

**TITLE: 2025 OMITTED TAXES
REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax has been presented with omitted taxes of the 2025 tax roll in the Towns of Middletown and Sidney and recommends approval of the following:

Town of Middletown, tax map no. 307.1-2-24, MSFS 2020LLC; total omitted tax of \$1,676.41, County portion being \$854.12 and the Town \$822.29.

Town of Sidney, tax map no. 142.-1-21.11, Gerald and Laura Rooney; total omitted tax of \$1,560.17, County portion being \$800.24 and the Town \$759.93.

Town of Sidney, tax map no. 142.-1-25, Duane and Phyllis Green; total omitted tax of \$1,212.20, County portion being \$556.69 and the Town \$655.51.

Town of Sidney, tax map no. 164.-1-28.6, Marx Vincent DeLos Santos; total omitted tax of \$2,788.70, County portion being \$1,280.68 and the Town \$1,508.02.

Town of Sidney, tax map no. 74.-1-54.12, Norman & Daryl Hickling; total omitted tax of \$1,921.24, County portion being \$882.31 and the Town \$1,038.93.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the omitted taxes as stated above be levied to the 2026 tax bills are hereby authorized.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 184, Noes 0, Absent 16 (Driscoll, Hinkley).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 194

TITLE: DIRECT TOWN TAX

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to §233a of the County Law, the nineteen towns of the County be and hereby are charged \$171,416.07 for the assessment rolls, field books, tax bills, etc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be authorized and directed to apportion said sum against the taxable property of the nineteen towns of the County of Delaware and that said sum be incorporated into the County Treasurer's Preliminary Report of charges and credits to the said towns in accordance with the apportionment.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 184, Noes 0, Absent 16 (Driscoll, Hinkley).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 195

TITLE: LEVY OF TOWN ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the Board of Supervisors the County Treasurer's 2025 Preliminary Report with the following amounts to be charged to the several towns:

<u>TOWNS</u>	<u>CHARGES</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Andes	\$6,286.59	
Bovina	\$1,943.45	
Colchester	\$10,185.86	
Davenport	\$28,171.26	
Delhi	\$9,001.48	
Deposit	\$5,730.78	
Franklin		(\$9,792.13)
Hamden	\$2,090.17	
Hancock		(\$7,491.42)
Harpersfield	\$6,508.63	
Kortright	\$6,832.89	
Masonville	\$4,719.33	
Meredith	\$7,142.02	
Middletown	\$14,422.74	
Roxbury	\$10,300.84	
Sidney	\$19,887.30	
Stamford	\$6,982.76	
Tompkins	\$1,130.30	
Walton	\$10,701.58	

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Haynes and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 184, Noes 0, Absent 16 (Driscoll, Hinkley).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 196

TITLE: APPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY SELF INSURANCE BUDGET

RESOLVED that the budget for the County Self Insurance Fund for Workers' Compensation and Volunteer Firemen's Benefits in the total amount of \$1,600,000.00, as set forth below be accepted as part of the records of this Board.

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Full Value</u>	<u>Apportioned</u>
	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Amount to Raise</u>

County of Delaware	9,559,128,832	\$751,341.07
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Towns

Andes	757,279,079	\$59,521.62
Bovina	286,029,140	\$22,481.70
Colchester	1,207,749,190	\$94,928.27
Davenport	354,958,162	\$27,899.47
Delhi	607,128,450	\$47,719.89
Deposit	394,928,394	\$31,041.10
Franklin	355,086,242	\$27,909.54
Hamden	251,118,902	\$19,737.78
Hancock	703,186,038	\$55,269.95
Harpersfield	272,661,413	\$21,431.00
Kortright	286,322,625	\$22,504.76
Masonville	169,233,362	\$13,301.63
Meredith	257,791,898	\$20,262.27
Middletown	1,263,193,419	\$99,286.15
Roxbury	765,093,966	\$60,135.87
Sidney	445,721,332	\$35,033.40
Stamford	314,463,136	\$24,716.59
Tompkins	302,076,885	\$23,743.04
Walton	565,107,199	\$44,417.04

Villages

Delhi	178,324,297	\$14,016.17
Deposit	52,238,479	\$4,105.91
Franklin	30,860,122	\$2,425.58
Hancock	112,696,650	\$8,857.88
Stamford (Harpersfield)	55,506,781	\$4,362.80
Stamford (Stamford)	60,873,412	\$4,784.61

