

COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BY: Allen Hinkley
DATE: 12/6/2024
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**RESOLUTION NO. 200**

**TITLE: 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
VOTING MACHINES  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that our 40 election voting machines, in use in Delaware County since they were first mandated in 2010, are obsolescent; and

**WHEREAS**, after comparing the proposals and presentations of the 3 leading and NYSBOE certified companies, we chose the Clear Ballot Group, Inc. of Boston, MA due to their newer and superior hardware and software, the ease and security of their state-of-the-art technology, programming, support services and voter use; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to appropriate funding for the purchase of these 40 complete voting machines, including hardware and software maintenance and training.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that funding be appropriated from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance and that the 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

**TRANSFER FROM:**

10-00000-34917000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$589,000.00
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**TRANSFER TO:**

10-11450-52200000	Equipment	\$589,000.00
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BY: Wayland Gladstone
DATE: 12/5/2024
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**RESOLUTION NO. 201**

**TITLE: 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

**WHEREAS**, funds have been made available to the Sheriff's Office by way of Federal Board-ins, which is over the amount budgeted; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds are to help cover the expense of Personal Services for the Correctional Facility in 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-13150-41152501	Prisoner Charges (Federal) – JAIL	\$275,000.00
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-13150-51000000	Personal Services	\$275,000.00
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**RESOLUTION NO. 202**

**TITLE: 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County has been awarded grant funding under the FY 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (WM2024 EMPG WM24185188). State Homeland Security Program from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for a contract period of 10/01/2023 – 09/30/2026.

**WHEREAS**, The purpose of the EMPG Program is to make grants to States to assist State, local, and tribal governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act* (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). Title VI of the *Stafford Act* authorizes FEMA to make grants for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the United States from hazards and to vest responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the Federal Government, States, and their political subdivisions. The Federal Government, through the EMPG Program, provides necessary direction, coordination, and guidance, and provides necessary assistance, as authorized in this title so that a comprehensive emergency preparedness system exists for all hazards.

**WHEREAS**, this grant was awarded in the amount of \$20,598.00 to Delaware County and shall be used to purchase interoperable communications equipment (mobile / portable radios) and related items.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Emergency Services Department be authorized to accept this grant funding as described above and that the 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-13640-43330500/3640072/911	State Civil Defense	\$20,598.00
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-13640-52200001/3640072/911	Grant Equipment	\$20,598.00
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**RESOLUTION NO. 203**

**TITLE: 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County applied for and has been awarded grant funding under the State Homeland Security Program from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (WM2024 SHSP); and

**WHEREAS**, this grant was awarded in the amount of \$85,356.00 for the purpose of purchasing a maintenance contract for the Computer Aided Dispatch system and Records Management System.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Emergency Services Department be authorized to accept this grant funding as described above and that the 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-13640-43398900/3640073/911	State Homeland Security	\$85,356.00
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-13640-54327415/3640073/911	Grant Maint. & Repair	\$85,356.00
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COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BY: Joe Cetta
DATE: 12/5/2024
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**RESOLUTION NO. 204**

**TITLE: 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AND OFFICE EXPENSES  
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County Mental Health requests that Federal Salary Share Fund be designated for the purchase of a color printer and office expenses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-14310-44449000	Federal Salary Sharing MH	\$5,145.00
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:**

10-14310-52200000	Equipment	\$510.00
10-14310-54490000	Office Expense	\$4,635.00

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BY: Joe Cetta
DATE: 12/5/2024
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**RESOLUTION NO. 205**

**TITLE: 2024 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 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

**TRANSFER FROM:**

10-11990-54900000	Contingency	\$50,044.74
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**TRANSFER TO:**

10-14390-54535420	Professional Fees Psychiatric	\$50,044.74
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COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BY: George Haynes
DATE: 12/5/2024
BY PHONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY EMAIL: IN PERSON:
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**RESOLUTION NO. 206**

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 OF PROPOSAL NO. 27-22  
REPLACEMENT OF THE ARBOR HILL ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE LITTLE  
DELAWARE RIVER, BIN 3352240, TOWN OF DELHI, COUNTY OF DELAWARE  
PIN 9752.97, LD036413**

