

REGULAR MEETING
DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AUGUST 27, 2025

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, Chairman Tina B. Molé presiding.

The Clerk called the roll and all Supervisors were present except Mr. Marshfield, Mr. Hinkley, and Mr. Kosier.

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

Ms. Molé introduced the new Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Elizabeth DeFalco.

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. Cetta offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 135

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
APPROPRIATION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board (OSFAB) of 2021 appropriated funding to counties to assist in the New York State's efforts for treatment, recovery, harm reduction and prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County was awarded a total of \$668,135.00 from New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to be used for eligible costs incurred during the period January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2039; and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Settlement Funds Committee has done a thorough and impartial review of proposals and has approved the following projects for funding:

- Stamford Wellness Center – funding for per-diem counselors for low cost mental health counseling (10) \$50,000.00
- DELcovery – for one year maintenance on DELcovery app, one-time new feature development, \$21,250.00

- Behavioral Health – for 9 staff members to attend the Harvard Addiction Conference in Somerville MA., for 4 staff members to attend the Harvard Addictions Conference Virtually. Cost of the conference, travel, meals and hotel accommodations \$17,780.50
- Behavioral Health – to purchase phlebotomy supplies of an accuVein Vein Visualization System and a Bariatric Phlebotomy chair

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-11325-43308902/1327890/887	State Aid Other – Opioid Revenue	\$94,296.38
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-14310-54586000/1327890/887	MH – Stamford Wellness Center	\$50,000.00
10-14317-54586000/1327890/887	ADA – Addictions Conference Training	\$17,780.50
10-14317-54586000/1327890/887	ADA – Phlebotomy Supplies	\$5,265.88
10-14310-54586000/1327890/887	MH – DELcovery	\$21,250.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Merrill and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 176, Noes 0, Absent 24 (Marshfield, Hinkley, Kosier).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 136

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
ACCEPTANCE OF RURAL HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE FUNDS
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Public Health Services has received funding support through the Rural Healthcare Alliance to assist with the development of the Delaware County Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP); and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Health requires every local health department to conduct a Community Health Assessment and implement a Community Health Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the CHA is comprehensive picture of a community's current health status, factors contributing to higher health risks or poorer health outcomes, and community resources available to improve health. The CHA identifies key health needs and issues through systematic, comprehensive data collection, and analysis; and

WHEREAS, this information can help develop a community health improvement plan by justifying how and where resources should be allocated to best meet the community health needs of Delaware County.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-14012-42270603/4012030/906	Grants – Local Sources	\$8,700.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-14012-54327000/4012030/906	General Grant Related Exp	\$8,700.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 176, Noes 0, Absent 24 (Marshfield, Hinkley, Kosier).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 137

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR
BINGOCIZE FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM
OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging has been granted \$5,858.00 from Cornell Cooperative Extension to expand the agency’s Bingocize Fall Prevention program for the County’s older population; and

WHEREAS, this funding will be used to engage in activities to support fall prevention and stay healthy wellness programs.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-16772-42270602/6772081/977	Grants from Nonprofit	\$5,858.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-16772-54327000/6772081/977	General Grant Related Expenses	\$5,858.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 176, Noes 0, Absent 24 (Marshfield, Hinkley, Kosier).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 138

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR
TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS PROGRAM
OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging has been granted \$7,482.00 from Cornell Cooperative Extension to expand the agency's existing Tai Chi for Arthritis program for the County's older population; and

WHEREAS, this funding will be used to engage in activities to support health promotion and stay healthy wellness programs.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-16772-42270602/6772082/977	Grants from Nonprofit	\$7,482.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-16772-54327000/6772082/977	General Grant Related Expenses	\$7,482.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold.

In response to Ms. Molé, Assistant to the Director of Office for the Aging Joanne Sampson confirmed the Tai Chi for Arthritis and Bingocize programs are very popular.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 176, Noes 0, Absent 24 (Marshfield, Hinkley, Kosier).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 139

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR
SNAP ED/LOCAL ROOTS PRODUCE BOX DISTRIBUTION
OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging will receive \$7,830.00 from Cornell Cooperative Extension for the agency's Food Box Distribution Project for the County's older population; and

WHEREAS, this funding will be used to provide locally grown produce to support and promote the agency's stay healthy wellness programs.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-16772-42270602/6772083/977	Grants from Nonprofit	\$7,830.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-16772-54327000/6772083/977	General Grant Related Expenses	\$7,830.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis.