Fleischmanns	67,196,315	\$5,281.58
Sidney	243,271,848	\$19,121.00
Hobart	77,303,254	\$6,075.98
Walton	194,864,711	\$15,316.23

Fire Districts

Arena, Hardenburgh	30,348,394	\$2,385.36
Midd.-Hard., Hardenburgh	87,771,385	\$6,898.77
Deposit	46,895,903	\$3,685.99
TOTAL	20,356,409,215	\$1,600,000.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 184, Noes 0, Absent 16 (Driscoll, Hinkley).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 197

TITLE: APPORTIONMENT OF MORTGAGE TAX

WHEREAS, §261 of the Tax Law makes it mandatory to apportion the mortgage tax semi-annually and a report has been received from the recording officer and the County Treasurer for the period ending September 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer be directed to pay to the several towns and villages of Delaware County the amounts stated below; the same having been apportioned according to the aforementioned §261; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing statement shall be to the County Treasurer a sufficient warrant for the payment of said monies.

Amount Allocated to Tax District	Amount Apportioned to Town	Amount Apportioned to Village
Andes	\$31,582.08	\$31,582.08
Bovina	\$ 8,637.92	\$ 8,637.92
Colchester	\$17,129.20	\$17,129.20

Town	Amount Allocated to Tax District	Amount Apportioned to Town	Amount Apportioned to Village
Davenport	\$10,188.04	\$10,188.04	
Delhi	\$22,440.59	\$19,144.99	\$3,295.60
Deposit	\$ 6,024.05	\$ 5,625.64	\$398.41
Franklin	\$13,146.33	\$12,575.06	\$571.27
Hamden	\$11,474.23	\$11,474.23	
Hancock	\$14,504.16	\$13,341.90	\$1,162.26
Harpersfield	\$11,551.72	\$10,375.90	\$1,175.82
Kortright	\$17,246.84	\$17,246.84	
Masonville	\$8,831.37	\$8,831.37	
Meredith	\$14,334.55	\$14,334.55	
Middletown	\$68,676.26	\$62,546.02 FL	\$1,826.64
		MV	\$4,303.60
Roxbury	\$37,760.99	\$37,760.99	
Sidney	\$27,721.32	\$20,156.26	\$7,565.06
Stamford	\$20,008.59	\$15,612.65 ST	\$1,936.62
		HO	\$2,459.32
Tompkins	\$5,160.76	\$5,160.76	
Walton	\$26,946.66	\$22,300.68	\$4,645.98
Totals ...	\$373,365.66	\$344,025.08	\$29,340.58

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Kosier and adopted by the following vote:
 Ayes 184, Noes 0, Absent 16 (Driscoll, Hinkley).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 198

**TITLE: YEAR-END ACCOUNTING MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2025 BUDGET
 DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, there are many bookkeeping entries that are needed to close out the books for 2025; and

WHEREAS, there will be no increase in the actual spending, just a balancing of accounts between personal services, equipment, contractual, employee benefits and undistributed employee benefits; and

WHEREAS, an accounting of all transactions will be presented to the Board of Supervisors upon completion of the annual report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Department of Fiscal Affairs to make the necessary adjustments to the 2025 Budget and to file a written report to the Finance Committee before the books for 2025 are actually closed.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 199

**TITLE: NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTIES
FORMALLY OCCUPIED BY DPW ADMINISTRATION AND GARAGE,
ANNEX AND PARKING LOTS**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors no longer requires the use of buildings and lands located at the corner of Gallant and Page Avenues in the Village of Delhi and located on real property tax parcel IDs 171.7-4-2, 171.7-5-3 and 171.7-5-4; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors has declared itself Lead Agency after completing an environmental review per Section 617.6(b)(2) for purposes of compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, as Lead Agency the Delaware County Board of Supervisors as the only involved agency classified the action as unlisted; and

WHEREAS, after review of the Long Environmental Assessment Form, and completion of Parts 1, 2 and 3, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors has determined that there will be no large or significant adverse impacts, which cannot be appropriately mitigated, on the environment as a result of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors issues a Negative Declaration in accordance with Section 617.7 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the sale of properties no longer needed and identified 171.7-4-2, 171.7-5-3 and 171.7-5-4.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 200

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION OF FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 55 of 1993, as modified, authorizes a four ten-hour-per-day work week in the Public Works Department which is subject to annual approval by the County and Public Works employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that subject to approval of the Public Works employees, four-day work schedules for 2026 are hereby approved in the Public Works Department as follows:

- 1.) January 1, 2026 to March 14, 2026: Bridge Crews only.
- 2.) March 15, 2026 to October 10, 2026: All Public Works employees, except those employees specifically excluded from the four-day work week by agreement with the union, i.e., landfill employees, certain engineering staff, etc.
- 3.) November 8, 2026 to December 31, 2026: Bridge Crews only.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold.

