

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Morning Session**  
**Monday, February 23, 2026**  
**Legislative Chambers**

The County Legislature of the County of Steuben convened in Regular Session in the Legislative Chambers in Bath, NY on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. and was called to order by the Chair of the Legislature, Kelly H. Fitzpatrick, at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call and all members were present except Legislator Lando.

Mr. Nichols provided the Invocation and Mr. Van Etten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Fitzpatrick asked Shawn Sauro to come forward. Mr. Sauro is the Steuben County Public Defender. She presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and a pin in recognition of his 10 years of service to Steuben County.

Chair Fitzpatrick asked Ashley Swan to come forward. Ms. Swan is an employee in the Department of Social Services. She presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and a pin in recognition of her 15 years of service to Steuben County.

Chair Fitzpatrick asked William Benedict to come forward. Mr. Benedict is an employee in the Department of Public Works. She presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and a pin in recognition of his 20 years of service to Steuben County.

Chair Fitzpatrick asked Brice Sebring to come forward. Mr. Sebring is an employee in the Department of Social Services. She presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and a pin in recognition of his 20 years of service to Steuben County.

Chair Fitzpatrick asked Timothy Jackson to come forward. Mr. Jackson is an employee in the Department of Community Services. She presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and a pin in recognition of his 10 years of service to Steuben County.

The Clerk of the Legislature read the names of the following individuals who were unable to attend and receive their recognition:

Brooks Baker, District Attorney – 15 years  
Laurie Beebe, Probation – 15 years  
Bridi Kubiak, Probation – 25 years  
Stacy Hill, Probation – 20 years  
Amanda Miller, Social Services – 15 years  
Kyle Sullivan, Public Works – 20 years  
Paula Borden, County Clerk’s Office – 10 years  
Robert Crandall, Sheriff’s Office – 20 years  
Kevin Ames, Sheriff’s Office – 15 years

Chair Fitzpatrick opened the floor for comments by members of the public.

Wayne Wells, Cameron, provided comments regarding President Trump, the Epstein Files, ICE and the voting record of Congressman Nick Langworthy. He cautioned that we are moving toward an authoritarian rule.

Barbara “Birdie” Burdick, Hornell, quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., stating “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” She understands the 287g agreement with ICE is to temporarily

house people reasonably suspected of committing crimes. Sheriff Allard has stated there are currently no ICE detainees housed at the Jail. No one is against the detainment, arrest and removal of immigrants who have actively committed serious crimes. The reality is every day people are being characterized as criminals and those individuals are legal residents, people with VISA's and those seeking asylum.

Billing Mattingly, Erwin, urged the Legislature to terminate the 287g agreements between the Sheriff's Office and ICE. The Trump Administration has shown contempt for and have moved to persecute, detain and remove individuals from the country. The Department of Justice, ICE and the Department of Homeland Security have been transformed into enforcers and have turned into a hyper-mobilized police force. The NYS Attorney General's Office does not recommend local law enforcement enter into these agreements.

Linda Childs, Corning, stated it is imperative that the County rescind agreements with ICE. Their actions have caused suffering. Their mission to find criminal, undocumented immigrants is just a pretext to get us to give in to Mr. Trump's dictatorial takeover. We will be paying our Sheriff's Deputies to work for ICE. The NYS Attorney General does not recommend local agencies enter into these agreements. ICE has a total disregard for due process, and it is hard to believe that our Sheriff would want to continue these agreements. The local authorities in Minnesota were not allowed access to information. Do we want to open ourselves up to this? . Please rescind the 2025 agreements with ICE.

Dr. Thomas Chapman, Painted Post, asked that the County terminate the agreements with ICE. Two-thirds of Americans think this has gone too far. Steuben County officers are better than this. These thugs are a liability. ICE is prohibited from reimbursing for the costs, and we are responsible for those costs. In Texas, the Harris County Sheriff terminated these agreements due to the high cost. ICE warrants are issued by ICE officers and local law enforcement can be sued. Local law enforcement that collaborates with ICE will lose local support. I would encourage law enforcement to put the needs of the local communities first and decline participation in these agreements.

Bruce Reding, Caton, stated I support enforcing immigration law, but I do not support how ICE is enforcing. Violently detaining without due process; I do not support this. I have friends who support this, and they are living in an alternate information universe. Using ICE is just bad business; this is not a good subcontract; it is very expensive and they do not prioritize violent offenders. To get their numbers up, they are going after easy prey. The training those agents receive is poor to none. I am worried about the lessons our deputies may get from these folks.

Joan Rosen, Corning, urged the Legislature to terminate the 287g agreements. She stated a number of child detainees in South Texas have written about their experience. Approximately 3,800 children were booked into family detention from the period of January to October of last year. Those are not the rapists, murderers, etc. If we keep the contracts, we are saying this is okay.

Tim Hargrave, Cameron, spoke about his concerns regarding sewage sludge disposal on farmlands. He stated he has repeatedly asked the Legislature to enact a countywide ban. I was told that the county did not have the authority to do this, however, two downstate counties have done it. Thurston successfully passed a local law regulating sewage sludge and Cameron is following suit. With regard to the Landfill, we do not need to keep expanding the Landfill. It is time to make the Landfill for Steuben County residents only. You were put in those chairs to represent their voices. I urge and challenge you to reach out to your town boards. It is time to ban sewage sludge in the County and to have the Landfill only be for the use of county residents. He stated as a patriot and a veteran of two military branches, he fully supports the enforcement of immigration law. Nationally we have laws that need to be enforced. If you are illegal, you need to be deported. It is a slap in the face to every military person who has fought for this country.

The following comment was submitted by email:

Susanne Brown, Painted Post (received February 22, 2026) – I ask that you terminate your agreements with ICE. The people who are here asking for asylum, etc., should have the right to have their applications processed. Very few have actually committed a felony. In 2025, 32 people died in ICE custody and regular citizens are also being killed. Why is ICE only in force in blue states when the majority of illegals live in states like Texas and Florida? Most illegals are working, doing the jobs that regular Americans won't do. Do not be a part of the horrible events that are happening around our country.

Chair Fitzpatrick thanked everyone for their comments and declared the opportunity for public comments closed.

Chair Fitzpatrick noted on the agenda we had the Youth-In-Government interns, however, due to the two-hour school delays, they will be unable to attend.

Dr. Terrence Finley, President, Corning Community College, stated he was recently appointed 45 days ago. He thanked the Legislature for their support, sponsorship and advocacy. He introduced Kim Frock, who served as the Administrator in Charge during the College's search for a new President. They provided a PowerPoint presentation which covered the various programs offered by the college, a discussion regarding the changing educational landscape, and a review of the SUNY Reconnect program. Dr. Finley thanked Steuben County for collaborating to streamline the certificate of residency process for ACE students by allowing the school districts to sign off on students' addresses. This will save a great deal of staff time for all agencies. Dr. Finley stated the annual chargeback will see a 2.9 percent increase in the rate. The rate is based on the lower of January 2025 CPI (2.9 percent) or 6 percent, which is the maximum rate of increase allowable. The chargeback rate for 2025-2026 will be \$3,912 per FTE (30 credit hours). The annual capital funding from counties is \$300 per FTE (30 credit hours). Dr. Finley thanked the Legislature for all they have done and all they will do in the future.

