

COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BY: Wayland Gladstone
DATE: 10/17/2025
BY PHONE: BY EMAIL: √ IN PERSON:
PREFILED: √ NOT-PREFILED:

RESOLUTION NO. 171

TITLE: EXCEPTION TO RESOLUTION NO. 269 OF 1990 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Department, at times, experiences difficulties in filling all open dispatchers shifts; and

WHEREAS, from time to time employees in other County Departments are willing to work on a per-hour, as-needed basis in the Emergency Services Department.

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

COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BY: Jim Ellis
DATE: 10/16/2025
BY PHONE: BY EMAIL: IN PERSON: √
PREFILED: √ NOT-PREFILED:

RESOLUTION NO. 172

TITLE: AMENDMENT TO CIVIL SERVICE RULES FOR DELAWARE COUNTY AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS PERSONNEL OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer deems it necessary to make certain changes to the Text and Appendices of the Delaware County Civil Service Rules; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has duly advertised and has on October 8th, 2025, held a public hearing on the matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the State Civil Service Commission, the following changes be made to the Text and Appendices of the Delaware County Civil Service Rules:

Text

RULE I

DELETE:

Unless otherwise expressly stated or unless the context or subject matter requires a different meaning, the several terms hereinafter mentioned, whenever used in these Rules, shall be construed as follows:

1. "Personnel Office" means the Personnel Office for the County of Delaware.
2. "Employee" means the incumbent of a position holding the position in accordance with these rules and the Civil Service Law.
3. "Position" means an office or employment involving an aggregation of duties to be performed and responsibilities to be exercised by one person.
4. "Compensation" means the remuneration of a position and shall include lodging, food, maintenance and commutation when the same is furnished.

5. "Eligible List" means an official record kept in the Personnel Office as a public record which contains the names of those persons who have their final ratings from the highest to the lowest rank.
6. "Part-Time Employment" means any employment of a combination of one or more employments in a civil division in which an individual works less than fifty percent of the time prescribed as a normal work week by the appropriate governing body or other appropriate authority of the civil division.
7. "Transfer" means the change, without further examination, of a permanent employee from a position under the jurisdiction of one appointing authority to a similar position under the jurisdiction of another appointing authority, or to a position in a different title in the same salary grade under the jurisdiction of the same appointing authority.
8. "Reassignment" means the change, without further examination, of a permanent employee from one position to another similar position under the jurisdiction of the same appointing authority.
9. "Municipality" means county, town, city, village or special district.

ADD:

Unless otherwise expressly stated, or unless the context or subject matter requires a different meaning, the several terms hereinafter mentioned, whenever used in these Rules, shall be construed as follows:

1. "Compensation" means the remuneration of a position and shall include lodging, food, maintenance and commutation when the same is furnished.
2. "Eligible List" means an official record kept in the Personnel Office as a public record which contains the names of those persons who have their final ratings from the highest to the lowest rank.
3. "Employee" means the incumbent of a position or multiple positions, where authorized by the Personnel Officer, holding the position(s) in accordance with these rules and the Civil Service Law.
4. "Employment in Multiple Positions" means the employment of an individual in more than one position, where authorized by the Personnel Officer, in one or more civil divisions. Appointments to each position must be in accordance with these rules and the Civil Service Law.
5. "Municipality" means county, town, city, village or special district.
6. "Part-Time Employment" means any employment in a position or combination of positions in one or more civil divisions in which an individual works less than fifty percent of the time prescribed as a normal work week by the appropriate governing body or other appropriate authority of the civil division.
7. "Personnel Office" means the Personnel Office for the County of Delaware.
8. "Position" means an office or employment involving an aggregation of duties to be performed and responsibilities to be exercised by one person.
9. "Reassignment" means the change, without further examination, of a permanent employee from one position to another similar position under the jurisdiction of the same appointing authority.

10. "Transfer" means the change, without further examination, of a permanent employee from a position under the jurisdiction of one appointing authority to a similar position under the jurisdiction of another appointing authority, or to a position in a different title in the same salary grade under the jurisdiction of the same appointing authority.