Chairman Molé stated this resolution is passed annually.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 201

**TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING ON EIGHT-YEAR REVIEW OF
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 12
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board has presented the following recommendations for the renewal of Agricultural District No. 12 located in the Towns of Deposit, Masonville, Sidney, Tompkins, and Walton:

Town of Deposit

District before 2025 review	8,581
District 12 after modifications	7,564.34

Town of Masonville

District before 2025 review	9,782.27
District 12 after modifications	9,630.98

Town of Sidney

District before 2025 review	6,741.71
District 12 after modifications	6,653.69

Town of Tompkins

District before 2025 review	3,838.09
District 12 after modifications	3,725.94

Town of Walton

District before 2025 review	3,854.29
District 12 after modifications	3,786.9

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on Agricultural District No. 12 on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis and unanimously adopted.

Chairman Molé stated the public hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Ellis introduced Local Law Intro. Nos. 3A through 15 of 2025 for salary increases. The local laws were seconded by Mr. Vernold.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 3A OF 2025**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

Section 1. The salary of Judith Garrison, Election Commissioner shall be Sixty-five thousand, two hundred and eight dollars [\$65,208] per annum effective January 1, 2026.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 4 OF 2025**TITLE: SALARY INCREASE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Section 1. The salary of Stephen Hood, Director of Emergency Services, shall be Ninety-two thousand, three hundred and seventy dollars [\$92,370] per annum, effective January 1, 2026.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 5 OF 2025

TITLE: SALARY INCREASE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Section 1. The salary of Joseph deMauro, Director of Information Technology, shall be One hundred and six thousand, six hundred and forty-one dollars [\$106,641] per annum, effective January 1, 2026.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 6 OF 2025

TITLE: SALARY INCREASE DIRECTOR OFFICE FOR THE AGING

Section 1. The salary of Lyndsay Komosinski, Director Office for the Aging, shall be Eighty-six thousand, four hundred and thirty-eight dollars [\$86,438] per annum, effective January 1, 2026.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 7 OF 2025

TITLE: SALARY INCREASE PERSONNEL OFFICER

Section 1. The salary of Carrara Knoetgen, Personnel Officer, shall be One hundred and one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-two dollars [\$101,892] per annum, effective January 1, 2026.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 8 OF 2025

TITLE: SALARY INCREASE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, PARKS AND WATERSHED AFFAIRS

Section 1. The salary of Shelly Johnson-Bennett, Commissioner of Planning, Parks and Watershed Affairs, shall be One hundred and thirty thousand, one hundred and seventy-five dollars [\$130,175] per annum, effective January 1, 2026.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 9 OF 2025

TITLE: SALARY INCREASE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Section 1. The salary of Joseph Ermeti, Public Defender, shall be Two hundred and three thousand, Nine hundred and thirty-nine dollars [\$203,939] per annum, effective January 1, 2026.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 10 OF 2025

TITLE: SALARY INCREASE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

Section 1. The salary of Amanda Walsh, Public Health Director, shall be One hundred and twenty-three thousand, four hundred and thirty-three dollars [\$123,433] per annum, effective January 1, 2026.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 11 OF 2025

TITLE: SALARY INCREASE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

Section 1. The salary of James Thomas, Commissioner of Public Works, shall be One hundred and twenty-six thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars [\$126,250] per annum, effective January 1, 2026.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 12 OF 2025

TITLE: SALARY INCREASE DIRECTOR REAL PROPERTY TAX II

Section 1. The salary of Sherri Falcone, Director Real Property Tax II, shall be Ninety-nine thousand, and thirty-eight dollars [\$99,038] per annum, effective January 1, 2026.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 13 OF 2025

TITLE: SALARY INCREASE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Section 1. The salary of Keith Weaver, Commissioner of Social Services, shall be One hundred and seventeen thousand, eight hundred and thirty-eight dollars [\$117,838] per annum, effective January 1, 2026.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 14 OF 2025

TITLE: SALARY INCREASE DIRECTOR VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

Section 1. The salary of Mark Dunlop, Director Veterans Service Agency, shall be Sixty-nine thousand, two hundred and twenty-eight dollars [\$69,228] per annum effective January 1, 2026.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 15 OF 2025

TITLE: SALARY INCREASE COUNTY CLERK

Section 1. The salary of Haley Gransbury, County Clerk, shall be Eighty-eight thousand, one hundred and sixty-eight dollars [\$88,168] per annum effective January 1, 2026.