Michael Hopkins, Executive Director, Finger Lakes SPCA, stated this morning you will be considering a local law to establish an animal abuse registry. We currently have a crisis in Steuben County; last year we had 22 rescue cases which was double the number we had in 2024. A total of 124 animals were taken. This proposed local law is not the entire answer, but it is an important tool that we need. Neighboring counties have enacted similar registries. Mr. Hopkins distributed a pamphlet that they will be distributing which addresses animal cruelty. One positive aspect of this proposed local law is that it will bring the SPCA and other animal rescue organizations into a better relationship with law enforcement. He stated they will also be reaching out to the Department of Social Services to discuss how we can work with them. The more educated we are about this, the better off our animals will be.

Chair Fitzpatrick read the following letter from Alexandra Howard, Executive Director of the Hornell Area Humane Society:

On behalf of the Hornell Area Humane Society, we are pleased to support the proposed Animal Abuser Registry Law. As the proposal states, animal cruelty is a serious concern for Steuben County. Hornell Area Humane Society is involved in three separate cruelty cases ongoing at this moment alone. We feel that the Animal Abuser Registry Law will add another crucial piece of accountability for abusers and play an important role in limiting their access to animals. As a shelter, we would be incredibly appreciative of having this registry to reference when assessing potential adopters within Steuben County. We also agree, and feel it is key, that no person who is registered or required to register pursuant to Section 5 of this Local Law shall own, possess, reside with, have custody of, or intentionally engage in any physical contact with a Companion Animal

or Pet. We are appreciative of the lawmakers that have played a role in this proposal, and we appreciate everyone's time addressing this matter.

The Clerk of the Legislature read the Official Notice of Public Hearing and submitted for filing Proof of Publication and Proof of Posting relative to Steuben County's current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project – Steuben County Well and Septic Replacement Program, NYS CDBG 1115WS336-23 in the amount of \$198,000. Chair Fitzpatrick opened the floor to comments by members of the public. There being none, she declared the Public Hearing closed.

***Motion adopting the minutes of the previous meeting(s) made by Mr. Van Etten, seconded by Mr. Schu and duly carried.***

Ms. Fitzpatrick stated the Legislature has received a Thank You card from the Wheeler Family for the memorial tree donation.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 031-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by F. Potter.

### **RECEIVING AND ACCEPTING THE FEBRUARY 23, 2026, COMMUNICATIONS LOG AS PREPARED BY THE STEUBEN COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following communications were received, accepted and filed by the County of Steuben, and referred to the appropriate Standing Committee and/or Department Head for information and/or action, to wit:

#### **January 20, 2026**

NYS Office of Information Technology Services - Re: Funding opportunity from the NYS Digital Elevation Program for upgrades to the Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) data. ***Referred to: AIP Committee; Marie Myers Shearing, Planning Director; Timothy Marshall, Public Safety Director; Larry Roach, RPTSA Director ; and Robert Wolverton, Information Technology Director.***

#### **January 21, 2026**

NYS Public Service Commission – Re: Public statement hearing held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, on the Steuben-Chemung Area Transmission Enhancement Project (Case #25-T-0246). ***Referred to: AIP Committee; and Marie Myers Shearing, Planning Director.***

#### **January 27, 2026**

NYS Public Service Commission – Re: Notification of the extension granted to the Canisteo Wind Energy LLC project (Case #16-F-0205), until March 31, 2026, to file its NCBP for Grassland Birds as required by the order. ***Referred to: AIP Committee; and Marie Myers Shearing, Planning Director.***

#### **January 30, 2026**

Steuben County Industrial Development Agency – Re: Notice of public hearing and proposed financial assistance for the Chauncey Run, LLC Project. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 11:00am, located at the Hornellsville Town Hall, 4 Park Ave, Hornellsville (Arkport), NY, 14807. The public hearing will also be broadcasted using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85042257751?pwd=6reIOTdfQN2BMKhmaaDZYjc209G81J.1>

***Referred to: AIP Committee; and Marie Myers Shearing, Planning Director.***

**February 2, 2026**

City of Hornell Industrial Development Agency – Re: Listing of expirations dates on all the PILOT’S currently active with the City of Hornell Industrial Development Agency. *Referred to: Finance and Administration Committees; Mitchell Alger, Commissioner of Finance; Larry Roach, RPTSA Director; and Timothy Rosell, County Attorney.*

**February 3, 2026**

Hodgson Russ LLP, Attorneys – Re: Petition for Amendment of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Canisteo Wind Energy LLC project (Case #16-F-0205). *Referred to: AIP Committee; and Marie Myers Shearing, Planning Director.*

**February 5, 2026**

NYS Public Service Commission – Re: Notice of virtual information session, public statement hearing, and request for comments is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2026 @ 5:00pm on the Steuben-Chemung Area Transmission Enhancement Project (Case #25-T-0246). *Referred to: AIP Committee; and Marie Myers Shearing, Planning Director.*

**Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.**

**T A B L E D**

**RESOLUTION NO. 032-26**

Introduced by J. Horton.

Seconded by P. Van Caesele.

**PRESENTING LOCAL LAW TENTATIVELY NO. ONE FOR THE YEAR 2026, ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY FOR ANIMAL ABUSERS.**

**WHEREAS**, The Legislature finds and determines that animal cruelty is a serious concern for Steuben County and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, criminal statutes and Agricultural and Markets laws are helpful in deterring cruelty to animals but unfortunately cruelty to animal offenses continue to occur in Steuben County and throughout New York State; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Legislature’s goal to reduce the number and frequency of animal cruelty cases occurring in Steuben County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature believes that identifying individuals who are convicted of animal cruelty charges and limiting their access to animals could reduce the likelihood of future animal cruelty offenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature determines that it is in the best interest of the residents of Steuben County and their animals that an online registry be established identifying individuals residing in Steuben County who have been convicted of animal abuse crimes with the purpose of prohibiting these individuals from adopting, purchasing, or otherwise obtaining animals from any animal shelter, pet breeder, or other person or entity involved in the exchange of animals by adoption, sale, or other means.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, there is hereby presented to each member of this Steuben County Legislature Local Law Tentatively No. One for the Year 2026, Establishing a Registry for Animal Abusers as follows:

**COUNTY OF STEUBEN  
LOCAL LAW TENTATIVELY NO. ONE FOR THE YEAR 2026**

A Local Law, Establishing an Online Registry “Animal Abuser Registry” Identifying Individuals in Steuben County who have been Convicted of Animal Abuse Crimes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Steuben, State of New York as follows:

**SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT**

The Legislature finds and determines that animal cruelty is a serious concern for Steuben County and its citizens. Criminal statutes are helpful in deterring cruelty to animals but unfortunately cruelty to animal offenses still occur in Steuben County and throughout New York State.

It is the Legislature’s goal to reduce the number and frequency of animal cruelty offenses occurring in Steuben County. In order to further that goal, the Legislature believes that identifying individuals who are convicted of animal cruelty charges and limiting their access to animals could reduce the likelihood of future animal cruelty offenses.