**WHEREAS**, Proposal No. 27-22, “Replacement of the Arbor Hill Road Bridge over the Little Delaware River, BIN 3352240, Town of Delhi, Delaware County, PIN 9752.97, LD036413” was awarded to Vector Construction Inc., 6364 Island Road, Cicero, NY 13039 for the bid amount of \$4,218,920.75; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 130 of 2024 authorized the signing of Change Orders No. 1 and No. 2 increasing the total project cost by \$2,370.00 to \$4,221,290.75; and

**WHEREAS**, the project has been completed and we need to close it out; and

**WHEREAS**, quantities need to be adjusted at no cost to allow for the final reconciliation to occur.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works is herewith authorized to execute Change Order No. 3, making the required quantity adjustments at no additional cost.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BY: Art Merrill
DATE: 12/6/24
BY PHONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY EMAIL: IN PERSON:
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**RESOLUTION NO. 207**

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

**WHEREAS** there has been presented to the Board of Supervisors a duly certified copy of the annual budget of each of the several towns of Delaware County for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024;

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

TOWN	HIGHWAY OUTSIDE VILLAGE	GENERAL OUTSIDE VILLAGE
Delhi	\$775,540.00	\$.00
Deposit	\$376,463.00	\$48,387.00
Franklin	\$431,135.00	\$33,905.00
Hancock	\$1,013,942.00	\$37,756.00
Harpersfield	\$432,926.31	\$73,111.13
Middletown	\$1,152,800.00	\$115,611.00
Sidney	\$335,767.00	\$28,505.00
Stamford	\$292,670.00	\$44,088.00
Walton	\$353,177.00	\$76,985.00



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

**ANDES**

Andes Joint Fire District	\$262,492.00
Arena Fire District	\$20,591.83
Andes Light	\$9,000.00

**BOVINA**

Bovina Center Light District	\$1,775.00
Bovina Rural Fire District	\$128,053.00
Bovina Water District	\$38,281.00
Bovina Sewer District	\$13,177.08

**COLCHESTER**

Downsville Fire District	\$277,843.24
Beaverkill Valley Fire District	\$1,091.40
Colchester Fire Protection District	\$12,000.00
Delinquent Cooks Falls Water	\$3,070.00
Delinquent Downsville Water	\$6,198.94

**DAVENPORT**

East Meredith Fire District	\$188,279.01
Davenport Fire District	\$52,446.85
Davenport Light District	\$1,980.00
Davenport Center Light District	\$2,640.00
West Davenport Light District	\$1,625.00
Davenport Water	\$6,671.04
Delinquent Water	\$9,108.26

**DELHI**

Delhi Rural Fire District	\$276,260.82
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**DEPOSIT**

Deposit Fire and Ambulance	\$91,317.00
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**FRANKLIN**

Treadwell Light District	\$2,725.00
Treadwell Water District	\$11,775.00
Franklin-Treadwell Fire District	\$238,226.73
Delinquent Water Rent	\$1,020.46

**HAMDEN**

Hamden Light District	\$2,800.00
DeLancey Light District	\$1,900.00
Delhi Fire District	\$685.99

Walton Fire District	\$17,640.00
Downsville Fire Protection	\$3,500.00
Delhi Rural Fire Protection	\$103,821.26
Downsville Fire District	\$5,706.76
Hamden Sewer District	\$12,974.53
Hamden Delinquent Water	\$4,280.00
DeLancey Delinquent Water	\$3,990.00
Sidewalk Snow Removal	\$440.00
<b>HANCOCK</b>	
Upper Delaware Valley Ambulance District	\$11,086.71
Cadosia Light District	\$1,600.00
East Branch Light District	\$3,400.00
East Branch Fire District	\$103,505.00
East Branch Water District	\$31,551.00
Fishs Eddy Light District	\$2,800.00
Hancock Rural Fire District	\$153,109.19
Long Eddy Fire District	\$0.00
Hancock Ambulance District	\$290,483.32
<b>HARPERSFIELD</b>	
Stamford Fire District	\$149,298.49
Hobart Fire District	\$6,629.41
Davenport Fire District	\$15,687.47
North Harpersfield Fire Protection	\$43,500.00
North Harpersfield Light District	\$0.00
<b>KORTRIGHT</b>	
Kortright Fire District	\$124,269.90
Bloomville Light District	\$3,000.00
Bloomville Sewer District	\$19,933.57
Stamford Fire District	\$16,907.76
Hobart Rural Fire District	\$11,939.94
East Meredith Fire District	\$5,904.84
Davenport Fire District	\$9,036.68
Delinquent Water	\$8,604.90
<b>MASONVILLE</b>	
Masonville Fire District	\$127,450.00
Masonville Light District	\$4,500.00
<b>MEREDITH</b>	
East Meredith Light District	\$1,386.00
Delhi Fire District	\$43,085.93
Meredith Square Light District	\$660.00
Franklin-Treadwell Fire District	\$29,767.27