Section 2. This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum according to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. This Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it shall be adopted.

In response to Mr. Marshfield's question on how to proceed if he was opposed to one of the proposed salary increases, Chairman Molé stated Supervisors were not voting on the proposed local laws during the meeting, only bringing them up to schedule a public hearing. She stated the local laws will be voted on individually at the next meeting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 202

TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 3A THROUGH 15 OF 2025

WHEREAS, Local Law Intro. Nos. 3A through 15 have been introduced to increase the 2026 salaries of:

Non-Elected: Judith Garrison, Election Commissioner; Stephen Hood, Director of Emergency Services; Joseph deMauro, Director of Information Technology; Lyndsay Komosinski, Director Office of the Aging; Carrara Knoetgen, Personnel Officer; Shelly Johnson-Bennett, Commissioner of Planning, Parks and Watershed Affairs; Joseph Ermeti, Public Defender; Amanda Walsh, Public Health Director; James Thomas, Commissioner of Public Works; Sherri Falcone, Director Real Property Tax II; Keith Weaver, Commissioner of Social Services; Mark Dunlop, Director Veterans Service Agency

Elected: Haley Gransbury, County Clerk

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on Local Law Intro Nos. 3A through 15 on the 10th day of December, 2025, at 1:05 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and unanimously adopted.

Chairman Molé stated the public hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at 1:05 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 202A

TITLE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors convene in executive session to discuss contract negotiations and potential litigation regarding New York City Department of Environmental Protection's water withdrawal permit.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis and unanimously adopted.

The meeting reconvened in regular session with all Supervisors present except Mrs. Driscoll, Mr. Hinkley, and Mr. Kelso who left at 2:00 p.m.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 203

TITLE: ADOPTION OF 2026 DELAWARE COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Tentative Budget for the year 2026 has been presented to the Board by the Budget Officer and duly discussed and a public hearing having been held thereon as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to §360 of the County Law, the Tentative Budget for 2026, as revised, be adopted.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 171, Noes 0, Absent 29 (Kelso, Driscoll, Hinkley).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 204

TITLE: APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this Board by Resolution No. 203, dated November 25, 2025 adopted a budget for the fiscal year 2026;

RESOLVED that the several amounts specified in the column, "Adopted" be and hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, effective January 1, 2026.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Kosier and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 171, Noes 0, Absent 29 (Kelso, Driscoll, Hinkley).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 205

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$1,636,986.39 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	\$1,301,340.94
OET	\$0.00
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$285.74
CAP MH	\$5,250.00

CAP DSS	\$151.44
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Highway Audits, as Follows:

Weights & Measures	\$0.00
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$53,999.92
Road	\$181,463.67
Machinery	\$64,033.03
Capital Solid Waste	\$0.00
Capital Road & Bridge	\$30,461.65
CAP DPW Complex	\$0.00
CAP SW Improvement	\$0.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gladstone and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 171, Noes 0, Absent 29 (Kelso, Driscoll, Hinkley).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 206

RESOLUTION FOR THE EXECUTION OF MITIGATION SIDE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Delaware County is home to towns and villages that are signatories to the 1997 New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (“1997 Watershed MOA”); and

WHEREAS, the core tenets of the 1997 Watershed MOA is that local communities consented to: 1) the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (“NYCDEP”) Watershed Protection Program, including the Watershed Rules and Regulations (“WRR”), as set forth in MOA Article III; 2) a fifteen (15) year land acquisition program (“LAP”) as set forth in MOA Article II; and 3) locally administered Watershed Protection and Partnership Programs as set forth in MOA Article V; and