Appendices

EXEMPT CLASS

DELETE: Not applicable

ADD: Second Deputy County Treasurer

COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BY: Wayland Gladstone
DATE: 10/22/2025
BY PHONE: BY EMAIL: IN PERSON: √
PREFILED: √ NOT-PREFILED:

RESOLUTION NO. 173

TITLE: CONTINUATION OF DELAWARE COUNTY EMS AMBULANCE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 75 on April 27, 2022 titled Delaware County EMS Ambulance Service, authorizing the County to enter into a contract for Ambulance Services with American Medical Response; and

WHEREAS, said contract is set to expire on November 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the public safety and residents of Delaware County to continue to contract with an ambulance service provider to provide (2) Basic Life Support (BLS) staffed ambulances and an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Fly Car 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to supplement all Delaware County EMS agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Public Safety Committee and Delaware County Department of Emergency Services have examined proposals by Countywide Certificate of Need (CON) holders Ambulnz by DocGo and American Medical Response; and

WHEREAS, based on cost comparisons from data gathered over the previous three years, as well as an excellent established working relationship, exhibited professionalism and responsibility, American Medical Response (AMR) provided the best proposal to fit the needs of Delaware County at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Delaware County continue its current contract with American Medical Response for a 3-year period of 12/1/2025 – 11/30/2028 at a cost of \$2,199,487.50 for the first year with 5% annual increases each year thereafter.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 3 OF 2025

LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c

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

Section 1. Legislative Intent: It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the County of Delaware pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, and to allow the County of Delaware to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority: This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Board of Supervisors to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of at least sixty (60%) of the Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override: The Board of Supervisors of the County of Delaware is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date: This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BY: Art Merrill
DATE: 10/16/2025
BY PHONE: BY EMAIL: IN PERSON: √
PREFILED: √ NOT-PREFILED:

RESOLUTION NO. 174

TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 3 OF 2025 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACCEPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c AND SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING FOR SAME

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2011 the New York State Legislature enacted Chapter 97 of the NYS Laws of 2011, hereinafter referred to as the “General Municipal Law §3-c”; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law §3-c expressly authorized local governments to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the total voting power of the governing body (in this case, the “Delaware County Board of Supervisors”); and

WHEREAS, the County’s Attorney has prepared a proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and modified the proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed law is ready for consideration by the Board of Supervisors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing for consideration of the Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c on November 12, 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said hearing in the Hancock Herald and Mountain Eagle and to post copies of such notice in the manner specified by law.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BY: George Haynes
DATE: 10/15/2025
BY PHONE: √ BY EMAIL: IN PERSON:
PREFILED: √ NOT-PREFILED:

RESOLUTION NO. 175

TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, Section 215 of the County Law stipulates that the Board of Supervisors must authorize for the disposition of personal property no longer necessary for public use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is authorized to sell by on-line auction or scrap the following items and all spare parts:

<u>Dept. Vehicle No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial Number/VIN</u>
DPW 41	2005 Ford Pickup	1FTNF21555EC36504
DPW 57	2015 Ford Pickup	1FT7X2B6XFEA46969
DPW 95	2010 Chevrolet Flatbed	1GB6KZB66AF103758
DPW 411	2015 International Dump	3HAWLAZR0FL617589
DPW 522	2002 Minivan	1C4GJ253X2B646101
DPW 721	2006 Gradall	0210017817
SWM 823	2005 Manitou MLT526 Forklift	176218

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PUBLIC HEARING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AMENDING THE DELAWARE COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE RULES

OCTOBER 8, 2025

The Delaware County Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing concerning proposed amendments to the Delaware County Civil Service Rules in the Board of Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, Vice Chairman James Ellis presiding.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDING THE DELAWARE COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE RULES

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held 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, on the matters of amending the Delaware County Civil Service Rules.