Meridale Rural Fire District	\$66,838.00
East Meredith Fire District	\$32,124.15
Meridale Light District	\$1,254.00
<b>MIDDLETOWN</b>	
Halcottsville Light District	\$1,380.00
Arena Fire District	\$20,101.04
Arkville Light District	\$6,900.00
Arkville Water District	\$16,200.00
New Kingston Light District	\$741.00
New Kingston Sewer District	\$3,300.00
Halcottsville Sewer District	\$6,050.00
Arkville Fire District	\$43,572.00
Fire District No. 1	\$79,961.00
Middletown-Hardenburgh Fire District	\$349,407.47
Delinquent Arkville Water	\$20,941.66
Delinquent Halcottsville Water	\$4,916.22
<b>ROXBURY</b>	
Roxbury Fire District	\$205,000.00
Roxbury Light District	\$8,996.00
Roxbury Water District	\$57,034.00
Grand Gorge Fire District	\$154,692.50
Grand Gorge Light District	\$7,497.00
Grand Gorge Water District	\$100,920.00
Middletown/Hardenburgh Fire District	\$6,261.81
Roxbury Run Light District	\$3,799.00
Roxbury Sewer District (unit charge)	\$48,392.58
Denver Sewer District (debt charge)	\$0.00
Denver Sewer District (unit charge)	\$115,042.00
Denver Water District	\$31,277.00
Delinquent Denver Water	\$2,353.35
Delinquent Grand Gorge Water	\$6,935.09
Delinquent Roxbury Water	\$5,163.84
<b>SIDNEY</b>	
Consolidated Health District	\$3,400.00
Sidney Center Light District	\$4,500.00
Sidney Center Fire District	\$92,021.00
Sidney Fire Protection District	\$82,923.00
<b>STAMFORD</b>	
Stamford Fire District	\$71,525.41
South Kortright Fire District	\$4,906.95
Hobart Fire District	\$37,730.66
Kortright Fire District	\$14,455.38

South Kortright Light District	\$1,000.00
South Kortright Sewer	\$5,151.46

TOMPKINS

Tompkins Fire District	\$202,999.00
Hancock Rural Fire District	\$19,111.81
Sewer District	\$7,144.58

WALTON

Walton Fire District	\$366,210.00
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**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the amounts to be raised by tax for all other purposes, as specified in the annual budgets as presented to the Board and which are on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board, are hereby assessed and levied upon and collected from all of the taxable property in the towns as enumerated below, except as otherwise provided by law; namely:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>TOWN GENERAL</u>	<u>HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE</u>
Andes	\$797,200.00	\$1,121,000.00
Bovina	\$378,118.00	\$458,042.00
Colchester	\$1,271,801.00	\$1,397,400.00
Davenport	\$360,205.00	\$769,900.00
Delhi	\$437,000.00	\$693,000.00
Deposit	\$372,236.00	\$481,341.00
Franklin	\$194,170.00	\$744,255.00
Hamden	\$230,199.00	\$692,800.00
Hancock	\$575,224.00	\$894,082.00
Harpersfield	\$457,538.00	\$172,856.46
Kortright	\$474,923.00	\$682,000.00
Masonville	\$231,700.00	\$650,050.00
Meredith	\$261,464.00	\$728,941.28
Middletown	\$952,904.00	\$1,083,500.00
Roxbury	\$1,041,973.00	\$1,335,383.00
Sidney	\$395,247.00	\$355,467.00
Stamford	\$356,418.00	\$249,091.00