WHEREAS, when the MOA was being presented to the Towns and Villages for execution, a main focus of concern was the ability of the communities to enforce the funding terms of MOA Article V that were critical to their survival. To the communities, the MOA Articles II and III were a cliff – it allowed DEP to adopt and enforce the Watershed Rules and Regulations (“WRR”) that would potentially bankrupt their communities and allowed DEP to purchase large amounts of developable property to limit future development and sequester it in perpetuity. The communities believed that without the Article V Partnership Programs, the communities would not be sustainable; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 1997 presentations to the town boards in Delaware County to garner support for the communities’ execution of the MOA, the communities were promised that once they accepted Article III (WRR) and Article II (a 15 year land acquisition program), that DEP could not delete partnership programs or add additional landowner controls (modifications to Articles II and III) **“in a manner that diminishes the rights of [a community] without the written consent of such [community].”** That promise was embodied in Section 180 of the MOA; and

WHEREAS, as confirmation of these core tenets, pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law section 15-1503(4), New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”) determined as part of the 2010 Water Supply Permit that the Watershed Protection and Partnership Programs, including Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) programs, Watershed Agricultural Council, and the Stream Management Program “will foster cooperation with persons affected by the land acquisition program and assure the LAP is just and equitable to all affected municipalities for their inhabitants and in particular with regard to their present and future needs for sources of water supply;” and

WHEREAS, the NYSDEC through the 2010 Water Supply Permit, also required that pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law section 15-1503(4), NYCDEP fund CWC programs, the Watershed Agricultural Council, and the Stream Management Program (collectively Watershed Protection and Partnership Programs); and

WHEREAS, in 1997 when the parties executed the MOA, approximately 11% of the watershed lands within Delaware County were under New York City and/or New York State control. Presently, 28.4 % of the watershed lands within Delaware County are under New York City and/or New York State control; and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2017, Delaware County and the other West of Hudson Counties, with support from the Coalition of Watershed Towns and financial and technical support from the Catskill Water Corporation (CWC), conducted an evaluation of the impacts from the City's Land Acquisition Program. Delaware County issued the following report: *New York Land Acquisition Town Level Assessment 2017: Delaware County Evaluation and Response ("Delaware County 2017 Report")*; and

WHEREAS, *Delaware County 2017 Report* concluded and demonstrated that in a substantial number of Delaware County towns the actual amount of developable land remaining is insufficient to "allow existing development to continue and future growth to occur in a manner that is consistent with the existing community character and planning goals" of those communities; and thus the "City's land acquisition goals for those communities did not ensure... the availability of developable land ... will remain sufficient to accommodate projected growth" and thus the continuation of City's land acquisition could "substantially change future population patterns..."; and

WHEREAS, during negotiations of the 2017 Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD), New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC) agreed to reevaluate the City's Land Acquisition; and

WHEREAS, this commitment was memorialized in the 2017 FAD, which required a two-step review of the City's Land Acquisition Program involving an update to the City's 2012-2022 Long- Term Land Acquisition Plan and the development of a new Long-Term Land Acquisition Plan for the period 2023-2033; and

WHEREAS, in June 2022, the NYCDEP applied for a new permit pursuant to N. Y. Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), Article 15. In compliance with MOA Section 62, DEP application sought a new water withdrawal permit (not a renewal) to supplement the Watershed Protection Program agreed to in the 1997 Watershed MOA with the purchase an additional 53,000 acres of developable land (“Ownership Expansion Proposal” or the “Proposal”). In compliance

with MOA Section 161, DEP sought lead agency status under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, in December 2022, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) released a Revised 2017 Filtration Avoidance Determination (“Revised FAD”) together with a Comment/Response Document that directly incorporated and acknowledged comments received from West of Hudson Communities (including, but not limited to, the Coalition of Watershed Towns (“CWT”), Delaware, Greene, and Schoharie Counties, the Towns of Windham, Ashland, Lexington, Prattsville, Jewett, Olive, Shandaken, Conesville, Gilboa, Roxbury, Middletown, Andes, Bovina, Stamford, Kortright, Tompkins, Harpersfield, Walton, and Delhi, hereinafter referred to as “the “West of Hudson Communities Comments”). The West of Hudson Communities Comments demanded an end to the core land acquisition program and community consent over fee acquisition of stream corridors under the Stream Acquisition Program. The West of Hudson Communities Comments extensively documented the change in circumstance since 1997 that required a detailed evaluation under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) prior to any expansion of the land acquisition program; and