The Legislature determines that it is in the best interest of the residents of Steuben County and their animals that an online registry be established identifying individuals residing in Steuben County who have been convicted of animal abuse crimes with the purpose of prohibiting these individuals from adopting, purchasing, or otherwise obtaining animals from any animal shelter, pet dealer or other person or entity involved in the exchange of animals by adopted, sale, or other means.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this local law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ANIMAL ABUSE CRIME – Any of the following crimes:

- (a) A violation of any of the following provisions of the New York State Agriculture Markets Law (“AML”) Article 26:

Section 351 – Prohibition of animal fighting

Section 353 – Overdriving, torturing and injuring animals; failure to provide proper sustenance

Section 353-a – Aggravated cruelty to animals

Section 355 – Abandonment of animals

Section 356 – Failure to provide proper food and drink to impounded animal

Section 359 – Carrying animal in a cruel manner

Section 360 – Poisoning or attempting to poison animals

Section 361 – Interference with or injury to certain domestic animals

Section 362 – Throwing substance injurious to animals in public place

Section 365 – Clipping or cutting the ears of dogs

Section 366 – Companion animal stealing

Section 366-a – Removing, seizing or transporting dogs for research purposes

- (b) Sexual misconduct with an animal in violation of New York State Penal Law (“PL”) §130.20 (3)
- (c) Harming a service animal in violation of PL §242.10 and §242.15
- (d) Killing or injuring a police animal in violation of PL §195.06
- (e) Harming an animal trained to aid a person with a disability in violation of PL §195.12
- (f) Any conviction of a crime based upon a reduced charge when the original offense was a charge listed in Section 3 (a) – (e) above.

ANIMAL ABUSE OFFENDER – Any person eighteen (18) years of age, or older, convicted of an Animal Abuse Crime, except youthful offenders whose convictions or adjudications include sealed records.

ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY – The online registry established by this Local Law for registering any person residing in STEUBEN County convicted of an Animal Abuse Crime.

ANIMAL SHELTER – Any public or privately owned organization including, but not limited to, any duly incorporated humane society, pound, animal protective association or animal rescue group which maintains buildings, structures, or other property for the purpose of harboring animals which may be stray, unwanted, lost, abandoned, or abused and seeks to find appropriate temporary or permanent homes for such animals.

COMPANION ANIMAL OR PET – Any dog or cat or any other domesticated animal normally maintained in or near the household of the owner or person who cares for such domesticated animal. It shall not include a Farm Animal.

CONVICTION – An adjudication of guilt by any court of competent jurisdiction whether upon verdict after trial, plea of guilty, or nolo contendere plea.

FARM ANIMAL – Any ungulate (a hooved mammal), poultry, species of cattle, sheep, swine, goats, llamas, horses or fur bearing animals (as defined in the Environmental Conservation Law 1 1-1907) which are raised for commercial or subsistence purposes. Fur bearing animals shall not include dogs or cats.

PET DEALER – (1) Any person or entity that engages in the sale or offers to sell more than nine (9) dogs and/or cats per year to the public; or (2) If the dogs and/or cats being sold or offered to be sold were born and raised on the premises of the person or entity who bred the dogs and/or cats that person or entity is considered a Pet Dealer if he/she/it engages in the sale or offers to sell twenty-five (25) or more dogs and/or cats per year to the public; (3) An Animal Shelter shall not be considered a Pet Dealer.

SERVICE ANIMAL – Any animal that has been partnered with a person who has a disability (as defined in Executive Law 5292(21)) and has been trained or is being trained, by a qualified person, to aid or guide a person with a disability.

**SECTION 3. ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY**

The Steuben County Sheriff, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to establish an online Animal Abuser Registry that shall contain the names and residence information of all available Animal Abuse Offenders living in Steuben County who are convicted of an Animal Abuse Crime on or after the Effective date of this law. The online Registry will be maintained by the Steuben County Sheriff’s Office and shall be listed

on the Steuben County website within the Steuben County Sheriff's Office web page. The online Animal Abuser Registry shall also contain links to other county Animal Abuser Registries that are available, or as they become available in the future, in the State of New York, with such other county registries to be used as informational resource by Animal Shelters or Pet Dealers located in Steuben County when they shall sell, exchange or otherwise transfer the ownership of any Companion Animal or Pet.

The registry shall contain the required information about each Animal Abuse Offender for a period of seven (7) years following his or her release from incarceration or, if not incarcerated, from the date of the judgement of conviction. Any currently or previously registered Animal Abuse Offender convicted of a subsequent Animal Abuse Crime shall be placed on the Animal Abuser Registry for life following the second judgment of conviction. Upon notification to the Steuben County Sheriff's Office of a successful appeal of a conviction of an Animal Abuse Crime by an individual that has been required to register pursuant to this Local Law, the registration information for that individual shall be removed from the Steuben County Animal Abuser Registry within five (5) days following the notification.

#### **SECTION 4. REGISTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- (A) All Animal Abuse Offenders who reside in Steuben County and who are convicted of an Animal Abuse Crime on or after the effective date of this Local Law must register with the Steuben County Animal Abuse Registry within five (5) days of their release from incarceration or, if not incarcerated, from the date of rendering of judgment. The registration requirements of this section shall be applicable for seven (7) years following the Animal Abuse Offender's release from incarceration or the date sentencing was rendered, whichever is later, and any Animal Abuse Offender who is convicted of a subsequent Animal Abuse Crime the registration requirement of this section shall apply for life following a second conviction.
- (B) When a person is convicted of an Animal Abuse Crime, the prosecuting agency shall forward to the Sheriff's Office the name and address of the convicted person along with the name of the Animal Abuse Crime the person was convicted of, thereby notifying the Sheriff's Office that the person is required to register with the Animal Abuser Registry.
- (C) Each person required to register with the Animal Abuser Registry shall submit to the Steuben County Sheriff's Office:
  - (i) Their name and any aliases they may be known by;
  - (ii) Their residence township;
  - (iii) Their date of birth: and
  - (iv) A photograph using a clear image of their face which is not changed by using computer software, phone apps or filters, or artificial intelligence; not less the 2" x 3" or a digital image commonly known as a digital photograph.
- (D) Within twenty (20) days of the anniversary day of the date an individual originally registered with the Animal Abuse Registry, said individual must personally appear at the Steuben County Sheriff's Office. The individual must confirm the accuracy or change the information provided pursuant to Section 5 (C) (i), (ii) and (iii) above and must provide a new photograph in compliance with Section 5(C)(iv) above. The individual must comply with this Section 5(D) every year the individual remains on the Animal Abuser Registry.
- (E) Every person required to register with the Animal Abuser Registry shall update their registry information within five (5) days of any change of residential address and/or upon any official change of name.
- (F) Every person required to register with the Animal Abuser Registry shall pay a onetime fee of one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars to the Steuben County Sheriff's Office at the time of

registration. All such fees shall be used to help pay the administrative and maintenance costs of maintaining the registry. In the event that a person is financially incapable of paying the registration fee said individual can make an application to the Steuben County Sheriff to waive the fee. The Steuben County Sheriff will investigate the application and shall have the sole discretion to grant or deny the application.

- (G) The Steuben County Sheriff is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the Animal Abuser Registry.

## **SECTION 5. PROHIBITION ON CONTACT WITH ANIMALS**

No person who is registered or required to register pursuant to Section 5 of this Local Law shall own, possess, reside with, have custody of, or intentionally engage in any physical contact with any Companion Animal or Pet.

## **SECTION 6. ANIMAL SHELTERS, PET DEALERS, INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES PROHIBITED FROM TRANSFERRING ANIMAL OWNERSHIP TO ANIMAL ABUSE OFFENDERS**

No Animal Shelter, Pet Dealer, Individual and Entity, located in Steuben County, shall sell, exchange or otherwise transfer the ownership of any Companion Animal or Pet to any person having a residence in Steuben County and listed as an Animal Abuse Offender on the Animal Abuser Registry. An Animal Shelter, Pet Dealer, Individual and Entity prior to the sale, exchange, or other transfer of ownership of any Companion Animal or Pet, shall examine the Animal Abuser Registry to confirm that the name of the potential owner of the Companion Animal or Pet is not listed. In the event an entity or individual subject to this Section 7 cannot access the Animal Abuser Registry they can call the Steuben County Sheriff's Office at (607)662-3901 to confirm whether or not the name of a potential owner appears on the Animal Abuse Registry.