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>TOWN GENERAL</u>	<u>HIGHWAY TOWNWIDE</u>
Tompkins	\$301,003.00	\$814,570.00
Walton	\$285,087.00	\$647,000.00

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**RESOLUTION NO. 208**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the sum of \$36,473,067.25 be levied against the taxable property of the County of Delaware and the same be credited by the County Treasurer to the objects specified in the Appropriation Resolution; and

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the several tax rolls, when completed in accordance with the direction of the Board and the several warrants are signed for the collection of taxes by the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board to bear the date of December 27, 2024 the taxes be returnable the first day of April 2025 and that the County Treasurer of the County of Delaware be and hereby is authorized to extend the time of collection in any town not beyond the first day of June 2025 upon the collector's complying with the statute thereto.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 209**

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

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

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

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

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BY: Allen Hinkley
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**RESOLUTION NO. 210**

**TITLE: 2025 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

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

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| Wednesday, January 8, 2025    | - 1:00 p.m. | Wednesday, January 22, 2025 | - 1:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, February 26, 2025  | - 1:00 p.m. |                             |             |
| Wednesday, March 12, 2025     | - 1:00 p.m. | Wednesday, March 26, 2025   | - 1:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, April 9, 2025      | - 1:00 p.m. | Wednesday, April 23, 2025   | - 1:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, May 14, 2025       | - 1:00 p.m. | Wednesday, May 28, 2025     | - 1:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, June 25, 2025      | - 1:00 p.m. |                             |             |
| Wednesday, July 23, 2025      | - 1:00 p.m. |                             |             |
| Wednesday, August 27, 2025    | - 1:00 p.m. |                             |             |
| Wednesday, September 24, 2025 | - 1:00 p.m. |                             |             |
| Wednesday, October 8, 2025    | - 1:00 p.m. | Wednesday, October 22, 2025 | - 1:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, November 12, 2025  | - 1:00 p.m. | Tuesday, November 25, 2025  | - 1:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, December 10, 2025  | - 1:00 p.m. |                             |             |



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**RESOLUTION NO. 211**

**TITLE: CALLING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 151 [1] of the County Law and Rule 1 of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, the organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors shall be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the County Office Building, Delhi, New York.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BY: Wayland Gladstone
DATE: 12/6/2024
BY PHONE: BY EMAIL: ✓ IN PERSON:
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**RESOLUTION NO. 212**

**TITLE: AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A 25-YEAR RETIREMENT PLAN FOR PEACE OFFICERS EMPLOYED AT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors of the County of Delaware does hereby elect to provide the pension benefit of Sections 89-t and 603(p) of the Retirement and Social Security Law, as presently or hereafter amended.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the effective date of such shall be the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**DELAWARE COUNTY  
2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

**NOVEMBER 26, 2024**

The Delaware County Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing concerning Delaware County 2025 Tentative Budget in the Board of Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 2024, Chairman Tina Molé presiding.

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
DELAWARE COUNTY  
2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, NY on the 2025 Tentative Budget.

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

18 members of the Board of Supervisors (each)	\$16,465
1 Chairman of the Board of Supervisors	\$75,588

All persons interested in speaking concerning the proposed budget 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: November 20, 2024

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

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

Since no one wished to speak, Chairman Molé declared the hearing adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**NOVEMBER 26, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, November 26, 2024, at 1:03 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. Kelso.