WHEREAS, the DOH’s response to West of Hudson Communities Comments confirmed “NYSDOH agrees that strategic, well-reasoned acquisition of water quality protective parcels should be the focus of the LAP, while allowing future community growth to occur in a manner that is consistent with the existing character and planning goals of each of the Watershed communities.”; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 162 of 2021, Resolution No. 34 of 2022, and Resolution No. 174 of 2023, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors reiterated the need to end core LAP as recognized in the 2020 findings of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) and committed itself to continuing to work with the other watershed stakeholders to develop a revised LAP that is consistent with the 1997 Watershed MOA, NASEM Findings the Revised FAD and the evolving needs of watershed communities; and

WHEREAS, for the past three years, NYCDEP, the local communities and other stakeholders have been negotiating the terms and conditions of an expansion of the City land acquisition authority in MOA Article II to allow land acquisition during the period 2026 through 2035 (the land acquisition authorized under MOA Article II was limited to the 15-year period 1997 through 2012). As part of those negotiations, consistent with Section 180 of the 1997 Watershed MOA, in emails to all stakeholders dated September 25th and October 16th, 2023, the City agreed that “these discussions will be memorialized in a written agreement, similar to the agreements that were entered in conjunction with DEC’s issuance of the 2010 Water Supply Permit, and again in conjunction with the 2013 and 2016 modifications to that Permit.”; and

WHEREAS, after approximately three (3) years of discussions, Delaware County has concluded that the best way to ensure compliance with the MOA and to mitigate potential impacts arising from the diminishment of Delaware County’s rights thereunder, is to enter into an enforceable agreement with the City that will ensure continued funding of certain Watershed Partnership Programs and allow for a limited expansion of the LAP in Delaware County that is consistent with the Section 180 of the MOA; and

WHEREAS, the City and Delaware County, together with CWT and CWC have now reached agreement on the terms and conditions of this agreement, hereinafter referred to as the “Mitigation Side Agreement”. A copy of the proposed Mitigation Side Agreement is attached

hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Mitigation Side Agreement commits the City to continue to fund certain existing Watershed Protection Programs under specified conditions, commits additional funds to new programs and initiatives, and commits the City to limit its land acquisition activities in the West of Hudson Watershed, in addition to other terms specified therein; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Delaware County Watershed Affairs and the Delaware County Planning Department highly recommend execution of the Mitigation Side Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been provided with detailed summaries of the terms of the Mitigation Side Agreement and has had an opportunity to discuss those terms. As considerations for the City's commitments in the Mitigation Side Agreement, Delaware County consents pursuant to MOA Section 180 to the additional land acquisition described in that agreement while reserving its right to participate (including opposing) the extension or renewal of the Water Supply Permit; and

WHEREAS, in November 2025, without conducting any review under SEQRA (declared a Type 2 action) and notwithstanding the DEP's June 2022 application was for a new permit, DEC issued a notice proposing to renew the existing water supply permit, for an additional four years. Section 1 of the draft renewal authorizes the City to acquire "from January 1, 2010 forward ... no more than 105,043 acres .. located in the West of Hudson watershed". The draft permit renewal does not include the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties during the three years of negotiations as a condition precedent to the expansion of the City land acquisition authority; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County asserts that by issuing the notice of draft permit renewal, DEC committed a breach of its obligations under MOA Section 62 which provides as follows: "Duration and Schedule: ... Additional requests for extensions may be made through an application for permit modification as provided by NYSDEC regulations. The Parties retain their full legal rights with respect to such additional requests by the City,"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports moving forward with execution of the Mitigation Side Agreement and congratulates the Division of Watershed Affairs and County Planning for achieving a variety of protection measures to address the County's concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors, by this resolution, authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Mitigation Side Agreement.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 171, Noes 0, Absent 29 (Kelso, Driscoll, Hinkley).

Chairman Molé granted privilege of the floor to Shelly Johnson-Bennett, Commissioner of Planning, Parks and Watershed Affairs, to give a summary of the resolution just passed.

Mrs. Johnson-Bennett explained the resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Board to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the CWC (Catskill Watershed Corporation), CWT (Coalition of Watershed Towns), DEP (New York City Department of Environmental Protection), and Delaware County that protects and preserves a number of the important partnership programs that preserves local vitality. She stated it also creates a commitment to

engage in a more focused Land Acquisition Program that is directed toward water quality protection. Specifically, the agreement will preserve the Watershed Agricultural Council Easement Program for our forest and agricultural easements.