This section shall not apply to Farm Animals for farmers or to Service Animals for people with disabilities.

## **SECTION 7. PENALTIES**

- (A) Any Animal Abuse Offender required to register with the Animal Abuser Registry who fails to so register shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by incarceration for a period of not more than one (1) year and/or a fine not to exceed two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars.
- (B) Any Animal Abuse Offender who violates the prohibition against possessing, owning, adopting, or purchasing a Companion Animal or Pet – except for Farm Animals for farmers, and Service Animals for people with disabilities – shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by incarceration for a period of not more than one (1) year and/or a fine not to exceed five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars.
- (C) Any Animal Shelter, Pet Dealer, Individual or Entity that knowingly violates Section 7 of this Local Law shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not to exceed five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars. The first violation of Section 7 of this Local Law shall not subject an Animal Shelter, Pet Dealer, Individual or Entity to a fine but all subsequent violations shall be subject to prosecution and fine. It shall not be a violation of this Local Law if the Animal Shelter, Pet Dealer, Individual or Entity can show proof that it/they checked with the Steuben County Animal Abuser Registry, and the name did not appear thereon.

## **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, subdivision or other part of the Local Law or its applications shall be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order of judgment shall not affect, impair, or otherwise invalidate the remainder of this Local Law which shall remain in full force and effect except as limited by such order or judgement.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This local law shall become effective upon final adoption.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, before said Local Law is adopted by the County Legislature, a Public Hearing shall be held on March 23, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the Steuben County Legislative Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Annex Building in the Village of Bath, New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the Clerk of the Legislature shall cause a notice of said Public Hearing to be posted at the Courthouse in the municipality of Bath, Corning City Hall, and the DMV office in Hornell, have said notice published for one insertion in the two official newspapers of the County, and shall cause such posting and publication to be completed at least five (5) days prior to the date heretofore set forth for the Public Hearing, with proof of posting and publication to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Sheriff, the County Attorney and the Clerk of the Legislature.

Mr. Thew stated under Section 2, Definitions, he would recommend that under Animal Abuse Crime, (a) it should state a “conviction”, not a “violation”. Additionally, he thinks we should have something in place so that judges have some sort of form that is circulated to them.

Mrs. Logsdon asked under Section 3, Establishing an Animal Abuser Registry, will publishing personal information violate any privacy laws? Mr. Rosell stated he will look at that and make sure that it will not be a violation. Mrs. Logsdon stated will that apply to sealed records as well? The NY Clean Slate Act automatically seals certain misdemeanors after 3 years and felonies after 8 years. Will we be able to keep someone on the registry past that time?

Mrs. Logsdon asked under Section 4 (b), who would be the prosecuting agency? Mr. Rosell stated the District Attorney’s Office will prosecute the crime. If they are convicted under the statute, then they will be required to register.

Mrs. Logsdon stated under Section 7 it says that if you knowingly violate then you are violating Section 7, but Section 7 is the penalties. Wouldn’t that be Section 6? Mr. Rosell stated he will look at it. Mrs. Logsdon stated with the fine, with the first conviction, there is no fine and the second conviction they get a \$5,000 fine. So, in reality you are convicting someone, but you are not doing anything. That would be like getting a speeding ticket and you are found guilty, but you don’t get a fine or anything. Mr. Rosell stated the Legislature has the power to impose whatever penalty you feel is appropriate. Mrs. Logsdon suggested \$1,000 for the first offense and \$5,000 for the second offense. Mr. Wheeler commented Section 7 (a) states that anyone who fails to register is subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,000. Mrs. Logsdon stated so this is saying that for a first offense there is no penalty? That does not seem right.

***Motion to Table for further discussion at Public Safety & Corrections Committee made by Mr. Thew, seconded by Ms. Shannon and duly carried.***

**RESOLUTION NO. 033-26**

Introduced by N. Pelham.

Seconded by J. Horton

**WAIVING THE ESTABLISHED TIP FEES FOR ROADSIDE CLEANUP WEEKS FOR LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES.**

Pursuant to Article 5 of the County Law of the State of New York.

**WHEREAS**, the County operates a mixed municipal solid waste landfill in the Town of Bath; and

**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes that the Cities, Villages and Towns collect garbage and tires along the streets and roadways in an effort to keep their communities clean; and

**WHEREAS**, the current tip fees at the landfill are \$52.00/ton for garbage, bulk loads; \$200.00/ton for passenger vehicle tires up to 20" and \$300.00/ton for large truck and tractor tires; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Committee desires to assist these local municipalities by waiving the posted tip fees for the disposal of 20 tons of garbage and 10 tons of tires for a two (2) week period each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the waiver is for roadside debris that is collected during routine maintenance activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Committee has directed the Commissioner of Public Works to establish guidelines for participation in the Roadside Cleanup Weeks.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Legislature does hereby authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to waive posted tip fees for the disposal of garbage, bulk loads and tires for a two-week period and forward the guidelines for the Roadside Cleanup Weeks to all Cities, Villages and Towns; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Public Works.

**Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 034-26**

Introduced by N. Pelham.

Seconded by W. Thew.

**AUTHORIZING A TIRE AMNESTY WEEK AND ESTABLISHING AN EVENT RECYCLE FEE.**

Pursuant to Article 5 of the County Law of the State of New York.

**WHEREAS**, the Solid Waste Division provides an ongoing tire recycling program for the residents and businesses of Steuben County; and

**WHEREAS**, the established recycle fee for tires is \$3.00 per passenger vehicle tire; and

**WHEREAS**, residents expressed concerns that there continues to be an abundance of abandoned tires on properties located within Steuben County; and

**WHEREAS**, a tire amnesty event would assist with the cleanup of abandoned tires; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Committee recommends that the Division provide one (1) week for a week-long tire amnesty event at the Bath Landfill, appropriately named "**Tire Dollar Days**"; and

**WHEREAS**, "**Tire Dollar Days**" is for the recycling of passenger vehicle tires only; normal posted recycle fees apply to large commercial, construction and agricultural tires; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Committee has established the recycle fee of \$1.00 per tire for passenger vehicle tires delivered to the landfill and transfer stations.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Steuben County Legislature does hereby authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to host “**Tire Dollar Days**” for one (1) week for the recycling of passenger vehicle tires at the Bath Landfill and establishes a \$1.00 per tire recycle fee for that one week only; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Public Works.

**Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 035-26**

Introduced by N. Pelham and S. Van Etten.

Seconded by R. Nichols.

**AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO CLOSE PUBLIC WORKS SMITH HILL BRIDGE CAPITAL PROJECT AND TRANSFER PROCEEDS TO PUBLIC WORKS FUTURE BRIDGE CAPITAL PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Department needs to close the Smith Hill Bridge Capital Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the proceeds from closing this project shall be transferred to the Future Bridge Capital Project; and

**WHEREAS**, said transfer will not increase the Public Works budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works and the Finance Committees have authorized the transfer of funds from the Smith Hill Bridge Capital Project to the Future Bridge Capital Project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to close following projects and transfer the proceeds:

- Decrease SMITH/COHO.6252 \$151,411.26
- Increase FUTRBRIDGE.6252 \$151,411.26

**RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Finance and the Commissioner of Public Works.

**Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 036-26**

Introduced by N. Pelham and S. Van Etten.