Such proposed changes are available for inspection during business hours (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) in the Delaware County Personnel Office located at One Courthouse Square, Suite 2, Delhi, NY.

All persons interested in speaking concerning the proposed changes will be heard at the aforementioned time and place. Disabled citizens who require assistance in attending said public hearing or in furnishing comments or suggestions should contact the Clerk of the Board to request assistance at (607) 832-5110.

Dated: September 17, 2025

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

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

Since no one wished to speak, Vice Chairman Ellis declared the public hearing closed at 1:02 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 17 OF 2024

**LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING 12- AND 13-YEAR OLD LICENSED HUNTERS
TO HUNT DEER WITH A FIREARM OR CROSSBOW DURING HUNTING SEASON
WITH THE SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT LICENSED HUNTER**

OCTOBER 8, 2025

The Delaware County Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing concerning Local Law Intro. No. 2 of 2025 entitled, Local Law Authorizing 12- and 13-Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer With a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season With the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter in the Board of Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, at 1:03 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, Vice Chairman James Ellis presiding.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 2 OF 2025

**LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING 12- AND 13-YEAR OLD LICENSED HUNTERS TO
HUNT DEER WITH A FIREARM OR CROSSBOW DURING HUNTING SEASON
WITH THE SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT LICENSED HUNTER**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 1:05 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, concerning proposed Local Law Intro. No. 2 of 2025 entitled, Local Law Authorizing 12- and 13- Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer With a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season With the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter. The intent of this Local Law is to authorize Delaware County to permit 12- and 13- year-old individuals to participate in the new and safe hunting opportunities in accordance with Environment Conservation Law § 11-0935.

All persons interested in speaking concerning the proposed local law will be heard at the aforementioned time and place. Disabled citizens who require assistance in attending said public hearing or in furnishing comments or suggestions should contact the Clerk of the Board's office to request assistance at (607) 832-5110.

Dated: September 26, 2025

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

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

Al Vigna from the Town of Harpersfield said he has been hunting since 1978 and thinks the youth hunting program is a good program. He said kids need to be taught young so they are responsible gun handlers, gun owners, and good stewards of our natural resources. He stated the program has been a success so far in New York State and nearly all other states across the country allow 12 year-old and older hunters to hunt big game.

Mr. Vigna said the youth hunting program should continue because of the success rate of the program and the current deer population. He stated the deer population is approximately two to three times higher than it was in the 1970s and noted there are a lot of car-deer collisions on our roads.

Since no one else wished to speak, Vice Chairman Ellis declared the public hearing closed at 1:05 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OCTOBER 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 1:07 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, Vice Chairman James Ellis presiding.

The Clerk called the roll and all Supervisors were present except Chairman Molé and Mr. Marshfield.

Reverend Larry Light offered the invocation.

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

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

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

Mr. Ellis granted privilege of the floor to Supervisor Vernold, who introduced Planning Commissioner Shelly Johnson-Bennett.

Mrs. Johnson-Bennett highlighted Resolution No. 157 proclaiming October 5–11, 2025 as National 4-H Week and stated Delaware County has a great 4-H program and introduced Corrine Tompkins, 4-H Camp Shankitunk Program Director to provide further information about Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County's 4-H Program.

Mrs. Tompkins expressed her appreciation for the resolution to acknowledge National 4-H Week. She said 4-H Programs have been recognized nationally as even Niagara Falls was lit green in celebration of the national week. Mrs. Tompkins said campaigns have been running all week for the 4-H Program, including the day's theme "Do Good for 4-H Day," where acts of community service and volunteerism by 4-H youth and clubs completed over the years were highlighted.

Mrs. Tompkins introduced Maria Collins of the Country Bumpkins 4-H Club to share her experience in the 4-H Program.

Miss Collins said she has been a member of the 4-H Program for five years and has learned many skills from the organization, including communication and social skills, that she uses on a daily basis. Miss Collins said she is her school's class representative and the communication and social skills help her to advocate for what her classmates need and want.