Mrs. Johnson-Bennett stated the agreement will allow Delaware County to preserve the potential for land swaps in Priority Areas 3 and 4 for higher quality lands, allowing towns to potentially regain parcels DEP currently owns that may be important to vitality, housing projects, or something else important to Delaware County's municipalities. She stated the agreement will allow Delaware County to continue with the Flood Mitigation Program and DEP's offer to assist in acquiring lands that are important to moving businesses or homes out of restricted flood areas that will protect their water quality.

Mrs. Johnson-Bennett stated the agreement restricts land acquisition to only Priority Areas 3 and 4, where the State Route 10 corridor is, which is vital to Towns and Villages for economic growth. She stated by reducing land acquisition to those areas, it allows focus on areas that are most sensitive like streamside parcels rather than large-scale core land acquisition where open space is acquired.

Mrs. Johnson-Bennett said the agreement truly allows for concentration in areas with sewer and water development, hamlets, and village extension areas so that Delaware County can promote vitality while also promoting sound water quality. She stated throughout the entire process it has been the goal of Delaware County to follow the science.

Mrs. Johnson-Bennett stated DEP was very helpful in looking at the programs and understanding the County's concerns, and have taken great strides in ensuring that the programs most essential to Delaware County's vitality are protected and preserved, allowing the County to be better stewards of the Watershed so we can continue to provide water to NYC users. She stated she believes the agreement is a great compromise that puts stakeholders in a good position to move forward as partners with good standing for future negotiations.

Chairman Molé gave the following statement and asked Supervisor Gladstone, a senior member of the CWT, to join her:

"I wanted to take a moment to really stress the significance of this agreement, especially as we enter a new era of watershed protection. As we all know, 2026 will bring many changes including a new administration in New York City and along with it some uncertainty, making this renewed commitment to our partnership even more important today.

I'd like to truly thank Commissioner Rohit Aggarwala and Deputy Commissioner Paul Rush for recognizing the challenges our communities face as we work to support filtration avoidance while balancing our own socio-economic needs. This agreement provides for partnership programs, including a renewed commitment to septic system replacements, regulatory upgrades to wastewater treatment, and a new commitment to support improvements that will reduce impacts from I&I. It reaffirms both our and the City's commitment to the stream management program and WAC, supporting agriculture in the watershed. Additionally, it introduces new mutually beneficial programs that will seek to utilize vacant City-owned lands for renewable energy projects and cell service enhancements.

The agreement also reaffirms New York City's commitment to end large-scale land

acquisition in Priority Areas 3 and 4 to focus efforts on more sensitive lands in Priority Areas 1 and 2, as well as mutually agreed upon buffer areas, flood mitigation projects, and land swaps to encourage responsible growth and development in appropriate places that meet both of our needs.

I would, however, be remiss if I didn't recognize the efforts of the people that really make all these programs work. These negotiations began almost 4 years ago as we sought to find a balance between watershed programs, increasing costs associated with the programs, recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences, and a desire to create a new Water Supply Permit that met the changing needs of the watershed. The stakeholders, including New York City, the state and federal regulators, the environmental groups and the communities held monthly meetings, reviewed countless documents, and evaluated numerous scientific studies to find common ground. These conversations were not easy and at one point led to a pause in negotiations as common ground became hard to find. However, in recent months we found our way back to the table and with the leadership of the Commissioner, support from our legal team, and the dedication of our own staff we were able to get this agreement in place.

I do want to thank some very specific people for this. We have the best staff here in Delaware County. I know I say that every year at our organizational meeting, but I cannot stress it enough. We the Supervisors, yes, we're elected, but it's the staff that do the work.

Shelly (Johnson-Bennett), thank you. You continue to answer the phone every single time I call as if you're waiting – you're just sitting around waiting for my phone call. Nick (Carbone), thank you for what you've done for this agreement. We really appreciate it. Jason Merwin, Executive Director of CWC, you do an outstanding job. Thank you. I know that you and your attorney Tim Cox have spent a lot of time with this. Supervisors who sit on the CWT, special recognition to Ric Coombe. He spent a lot of time, as did Jeff Baker, the attorney for the CWT. Kevin Young. Kevin has been with us since the beginning. We're expecting you to be here at the end of this agreement to help us again, but thank you. Thank you Allyson (Phillips, Attorney), you've been a great player as well and we really appreciate that.