Seconded by F. Potter.

**AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL PROJECTS TO PUBLIC WORKS SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL CAPITAL PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Department needs to fund the Spill Prevention Control Capital Project; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available for transfer from various capital projects; and

**WHEREAS**, this transfer will not increase the Public Works budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works and the Finance Committees have authorized the transfer of funds from various Public Works Capital Projects to Public Works Spill Prevention Control Capital Project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfers:

- Decrease CATONSHOP.6251                      \$27,717.68
- Decrease FUELINGSYS.6253                      \$10,267.70
- Decrease OVRHEADDOOR.6251                      \$12,014.62
- Increase SPILLPREVN.6251                      \$50,000.00

**RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Finance and the Commissioner of Public Works.

**Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 037-26**

Introduced by N. Pelham and S. Van Etten.

Seconded by J. Tobia.

**AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM 2025 ROAD PROJECT FUNDS TO ROAD IMPROVEMENT UNASSIGNED.**

**WHEREAS**, Public Works has completed several Road Projects for 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a surplus of \$1,276,103.04 remaining in said projects; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to transfer the \$1,276,103.04 to the Road Improvements Unassigned account;  
and

**WHEREAS**, said transfers will not increase the Public Works Department budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works and Finance Committees recommend said transfers.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Commissioner of Finance is authorized to make the following transfers:

<b>Decrease</b>	<b>11200.6002</b>	<b>CRANBERRY RD</b>	<b>\$34,684.58</b>
<b>Decrease</b>	<b>11200.6016</b>	<b>TELEGRAPH RD</b>	<b>\$10,687.09</b>
<b>Decrease</b>	<b>11200.6021</b>	<b>S. CANISTEO/RATHBO</b>	<b>\$66.07</b>
<b>Decrease</b>	<b>11200.6022</b>	<b>ALLEN RD</b>	<b>\$58,888.40</b>
<b>Decrease</b>	<b>11200.6044</b>	<b>RIVER ROAD</b>	<b>\$132,766.99</b>
<b>Decrease</b>	<b>11200.6054</b>	<b>DUTCH STREET</b>	<b>\$290,000.00</b>
<b>Decrease</b>	<b>11200.6056</b>	<b>BUTCHERS CORNERS</b>	<b>\$123,470.15</b>
<b>Decrease</b>	<b>11200.6059</b>	<b>BROWN CHEESE FACT</b>	<b>\$1,335.06</b>
<b>Decrease</b>	<b>11200.6066</b>	<b>WEBBS CROSSING</b>	<b>\$53,535.20</b>
<b>Decrease</b>	<b>11200.6068</b>	<b>CROSBY CREEK</b>	<b>\$65,990.10</b>
<b>Decrease</b>	<b>11200.6072</b>	<b>DENNIS CORNERS</b>	<b>\$910.60</b>

Decrease	11200.6080	TRACY CREEK	\$69,561.09
Decrease	11200.6082	TROUPS-WOODHULL	\$13,795.29
Decrease	11200.6084	SQUAB HOLLOW-WIL	\$40,755.19
Decrease	11200.6088	PLEASANT VALLE	\$32,668.28
Decrease	11200.6092	KIEFFERS CRN-ORCH	\$51,716.95
Decrease	11200.6096	BIRDSEYE HOLLOW	\$30,000.00
Decrease	11200.6100	BORDEN-PULTENEY	\$27,365.74
Decrease	11200.610A	AVERILL	\$106,630.32
Decrease	11200.6115	CR115	\$45,640.04
Decrease	11200.6117	REXVILLE-TROUPSBU	\$14,095.74
Decrease	11200.6333	CAMPBELL-RISINGVIL	\$32,946.03
Decrease	11200.670A	BIG CREEK RD	\$26,285.58
Decrease	11200.6251	CAPT. PROJECT ROAD	\$12,308.55
Increase	11200.6900	RD IMPRO UNASSIGN	\$1,276,103.04

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Public Works and the Commissioner of Finance.

**Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 038-26**

Introduced by J. Tobia and S. Van Etten.

Seconded by R. Nichols.

**AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO TRANSFER UNUSED 2025 OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO CASA-TRINITY AIR PROGRAM FOR 2026.**

**WHEREAS**, Steuben County has received Opioid Settlement Funds, which are to be used for opioid treatment and prevention efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Services received authorization to utilize these funds to support CASA-Trinity in prevention, harm-reduction, and outreach/engagement efforts, allocating \$99,830.40 to these efforts in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, CASA-Trinity only used a portion of the 2025 allocated funds to support the Recovery Center and AIR services in Steuben County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Human Services Health & Education and Finance committees recommend the unused funds be rolled over.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Director of Community Services is hereby authorized to extend the agreement to fund the above-mentioned program on behalf of the Steuben County Legislature; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$57,435.17 from NYS OASAS Regional Abatement Opioid Settlement Funds as follows:

Expenditure account: 423020 543386 \$57,435.17  
Revenue account: 423020 434906 \$57,435.17

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of Community Services and the Commissioner of Finance.

**Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 039-26**

Introduced by J. Tobia and S. Van Etten.

Seconded by W. Thew.

**AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO THE CASA-TRINITY AIR PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, Steuben County has received Opioid Settlement Funds, which are to be used for opioid treatment and prevention efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Services received authorization to utilize these funds to support CASA-Trinity in prevention, harm-reduction, and outreach/engagement efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, CASA-Trinity has requested \$45,000.00 to support the Recovery Center and AIR services in Steuben County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Human Services Health & Education committee recommends the funding request.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Director of Community Services is authorized to enter into an agreement to fund the above-mentioned program on behalf of the Steuben County Legislature; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$45,000 from NYS OASAS Regional Abatement Opioid Settlement Funds as follows:

Expenditure account: 423020 543386 \$45,000

Revenue account: 423020 434906 \$45,000

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of Community Services and the Commissioner of Finance.

**Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 040-26**

Introduced by W. Thew and S. Van Etten.

Seconded by J. Tobia.

**AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER FROM THE UNDISTRIBUTED FRINGE LINE TO THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM.**

Pursuant to Section 2.07 of the Steuben County Charter.

**WHEREAS**, the Steuben County 2025 budget for the Assigned Counsel Program contains insufficient funds to cover expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee has approved this transfer from the Undistributed Fringe Line to cover the 2025 expenditures.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to adjust the following accounts in the 2025 budget:

- EXPENSE ACCOUNTS:
- Undistributed Fringe Line (900000-588000) – (\$250,000)
- Family Court (117003-542403) + \$75,000
- Felony (117003-542401) + \$175,000

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Manager, the Assigned Counsel Administrator and the Commissioner of Finance.

**Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 041-26**

Introduced by J. Tobia and S. Van Etten.

Seconded by J. Horton.

**ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING THE NEW YORK STATE SHELTER ARREARS EVICTION FORESTALLMENT (SAEF) PROGRAM ALLOCATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance has awarded the Steuben County Department of Social Services \$47,814 in New York State Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment (SAEF) Program allocations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department desires to utilize these funds to provide vital shelter arrear assistance to help eligible households retain permanent housing.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to accept \$47,814 in SAEF Program allocations and appropriate these funds into the 2026 Department of Social Services Budget as follows:

Expenditures:  
614000 543503 Assistance Payments      \$47,814

Revenues:  
614000 436400 State Revenue              \$47,814

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Finance, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services and the County Manager.

**Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 042-26**

Introduced by N. Pelham.

Seconded by F. Potter.

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH C & S ENGINEERS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Bridge NY (4) Transportation Project (PIN 6755.64) for the County Route 4 Bridge Replacement (BIN 3332800) over the Cohocton River, Town of Campbell ("the Project") is eligible for funding

under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs of such program to be borne at the ratio of 95% Bridge NY Federal funds and 5% non-Federal funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has previously entered into an agreement with C & S Engineers for Design and Right of Way Incidental and Acquisition work for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has now awarded construction of the Project, which will begin in February of 2026 and be completed in the fall of 2026, and is required to have full time Construction Inspection and Support performed for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to advance the Project by entering into a Construction Inspection and Support Agreement with C & S Engineers for \$425,000.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, this County Legislature hereby approves entering into the aforementioned Construction Inspection and Support Agreement with C & S Engineers; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, this County Legislature hereby authorizes the County to initially pay 100% of the costs of the work included in the aforementioned Agreement, with the understanding that all qualified costs will be eligible for 95% reimbursement from Bridge NY federal funds; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the County Manager be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County this Agreement and all reimbursement requests for Bridge NY federal funding with the NYS Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Commissioner of Public Works.

**Vote: Roll Call – Adopted.**

*Motion to combine resolutions #13 - #24 and waive the reading made by Mr. Thew, seconded by Mr. Van Caesele and duly carried.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 043-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by W. Thew.

**APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE STEUBEN COUNTY ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION ADVISORY BOARD.**

Pursuant to Section 12.19 of the Steuben County Charter, and Chapters 907 and 908, Laws of 1984.

**WHEREAS**, the Alternatives to Incarceration Program has been in effect since 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a requirement that said Board exists in order for the County to procure funding for certain Alternatives to Incarceration Programs.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Steuben County Manager appoints the following persons as members of the Steuben County Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Board for a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2028:

Honorable Mathew K. McCarthy  
Steuben County and Family Court Judge

Honorable Chauncey J. Watches  
Steuben County Judge

Honorable Christopher M. Tunney  
Steuben County Surrogate Court Judge

Honorable Christopher J. Ferratella  
City Court Judge

Brooks T. Baker, Esq.  
Steuben County District Attorney

Shawn M. Sauro, Esq.  
Steuben County Public Defender

Chairman or Designee  
Public Safety & Corrections Committee

Timothy J. Rosell  
Steuben County Attorney

Jack K. Wheeler  
Steuben County Manager

James L. Allard  
Steuben County Sheriff

Craig Pomplas, Director  
Steuben County Probation

Heather J. Sorge  
ATI Representative

Sienna Evingham  
Crime Victim

Lynn Lewis, Director  
Steuben County Community Services/  
NYS Certified Alcohol and Substance  
Abuse Treatment Provider

To be appointed by Chair of  
the Steuben County Legislature  
Ex-Offender

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the above-named Advisory Board members shall serve without compensation and shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for necessary expenses, including mileage, long-distance telephone calls and meals, with proper receipts, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above-named appointees; the County Auditor, the County Commissioner of Finance, and Robert Maccaroni, Deputy Commissioner and Director, NYS Department of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, 4 Tower Place, Albany, NY 12203.

**Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 044-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by W. Thew.

#### **APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD AND SUBCOMMITTEES.**

**WHEREAS**, vacancies exist on the Steuben County Community Services Board and Subcommittees; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 41.11 of the Mental Hygiene Law requires that said appointments be made by local government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Steuben County Manager has recommended the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Steuben County Legislature:

#### **Community Services Board**

1. Cora Saxton  
310 East Naples Street  
Wayland, NY 14572

#### **TERM**

01/01/25 – 12/31/28

2. Gabe Smalt, Director  
Steuben County Office for the Aging  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/25 – 12/31/28
3. Mark R. Alger  
109 Rumsey Street  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/26 – 12/31/29
4. Matthew Marmor, Interim Director  
Steuben County Public Health  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/26 – 12/31/29
5. Gina Reagan  
Catholic Charities of Steuben  
23 Liberty Street  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/26 – 12/31/29
6. Jamie Kennedy (*filling unexpired term of Doreen Patterson*)  
Steuben County Community Services  
115 Liberty Street  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/23 – 12/31/26
7. Kathryn Muller, Commissioner  
Steuben County Department of Social Services  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/24 – 12/31/27
8. Mike Damiano  
The Arc Allegany-Steuben  
One Arc Way  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/24 – 12/31/27
9. Robert Cole, M.D.  
10101 Grandview Lane  
Hammondsport, NY 14840 01/01/24 – 12/31/27

**Mental Health Subcommittee:**

1. Cora Saxton  
310 East Naples Street  
Wayland, NY 14572 01/01/25 – 12/31/28
2. Stephanie Clark, Deputy Director (*filling unexpired term of Craig Pomplas*)  
Steuben County Probation  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/25 – 12/31/28
3. Kathryn Muller, Commissioner  
Steuben County Department of Social Services  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/26 – 12/31/29

4. Cynthia Gee  
Family Service Society, Inc.  
280 Princeton Avenue Ext.  
Corning, NY 14830 01/01/26 – 12/31/29
5. Bill Caudill, Youth Program Coordinator  
Steuben County Youth Bureau  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/23 – 12/31/26
6. Gina Reagan  
Catholic Charities of Steuben  
23 Liberty Street  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/24 – 12/31/27
7. Gabe Smalt, Director  
Steuben County Office for the Aging  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/24 – 12/31/27

**Chemical Dependency Subcommittee**

1. Caleb Cutler  
Steuben Prevention Coalition  
8 East Morris Street  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/25 – 12/31/28
2. Lauren Mault (*Previously Vacant*)  
8 East Morris Street  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/25 – 12/31/28
3. Bianca Crandle  
Family Service Society, Inc.  
280 Princeton Avenue Ext.  
Corning, NY 14830 01/01/26 – 12/31/29
4. Tatiana Zentz  
CASA-Trinity  
45 Maple Street  
Dansville, NY 14437 01/01/26 – 12/31/29
5. Susan Hooker  
Hornell Area Concern for Youth  
76 East Main Street  
Hornell, NY 14843 01/01/23 – 12/31/26
6. Connie Terri  
Steuben Prevention Coalition  
8 East Morris Street  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/23 – 12/31/26
7. Matthew Marmor, Interim Director (*filling unexpired term of Stacie Wing*)  
Steuben County Public Health  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810 01/01/24 – 12/31/27

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| 8. | Robert Cole, M.D.<br>10101 Grandview Lane<br>Hammondsport, NY 14840                 | 01/01/24 – 12/31/27 |
| 9. | Gina Reagan<br>Catholic Charities of Steuben<br>23 Liberty Street<br>Bath, NY 14810 | 01/01/24 – 12/31/27 |