Chaplain Derek Johnson offered the invocation.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 183**

**TITLE: 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
ACCEPTANCE OF 2024 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County is the recipient of funding awarded by the State of New York Division of Criminal Justice Services for Soft Body Armor Reimbursement in an amount not to exceed \$1,125.28; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding, to be administered by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, was awarded for the specific purpose of reimbursing Delaware County 50% of the cost of purchasing bulletproof vests for new Deputy Sheriff's at a price not to exceed \$1,125.28.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-13110-43338900/3110064/907      State Public Safety      \$1,125.28

**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-13110-52200001/3110064/907      Equipment Grant-Bulletproof Vests      \$1,125.28

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Cetta and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 187, Noes 0, Absent 13 (Kelso).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 184**

**TITLE: 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
ACCEPTANCE OF 2024 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT  
SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County is the recipient of a grant awarded by the US Department of Justice and administered by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (“BVP”) in an amount not to exceed \$4,632.01; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant, to be administered by the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office, was awarded for the specific purpose of reimbursing Delaware County 50% of the cost of purchasing bulletproof vests at a price not to exceed \$4,632.01.00 during the period commencing on April 1, 2024 and ending on August 31, 2026, unless extended.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-13110-44432000/3110068/907      Federal Crime Control      \$4,632.01

**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-13110-52200001/3110068/907      Equipment Grant-Bulletproof Vests      \$4,632.01

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Hinkley and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 187, Noes 0, Absent 13 (Kelso).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 185**

**TITLE: 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
SHELTER ARREARS EVICTION FORESTALLMENT PROGRAM  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware County Department of Social Services is the designated local agency to administer the Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department believes that this program will assist individuals and families who are facing eviction due to shelter arrears; and

**WHEREAS**, the County will be 100% reimbursed by the State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUE:**

10-16109-43360900	State Family Assistance	\$17,425.00
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**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-16010-54427029	Rental Supplement Program	\$17,425.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 187, Noes 0, Absent 13 (Kelso).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 186**

**TITLE: 2024 BUDEGT AMENDMENT  
ACCEPTANCE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE FLEISCHMANN'S FREIGHT HOUSE  
STABILIZATION AND REUSE PLAN  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 149 on September 25, 2024 to accept awarded grant funds to develop a stabilization and reuse plan for the Fleischmann's Freight House; and

**WHEREAS**, the Delaware County Planning Board has been awarded \$80,000.00 from the A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation, Inc. to be used toward the cost of engineering fees and structure stabilization expenses for the Fleischmann's Freight house; and

**WHEREAS**, matching funds in the amount of \$80,000.00 will be received from funding sources including Delaware County Economic Development, the Delaware County Industrial Development Agency and the Pasternak Family Foundation.

**WHEREAS**, \$5,000.00 has been received from the Delaware County Industrial Development Agency, and

**WHEREAS**, \$15,000.00 has been received from Delaware County Economic Development.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors accepts the funds on behalf of the Delaware County Planning Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

**INCREASE REVENUES:**

10-18020-42279900/8020032/908	Misc Revenue Local	\$5,000.00
10-18020-42238900/8020032/908	Misc Revenue Otr Gov	\$15,000.00

**INCREASE APPROPRIATION:**

10-18020-54327000/8020032/908	General Grant Related Exp.	\$20,000.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis

Shelly Johnson Director of Planning Department explained that this is a continuation of the support of CRC to encourage tourism. This building is the original freight house for the depot that burnt down many years ago. This was the first railroad stop in Delaware County. The building and the building site are failing. An engineer has been hired previously with O'Connor funds. Mr. Pasternak from the Pasternak Foundation has awarded CRC with a donation to match the funds from the O'Connor Foundation. This resolution will be put toward engineering assessment, structural assessment and reuse study, to use this building as an economic driver for the community as well as persevering a historical building.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 187, Noes 0, Absent 13 (Kelso).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 187**

**TITLE: 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
REALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated funding to governmental municipalities to assist in the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County was awarded a total of \$8,672,706 from the US Department of Treasury (USDT) to be used for eligible costs incurred during the period March 3, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 24 of 2022 allocated \$500,000 to Buildings and Maintenance for Soldiers Monument Restoration, of which there is a remaining balance of \$220,086 that will not be utilized; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Committee has approved additional



funding for the following project:

- Delaware County Farm Enhancement Program to provide grants to local farmers for eligible projects to improve farm efficiency and productivity: \$200,000.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

**TRANSFER FROM:**

10-11620-54584000/1327889/888 Bldg & Maint-Soldiers Monument Restoration \$200,000.00

**TRANSFER TO:**

10-18750-54584000/1327889/888 Ag & Livestock-Farm Enhancement Program \$200,000.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Cetta.