Ms. Molé stated this is another good program offered by Office for the Aging.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 176, Noes 0, Absent 24 (Marshfield, Hinkley, Kosier).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 140

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
DELAWARE COUNTY LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
DELAWARE COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Youth Bureau is the designated local agency to administer youth related programs; and

WHEREAS, the need exists to increase the number of certified Lifeguards in Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, 100% of the funding will be in the form of a grant from the A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation, Inc.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-17310-42207000/7310009/987	Contributions Private Agencies Youth	\$14,945.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-17310-54405050/7310009/987	Delaware County Lifeguard Certification	\$14,945.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Faulkner and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 176, Noes 0, Absent 24 (Marshfield, Hinkley, Kosier).

Mrs. Driscoll offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 141

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

WHEREAS, the sum of \$2,500.00 has been made available to the District Attorney by way of drug forfeiture money, which is currently in that budget line for the District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the office is in need of \$2,500.00 to facilitate a drug investigation being done jointly between the DA's office, the Sheriff's Office and the Violent Gangs and Narcotics Enforcement Team (VGNET).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a transfer be authorized and the 2025 Budget be amended as follows:

TRANSFER FROM:

10-00000-34899000/1325886/889	Restricted Fund Balance	\$2,500.00
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TRANSFER TO:

10-11165-54465000	Miscellaneous	\$2,500.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Merrill and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 176, Noes 0, Absent 24 (Marshfield, Hinkley, Kosier).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 142

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
PERSONNEL OFFICE**

WHEREAS, anticipated legal expenses exceed the amount budgeted for the Personnel Office.

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

TRANSFER FROM:

10-11990-54900000	Contingency	\$40,000.00
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TRANSFER TO:

10-11430-54400000	Legal Expense	\$40,000.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gladstone and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 176, Noes 0, Absent 24 (Marshfield, Hinkley, Kosier).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 143

**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	\$65,696.40
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TRANSFER TO:

10-14390-54535420	Professional Fees Psychiatric	\$65,696.40
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Merrill.

Mr. Ellis stated the monthly expense has slightly decreased. Mr. Merrill agreed, and said one person has “graduated” from the program, but another person has entered.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 176, Noes 0, Absent 24 (Marshfield, Hinkley, Kosier).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 144

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET ADMENDMENT
TRANSFER OF FUNDS
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Health requires every local health department to conduct a Community Health Assessment (CHA) and implement a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP); and

WHEREAS, the CHA is a comprehensive picture of a community's current health status, factors contributing to higher health risks or poorer health outcomes, and community resources available to improve health. The CHA identifies key health needs and issues through systematic, comprehensive data collection, and analysis; and

WHEREAS, this information can help develop a community health improvement plan by justifying how and where resources should be allocated to best meet the community health needs of Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Infrastructure grant has approved Delaware County Public Health Services to contract with DataGen to develop the CHA and CHIP; and

WHEREAS, a transfer of funds is necessary to pay the approved contract.

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

TRANSFER FROM:

10-14012-54105000	Advertising	\$15,000.00
10-14012-54615010	Training Department	\$18,000.00
10-14059-54360000	Itinerate Providers EI	\$25,300.00

TRANSFER TO:

10-14012-54200000	Contracted Services	\$58,300.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Cetta.

In reply to Ms. Molé, Public Health Director Mandy Walsh said the assessment used to be conducted every three to four years but now it is conducted approximately every six years.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 176, Noes 0, Absent 24 (Marshfield, Hinkley, Kosier).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 145

**TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING
DELAWARE COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE RULES CHANGE
PERSONNEL OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Civil Service Rules are in need of amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on such proposed changes on the 8th day of October, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York.

Ms. Molé asked Personnel Officer Carrara Knoetgen if the proposed changes are state changes, or updates to Delaware County's Civil Service Rules.