**Developmental Disabilities Committee**

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|----|--|---------------------|
| 1. | Mike Damiano ( <i>filling unexpired term of Matt Mehlenbacher</i> )<br>The Arc Allegany-Steuben<br>One Arc Way<br>Bath, NY 14810 | 01/01/25 – 12/31/28 |
| 2. | Charlene Robinson<br>5788 Bonny Hill Road<br>Bath, NY 14810  | 01/01/25 – 12/31/28 |
| 3. | Lillian Fazi<br>Steuben County Community Services<br>115 Liberty Street<br>Bath, NY 14810  | 01/01/26 – 12/31/29 |
| 4. | Elisa Tobia<br>401 West 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Corning, NY 14830   | 01/01/26 – 12/31/29 |
| 5. | Mark R. Alger<br>109 Rumsey Street<br>Bath, NY 14810   | 01/01/23 – 12/31/26 |
| 6. | Jeannie Wheeler<br>Bath Central School District<br>25 Ellas Avenue<br>Bath, NY 14810   | 01/01/23 – 12/31/26 |
| 7. | Erin Warr<br>Pathways, Inc.<br>33 Denison Parkway West<br>Corning, NY 14830  | 01/01/24 – 12/31/27 |
| 8. | Jamie Kennedy ( <i>Previously Vacant</i> )<br>Steuben County Community Services<br>115 Liberty Street<br>Bath, NY 14810          | 01/01/24 – 12/31/27 |

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Steuben County Legislature shall confirm the appointment of the aforesaid persons to the Community Services Board for the terms indicated; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the members shall serve without compensation except for necessary expenses, upon presentation of receipts, related to the fulfillment of their duties on the Community Services Board and subcommittees; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above-named appointees; Lynn Gramley, LCSW-R, Director of Community Services; and the County Auditor.

**Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 045-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by W. Thew.

**APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE STEUBEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Pursuant to Section 12.19 of the Steuben County Charter, Section 224 of the County Law and upon the request of the said Association.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article V, Section 3 (B)(2) of the Association By-Laws, the County governing body shall be requested annually to appoint two legislators to serve as an ex-officio Director with voting privileges.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the appointment of **Hilda T. Lando, Legislator, District 2**, and **Frederick G. Potter, Legislator, District 10**, by the Steuben County Manager as Legislator representatives on the Board of Directors of the Cooperative Extension Association of Steuben County for a one (1) year term beginning January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2026; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the members shall serve without compensation except for necessary expenses, upon presentation of receipts, related to the fulfillment of their duties on the Cooperative Extension Association Board of Directors; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above-named appointees, the County Auditor and to the Cooperative Extension Association of Steuben County, 3 East Pulteney Square, Bath, NY 14810.

**Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 046-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by W. Thew.

**APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE STEUBEN COUNTY ETHICS BOARD.**

Pursuant to Section 12.20 of the Steuben County Charter.

**WHEREAS**, the Steuben County Ethics Board was reconstituted to a three-member board pursuant to Resolution No. 014-19 of the Steuben County Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, each member of the Steuben County Ethics Board shall serve a staggered three-year term; initially one member shall serve for one year, one shall serve for two years, and one shall serve for three years, as outlined in the *Administrative Code*; and

WHEREAS, due to the expiration of terms of the Steuben County Ethics Board it is necessary to appoint/reappoint the following:

**January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026**

Amy R. Dlugos, Prattsburgh, NY 14873

**January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027**

Matthew Hill, Bath, NY 14810

**January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028**

Lynn Gramley, Canisteo, NY 14823

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the above-mentioned individuals are hereby appointed to the Steuben County Ethics Board and shall serve without compensation except for necessary expenses, upon presentation of receipts, related to the fulfillment of their duties on the Ethics Board; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above-named individuals and the County Auditor.

**Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 047-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by W. Thew.

**APPOINTING THE STEUBEN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GENESEE VALLEY REGIONAL MARKET AUTHORITY.**

Pursuant to Section 12.19 of the Steuben County Charter and Article 4, Title 4 of the Public Authorities Law.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Steuben County to have a representative on the Board of Directors of the Genesee Valley Regional Market Authority.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED, John Meyer of Joseph L. Meyer & Sons, Inc.**, is hereby appointed as the Steuben County representative on the Board of Directors of the Genesee Valley Regional Market Authority for a term of two (2) years from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, said member shall serve without compensation except for necessary expenses, upon presentation of receipts, related to the fulfillment of his duties on the Genesee Valley Regional Market Authority; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above-named individual at 9260 State Route 21, Cohocton, NY 14826; Brendan Tydings, Administrator, Genesee Valley Regional Market Authority, 900 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623; and the County Auditor.

**Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 048-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by W. Thew.

**APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE.**

Pursuant to Section 12.20 of the Steuben County Charter.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the County Manager is recommending the following individuals for appointment to the Hall of Fame Committee for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028:

**LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE**

K. Michael Hanna, 13 Vine Street, Hammondsport, NY 14840

**EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE**

Sheri Golder, 58 River Road, Corning, NY 14830

**PRIVATE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE**

Kirk House, 26 Hudson Street, Bath, NY 14810

**AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES**

Steve Cotton, 4093 State Route 36, Canisteo, NY 14823

Angela Einwachter, 5928 Cook School Road, Prattsburgh, NY 14873

Kathy Hagenbuch, 4737 Clawson Drive, Campbell, NY 14821

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the above-named appointees shall serve without compensation except for necessary expenses, upon presentation of receipts, related to the fulfillment of their duties on the Hall of Fame Committee; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above-named appointees, the County Historian and the County Auditor.

**Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 049-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by W. Thew.

**APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN NEW YORK.**

Pursuant to Section 12.19 of the Steuben County Charter.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, the Steuben County Manager does hereby designate the following as representatives of this Legislature to the Inter-County Association of Western New York:

1. **HILDA T. LANDO**, voting representative
2. **DEBORAH SHANNON**, voting representative
3. **AMANDA L. CHAPMAN**, voting representative
4. **JACK K. WHEELER**, alternate voting representative
5. **CHRISTOPHER BREWER**, alternate voting representative

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the representatives shall serve without compensation except for necessary expenses, upon presentation of receipts related to the fulfillment of their duties on the Inter-County Association of Western New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above-named representatives, the County Auditor and the President of the Inter-County Association of Western New York.

**Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 050-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by W. Thew.

**APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STEUBEN COUNTY JURY BOARD.**

Pursuant to section 12.19 of the Steuben County Charter and Section 503 of the Judiciary Law of the State of New York.

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 188-88, adopted by the Steuben County Legislature on May 23, 1988, appointed a Legislative Representative to the Steuben County Jury Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the Legislative Representative to the Jury Board has expired.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, **Jeffrey P. Horton, District 8**, is hereby appointed as the Legislative Representative to the Steuben County Jury Board for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2026, and expiring December 31, 2027; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, said representative shall serve without compensation except for necessary expenses, upon presentation of receipts, related to the fulfillment of her duties on the Steuben County Jury Board; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above-named appointee, the Administrative Justice of the Seventh Judicial District of the State of New York, Supreme Court Chambers, Hall of Justice, 99 Exchange Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14614; the Commissioner of Jurors; the County Clerk; and the County Auditor.

**Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 051-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by W. Thew.

**APPOINTING STEUBEN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEES ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION.**

Pursuant to Section 12.20 of the Steuben County Charter.

**WHEREAS**, New York State law requires school districts to establish committees on Preschool Special Education; and

**WHEREAS**, counties have been given the option of appointing representatives to each of the school districts therein.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Steuben County hereby appoints the following as representatives to all School Districts serving Steuben County residents, and be it further;

**RESOLVED**, that the following appointments to said Committees by recommendation of the Steuben County Manager are hereby approved and ratified:

Krystal Potter, Deputy Director  
Steuben County Public Health  
Special Children’s Services  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810

Nicole Hogan, Administrative Officer  
Steuben County Public Health  
Special Children’s Services  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810

Ellen Feidner, Service Coordinator  
Steuben County Public Health  
Special Children’s Services  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810

Haley Hullings, Service Coordinator  
Steuben County Public Health  
Special Children’s Services  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810

Jessica Douglas, Service Coordinator  
Steuben County Public Health  
Special Children’s Services  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the above-named appointees shall serve without compensation and shall only receive reimbursement for necessary expenses, upon presentation of receipts, related to the fulfillment of their duties on the Preschool Special Education Committee; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above-named appointees and the County Auditor.

**Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 052-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by W. Thew.

**FILLING A VACANCY ON THE STEUBEN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD.**

Pursuant to Section 12.19 of the Steuben County Charter and Article 43 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists on the Steuben County Traffic Safety Board and said vacancy needs to be filled.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Steuben County Manager hereby endorses the appointment of the following person as a member of the Steuben County Traffic Safety Board for the term indicated:

**JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2027**

Frederick G. Potter, Steuben County Legislator, District 10

*(filling unexpired term of Carol A. Ferratella, Steuben County Legislator, District 13)*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the organization of the Steuben County Traffic Safety Board shall be in accordance with Section 1674 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law and the members shall receive no compensation for their services on such Board, but shall be entitled to the reasonable and necessary expenses, upon submission of a County voucher with receipts attached, incurred in the performance of their duties within any appropriation made for such purpose. The functions of the Board shall be in accordance with Section 1675 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above-named appointee, the County Auditor, and the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee, Swan Street Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12228.

**Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 053-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by W. Thew.

**APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SOUTHERN TIER CENTRAL REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD.**

Pursuant to Section 12.19 of the Steuben County Charter and the provisions of Article 12-B of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

**RESOLVED**, the recommended appointments made by the Steuben County Manager for membership on the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board and set forth below are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed for two (2) year terms commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027.

**LEGISLATOR MEMBERS**

1. Kelly H. Fitzpatrick, 6342 Robie Road, Savona, NY
2. Hilda T. Lando, 65 Wilson Avenue, Corning, NY
3. Michael J. Volino, 7582 County Route 333, Campbell, NY

**REPRESENTATIVE OF STEUBEN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

1. Marie Myers Shearing, Director, Steuben County Planning Department

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

1. Jennifer Miller, Corning City Planning & Economic Development Director
2. John Buckley, Mayor, City of Hornell

**REGIONAL COMMERCE-BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE**

1. James C. Johnson, 7234 Route 54 N, Bath, NY

**REGIONAL AGRICULTURE REPRESENTATIVE**

1. Tom Hauryski, 2062 CR 17, Campbell, NY

**AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE**

1. Jack K. Wheeler, Steuben County Manager

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

1. Steuben County Commissioner of Public Works
2. Steuben County Commissioner of Finance
3. Steuben County Agricultural Program Leader
4. Steuben County Attorney

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the members shall serve without compensation except for necessary expenses, upon presentation of receipts, related to the fulfillment of their duties on the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above-named appointees; the New York State Division of Community Affairs, 162 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231; the County Auditor and to Chelsea Robertson, Executive Director, Southern Tier Regional Planning and Development Board, 8 Denison Parkway East, Suite 301, Corning, NY 14830.

**Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 054-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by W. Thew.

**APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE STEUBEN COUNTY YOUTH BOARD.**

Pursuant to Article 19-A of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

**WHEREAS**, by resolution of the Steuben County Board of Supervisors duly adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1977, a Steuben County Youth Board was established.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the following individuals are hereby appointed and designated as members of the Steuben County Youth Board for a term commencing on January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

1. Mark R. Alger, Community Representative, 109 Rumsey St., Bath, NY 14810
2. Sierra A. Carrington, Youth, Hornell City School District
3. Rukma Chaudhury, Youth, Corning-Painted Post Area School District
4. Ashilee Dickinson, Assistant Public Defender, 3 E. Pulteney Sq., Bath, NY 14810
5. Kathleen Hagenbuch, Community Representative, 4737 Clawson Drive, Campbell, NY 14821
6. Lynn Gramley, Steuben County Community Services, 115 Liberty St., Bath, NY 14810
7. Matthew Marmor, Steuben County Public Health Department, 3 E. Pulteney Sq., Bath, NY 14810
8. Kelley Meade, Hammondsport Central School District, 8272 Main Street, Hammondsport, NY 14840
9. Kathryn A. Muller, Steuben County Department of Social Services, 3 E Pulteney Sq., Bath, NY 14810
10. Craig Pomplas, Steuben County Probation Department, 3 E. Pulteney Sq., Bath, NY 14810
11. Matthew S. Sabins, Youth, Bath Central School District
12. Ingrid Welch, Center for Dispute Settlement, 1066 Bollen Rd., Troupsburg 14885

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the members shall serve without compensation except for necessary expenses, upon presentation of receipts, related to the fulfillment of their duties on the Youth Board; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the above-named designees; the Steuben County Auditor; and the Steuben County Youth Programs Coordinator.

**Vote: Acclamation – Adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 055-26**

Introduced by K. Fitzpatrick.

Seconded by J. Horton.

**MATTER(S) PERTAINING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM(S) BY OR AGAINST THE COUNTY.**

Pursuant to Article 5 of the County Law of the State of New York; and Administrative Code Part IX(C)(2).

**WHEREAS**, the following civil action has been initiated in the New York State Supreme Court:

United States Federal Court  
Western District Court of New York  
Index No. 24-CV-01123-LJV  
Matthew Shaffer, et al.,  
Plaintiff

v.

Judy Hunter, County Clerk, et al.  
Defendants.

; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties are desirous of settling the claim arising from the right that Plaintiffs were denied the ability to apply for a pistol permit because of their status as out of state residents.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the County does hereby ratify the Settlement Agreement and General Release to be executed by the respective parties to the above-entitled claim requiring the payment of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) on the part of the County, and any necessary documents, Attorney for the County to execute on behalf of the County; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the County Attorney or counsel designated by them shall make application to the Court for approval of the recited settlement terminating the litigation of the above-entitled claim; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the County does hereby ratify the settlement of the above-entitled claim in the amount of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the within resolution shall be reported out promptly following the Federal District Court's approval of the recited settlement; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Attorney for the Plaintiff, Nicolas J. Rotsko, Esq., 1751 Pinnacle Drive, Suite 1000, Tyson, VA 22102 and Scott Sprague, Steuben County Risk Manager.

**Vote: Roll Call – Adopted. Yes – 8231; No – 0; Abstained – 0; Absent – 1127 (Absent – Legislators Lando and Schu)**

Mr. Tobia stated the Governor has proposed legislation that would make it illegal for ICE to enter into agreements with local police agencies. If this is passed, that agreement that we signed, would it make that void? Mr. Rosell stated we will need to see the language of the bill and if it is retroactive. If that is passed, the Governor would be overriding home rule. Ms. Shannon stated when she read the bill, the stipulation was for all new partnerships and did not include preexisting. Mr. Wheeler stated it will all depend on the language of the bill.

*Motion to Adjourn Regular Session and Reconvene in Executive Session Pursuant to Public Officers' Law, Article 7§ 105(1)(d) Discussions Regarding Proposed, Pending or Current Litigation; and Article 7§ 105(1)(e) Collective Negotiations Pursuant to Article Fourteen of the Civil Service Law made by Mr. Pelham, seconded by Mr. Horton and duly carried.*

*Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene in Regular Session made by Mr. Pelham, seconded by Mr. Horton and duly carried.*

*Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Pelham, seconded by Mr. Horton and duly carried.*