Miss Collins said she would not have as good of communications skills if not for the 4-H Program.

Miss Collins said 4-H has also taught her the ability to assess and navigate differences in learning and social situations. She said 4-H teaches that everybody should be treated with respect and that those in 4-H should do their best to include everyone and help their community. Miss Collins said she has learned much from 4-H and would not be the same person without it.

Miss Collins expressed her sincere appreciation to Corrine Tompkins and 4-H Community Educator Kaitlyn Conklin, and all who help make Delaware County 4-H so amazing.

Mrs. Tompkins said the Delaware County 4-H Program opened enrollment on October 1, and said 4-H staff are willing to bring informational packets and flyers to town halls to provide youth with necessary information for enrollment. Mrs. Tompkins thanked the Supervisors for their continued support of the 4-H Program and said she is looking forward to a strong year in 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 164

**TITLE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT
POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been successful in securing grant funds with which to participate in the statewide Police Traffic Services Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office agrees to participate in the "Statewide Police Traffic Services Program", the goal of which is to increase seat belt usage and reduce dangerous driving behaviors in an effort to reduce serious injury and death from traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, involvement will include using dedicated overtime enforcement hours to participate in joint checkpoints with the State Police or other agencies where practical, or independently, in the waves of high-visibility enforcement planned throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, participation in this program will result in the award of a grant in the amount of \$11,729.00 to be used to pay the salaries of the road patrol deputies participating in this program. Said program runs from October 1st, 2025 through September 30th, 2026.

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

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-13310-43338900/3310009/907 State OTR Public Safety

\$11,729.00

INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-13310-51327000/3310009/907 Personal Services \$11,729.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Faulkner and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 192, Noes 0, Absent 8 (Molé, Marshfield).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 165

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

WHEREAS, Delaware County Mental Health requests that Opioid Funds be transferred for the purchase of a Vein Visualization System; and

WHEREAS, funds need to be transferred from Opioid Contractual to Opioid Equipment.

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

TRANSFER FROM:

10-14317-54586000/132890/887 Opioid Contractual \$5,699.00

TRANSFER TO:

10-14317-52200004/1327890/887 Opioid Equipment \$5,699.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 192, Noes 0, Absent 8 (Molé, Marshfield).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 166

**TITLE: APPROPRIATION OF SURPLUS
SOLID WASTE FUND
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, the 2025 Solid Waste Budget is insufficient as budgeted due to unforeseen expenses; and

WHEREAS, a transfer from the Solid Waste Fund Balance is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following 2025 Budget modification be made:

DECREASE FUND BALANCE:

22-00000-34915000	Assigned Unappropriated Fund Balance	\$250,000.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

22-18160-54238040	Disposal of Leachate	\$211,000.00
22-18160-54545000	Propane Gas	\$1,500.00
22-18160-54595000	Supplies	\$37,500.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Kosier and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 192, Noes 0, Absent 8 (Molé, Marshfield).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 167

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 OF PROPOSAL SW2-24
RECLAMATION OF EXISTING CELL 1
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 179 of 2024 authorized the award of Proposal No. SW 2-24 Reclamation of Existing Cell 1 to Byler Excavating, LLC., for the bid amount of \$2,477,940.00; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 105 of 2025 authorized change order No. 1 for a net decrease of \$6,818.50, bringing the contract to \$2,471,121.50; and

WHEREAS, the project is complete, and final quantities have been agreed upon; and

WHEREAS, work directive #3 has been completed resulting in an increase of \$53,621.78; and

WHEREAS, adjustments have been made to bid quantities, resulting in a decrease of \$392,226.00; and

WHEREAS, this results in a net decrease of \$338,604.22.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is herewith authorized to execute Change Order No. 2 for Proposal SW2-24 decreasing the Contract Amount by \$338,604.22 to \$2,132,517.28.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 192, Noes 0, Absent 8 (Molé, Marshfield).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 168

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AN ON-LINE
AUCTION SERVICE FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Delaware County Department Works and other County departments have surplus equipment from time to time to dispose of; and