In response, Mrs. Knoetgen stated it is a combination of both. She stated the revisions to Appendices to update and add title classifications will be to create new positions within the County once approved by New York State.

Mrs. Knoetgen also stated the proposed revisions to Definitions in Rule I are to keep with the New York State Civil Service Model Rules which have been updated.

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

Ms. Molé stated the public hearing will be held in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, on October 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 146

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRANSFER FUNDS
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors passed resolution number 132 on July 23, 2025 under the Hazard Mitigation efforts of the Delaware County Planning Department to purchase 10 weather stations with software and administrative support to report data to the National Weather Service with the approval of the Planning, Recreation, Culture and Community Committee and the Finance Committee to fund appropriations to purchase the required equipment and software and enter into a five-year contract with an outside service provider for maintenance and software updates; and

WHEREAS, the funds must be separated into accounts for each Equipment, Software and Maintenance for accurate reporting of expenses paid.

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

TRANSFER FROM:

10-18020-52200000	Equipment	\$35,285.00
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TRANSFER TO:

10-18020-54415090	Maintenance	\$25,100.00
10-18020-54580070	Software	\$10,185.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 176, Noes 0, Absent 24 (Marshfield, Hinkley, Kosier).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 147

TITLE: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF DELAWARE IMPOSING GENERAL SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 1210 OF ARTICLE 29 OF THE NEW YORK TAX LAW

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Delaware, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4-A of Resolution No. 144, enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Delaware on June 13, 1990, imposing sales and compensating use taxes, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 4-A. Imposition of additional rate of sales and compensating use taxes.

Pursuant to the authority of Section 1210 of the Tax Law, in addition to the sales and compensating use taxes imposed by Sections 2 and 4 of this resolution, there is hereby imposed and there shall be paid an additional one percent rate of such sales and compensating use taxes, for the period beginning December 1, 2003, and ending November 30, 2025. Such additional taxes shall be identical to the taxes imposed by such Sections 2 and 4 and shall be administered and collected in the same manner as such taxes. All of the provisions of this resolution relating or applicable to the administration and collection of the taxes imposed by such Sections 2 and 4 shall apply to the additional taxes imposed by this section, including the applicable transitional provisions, limitations, special provisions, exemptions, exclusions, refunds and credits as are set forth in this resolution, with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been incorporated in full into this section and had expressly referred to the additional taxes imposed by this section.

SECTION 2. Paragraph (C) of subdivision (1) of Section 11 of Resolution No. 144, enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Delaware on June 13, 1990, imposing sales and use taxes, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(C) With respect to the additional tax of one percent imposed for the period beginning December 1, 2003, and ending November 30, 2027, in respect to the use of property used by the purchaser in this county prior to December 1, 2003.

SECTION 3. This enactment shall take effect December 1, 2025.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis.

Mr. Merrill stated the Board passed a resolution previously in relation to the imposition of general sales and compensating use taxes. He said this resolution was sent to and returned by the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance Office of Counsel with changes to the rules and resolution language.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 148

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$1,918,240.76 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	\$1,818,131.20
OET	\$0.00
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$0.00
CAP MH	\$0.00
CAP DSS	\$9,290.14
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights & Measures	\$0.00
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$41,578.69
Road	\$68.90
Machinery	\$49,171.83
Capital Solid Waste	\$0.00
Capital Road & Bridge	\$0.00
CAP DPW Complex	\$0.00

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$4,024,428.41 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	\$1,370,980.18
OET	\$0.00
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
Insurance Risk	\$260.00
CAP 97 Main	\$0.00
CAP MH	\$0.00
CAP DSS	\$153.97
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights & Measures	\$78.10
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$155,043.88
Road	\$1,553,861.12
Machinery	\$219,694.87
Capital Solid Waste	\$283,085.45
Capital Road & Bridge	\$198,406.28
Capital Solid Waste Improvements	\$195,138.75
CAP DPW Complex	\$47,725.81

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 176, Noes 0, Absent 24 (Marshfield, Hinkley, Kosier).

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.