We really appreciate the Supervisors and Mayors who serve on the CWT for the countless hours they have committed to getting this agreement done. Special thank you to Commissioner Aggarwala, you really are a true partner. I've been through, I don't know, at least four commissioners, and you, right from the gate, have been a partner and I thank you for that.

All of you went above and beyond, working day, night, and weekends to make sure we got here today. I have said many times we are successful because we have the best people working for us.

Our next steps will be to work with NYS DEC to modify the recently renewed water supply permit to reflect this agreement and begin the task of negotiating the next FAD, relying on science and common sense for a renewed partnership.”

Chairman Molé welcomed DEP Commissioner Rohit Aggarwala to address the Board.

Commissioner Aggarwala made the following statement:

“Today was a big day. It took a lot of work, as you say, and I want to echo the thanks and the compliments. I was thinking on the way up that actually, the only other time I've been here I

was pretty new in this role, and we (Chairman Molé) spent some time together. And I said, you know, what's in the FAD, what's in the (water withdrawal) permit; that's the floor, not the ceiling, for what we can do together.

One of the things that I'm really excited about with this intergovernmental agreement is this is the first time that as partners, as truly, as partners, between the county, the CWT and CWC and the City, that we've worked directly, and I think that's a distinction, right? Because technically, this isn't really a side agreement. This is an intergovernmental agreement. And to my mind, that suggests a maturing of the way we work together. It recognizes that there are things that really are not truly about Source Water Protection, like cell phones, right? I think that's a great example of the kind of thing that we can do to help each other. That isn't something that the Department of Health has a clear interest in us doing, that the Department of Environmental Conservation has no role in whether we work with you to improve cell phone coverage, but reflects the fact that, number one, we've got a lot of our staff and their families who live and work up here. And one of the things that really struck me early on in my tenure is that we're not the largest employer in the watershed. We are the largest taxpayer in the watershed, but we're not the largest employer, but we are a large employer and we don't traditionally act that way. And so one of the things we need to do as an organization is ensure that we are thinking about economic vitality here, because that's our staff as well as your constituents.

We're also in need of ensuring that you all have an economy that you are comfortable with, because that means you will be comfortable with our presence, and you will be comfortable with the additional burdens that we know that protecting the source water requires of you, and I think you know all partnerships are a shared journey. I think we're increasingly realizing, not only is this about new programs and funding, because it's actually really important that this can't just be about more and more money, because my ratepayers have concerns about how much we've been taking from them, but how we can find either low cost things or changes in our practice that we can do. And part of what we've committed to in this intergovernmental agreement is actually us looking at our regulatory processes to see if we can be faster, we can be more efficient, which I know is directly responsive to concerns that we've seen in early results from the economic vitality study, and directly in engaging with you all, because an economically vibrant watershed that has the kind of economic development that is consistent with Source Water Protection is in all of our interests here. I think for, in some ways the first time, this really is the way we recognize that with each other.

So I'm really proud of where we've gotten. We are not done, as the Chair said, we've got a lot of work to do, first with the State on this permit, but then even more so in really thinking about the future of the FAD, and as the Chair said, it's really important that we be fully science-driven. It's really important that we think about cost-efficiency, because whether it's the cost on watershed communities or the cost on ratepayers, we have to be good public stewards of all of those resources, and also always thinking about the upside for creativity. So I think there's a lot we can do.

I'd like to share some thanks as well. Obviously, Paul Rush is an anchor of all of this, but also it's important to note Assistant Commissioner Shiloh Williams and Assistant Commissioner Adam Reeves, who are two of the key people that Mr. Rush relies on and we rely on, both in our work here in the watershed and in delivering our water. I want to echo your recognition of Ric Coombe, who has been a phenomenal partner and Bud (Supervisor Gladstone), and the many people on CWC, Jason (Merwin) and the staff at Delaware County. We have not always agreed

through this process, but I think we both, we've all pushed each other to understand each other's concerns and priorities, and that is the mark of a good negotiation, of good partnership. And I want to thank (Chairman Molé) for your leadership, because you've always been willing to pick up the phone and talk to me when I felt I needed to talk directly to you and you've been supportive of helping us grow in this partnership. So again, I'm really excited about where we are, and thank all of you for your support of this resolution. Thank you.”

Chairman Molé made the following appointment:

FOIL OFFICER (FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW)

Appoint:

Amy Merklen, County Attorney

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.