WHEREAS, after the Board of Supervisors passes a resolution declaring the equipment as surplus it needs to be sold by public bid; and

WHEREAS, numerous Towns in the County have successfully used Auctions International for the disposition of their property through an on-line auction to maximize the exposure to interested bidders and therefore maximize the revenue gained; and

WHEREAS, Auctions International has proposed a two-year contract to provide on-line auction services to the County with all commissions being paid by the purchasers not the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed and approved the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is herewith authorized to enter into the agreement with Auctions International, Inc., 11167 Big Tree Road, East Aurora, NY 14052 for the sale of surplus equipment.

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

Mr. Kosier recalled Local Law Intro. No. 2. The local law was seconded by Mrs. Driscoll.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 2 OF 2025

**LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING 12- AND 13-YEAR-OLD LICENSED HUNTERS TO
HUNT DEER WITH A FIREARM OR CROSSBOW DURING HUNTING SEASON
WITH THE SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT LICENSED HUNTER**

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

Section 1. Legislative Intent

The intent of this Local Law is to authorize Delaware County to permit 12- and 13-year-old individuals to continue to participate in the hunting opportunities in accordance with Environment Conservation Law § 11-0935. In 2021, New York State established a pilot

program, allowing young hunters, ages 12 and 13, to hunt deer with firearms and crossbow through 2025 if a county authorizes such action within their municipality. The State recently extended the pilot program through 2028. Delaware County passed a local law in 2024 to allow youth hunters to participate in the pilot program through 2025 and is passing this local law to extend the County's participation in this program through December 31, 2028.

Section 2. Pilot Program Authorization

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL 11-0935, Delaware County elects to continue to participate in the program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through 2028.

Section 3. State Requirements to Adhere Once Authorized

Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year-old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer with the following requirements to be followed:

- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas where and during the hunting season in which such firearms may be used; and
- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows; and
- Supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with at least three (3) years of experience who exercises dominion and control over the youth hunter at all times is required; and
- All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year-old hunters as well as their adult supervisors shall be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York; and
- All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year-old hunters shall remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader; and
- Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year-olds with a firearm or crossbow.

Section 4. Local Law Filing Requirements

A copy of this local law shall be sent to the New York State Department of Conservation as well as the NYS Department of State

Section 5. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be

adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, effect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing and publication in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule.

The Local Law was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 192, Noes 0, Absent 8 (Molé, Marshfield).

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 169

TITLE: ADOPTION OF STATE ADVISORY EQUALIZATION RATES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following State Equalization Rates be adopted for the apportionment of the 2026 County Tax Levy pursuant to Title 2 of Article 8 of the Real Property Tax Law:

ANDES	70.00
BOVINA	13.25
COLCHESTER	2.10
DAVENPORT	47.50
DELHI	32.00
DEPOSIT	3.55
FRANKLIN	67.00
HAMDEN	100.00
HANCOCK	8.00
HARPERSFIELD	16.00
KORTRIGHT	57.75
MASONVILLE	63.00

MEREDITH	57.75
MIDDLETOWN	59.00
ROXBURY	99.00
SIDNEY	50.00
STAMFORD	15.18
TOMPKINS	2.44
WALTON	100.00

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 170

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$1,405,857.34 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	\$985,829.84
OET	\$0.00
Public Safety Comm System	\$2,578.13
Insurance Risk	\$288.00
CAP 97 Main	\$306.12
CAP MH	\$3,080.15
CAP DSS	\$0.00
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights & Measures	\$37.54
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$157,824.11
Road	\$8,580.83
Machinery	\$31,902.82
Capital Solid Waste	\$160,993.28
Capital Road & Bridge	\$50,886.52
CAP DPW Complex	\$3,550.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gladstone and adopted by the following vote:
Ayes 192, Noes 0, Absent 8 (Molé, Marshfield).

Mr. Ellis announced the Human Resources committee would meet immediately following the Board Meeting.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.