Mr. Marshfield stated that the ARP Committee proudly designates another \$200,000.00 to Cornell Cooperative Extension for the Delaware County Farm Enhancement Program. There were ARP funds remaining after the completion of the soldier monument restoration to be reallocated. This program is well managed and is a great program. Mr. Marshfield expressed that the committee was impressed by the program and was happy to allocate more funding that may help another eight to ten farms.

Ms. Scott stated that this really has made a big impact on agriculture in our area. This funding helped farms achieve things that they wouldn't been able to without it. During COVID farms were hit hard, milk producers were charged a dumping fee up to 20% of their milk check as well as other fees. This impacted farmers' ability to maintain their farms. This money helped the farmers to bring their farms back. This also helps our economy. The revenue that farmers contribute helps everyone in our community. It is money well spent.

Mr. Marshfield added that some have been able to get additional matching grants that goes well beyond the 1.2 million dollars that the County has given.

Ms. Scott stated that the annual auditors for Cornell Cooperative Extension feel that this program should be best practice throughout the country, it is a well thought out plan.

Mr. Cetta stated that it was an easy decision by the Committee when it was determined that there was money to be reallocated.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 176, Noes 0, Abstain 11 (Gladstone, Scott), Absent 13 (Kelso).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 188**

**TITLE: 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – E911**

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County Communications Towers are an integral part of the emergency communications system; and

**WHEREAS**, the access roads to these towers need to be maintained; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the roads have taken on extensive damage over the past three years due to severe storms; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to fix this damage not only to keep the roads passable, but to satisfy the requirements outlined in the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP); and

**WHEREAS**, a transfer from contingency is necessary to cover the cost of radio tower roadway repairs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2024 Budget be amended as follows:

**TRANSFER FROM:**

10-11990-54900000	Contingency	\$245,272.26
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**TRANSFER TO:**

10-13640-54415079	M&R Communications System	\$245,272.26
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

Mr. Gladstone stated that there has been a lot of damage to the roads because of the weather. This money is for repairs that are much needed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 187, Noes 0, Absent 13 (Kelso).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 189**

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 OF PROPOSAL NO. 27-24  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 56 of 2024 authorized the award of Proposal No. 27-24, “Delaware County Bridge Structural Steel Preservation Project, PIN 9754.61, LD040802” to Amstar of Western New York, Inc., 825 Rein Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 for the bid amount

of \$419,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 150 of 2024 authorized the signing of Change Order No. 1, a no-cost time extension through November 10, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 155 of 2024 authorized the signing of Change Order No. 2, increasing the total project cost by \$70,077.22 for a total of \$489,077.22; and

**WHEREAS**, the project has been completed and the final quantities agreed upon, resulting in a reduction of \$6,811.29

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Department of Public Works is herewith authorized to execute Change Order No. 3 for Proposal No. 27-24 in amount of (\$6,811.29) reducing the Contract Amount to \$482,265.93.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 187, Noes 0, Absent 13 (Kelso).

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 190**

#### **TITLE: YEAR-END ACCOUNTING MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2024 BUDGET DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, there are many bookkeeping entries that are needed to close out the books for 2024; and

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Department of Fiscal Affairs to make the necessary adjustments to the 2024 Budget and to file a written report to the Finance Committee before the books for 2024 are actually closed.

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

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 191**

#### **TITLE: DIRECT TOWN TAX**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to §233a of the County Law, the nineteen towns of the County be and hereby are charged \$193,404.25 for the assessment rolls, field books, tax bills, etc.; and

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

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 187, Noes 0, Absent 13 (Kelso).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 192**

**TITLE: LEVY OF TOWN ACCOUNTS**

**WHEREAS**, there has been presented to the Board of Supervisors the County Treasurer's 2024 Preliminary Report with the following amounts to be charged to the several towns:

<u>TOWNS</u>	<u>CHARGES</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Andes	\$10,850.07	
Bovina	\$4,877.67	
Colchester	\$9,073.83	
Davenport	\$9,308.80	
Delhi	\$8,147.15	
Deposit	\$6,877.52	
Franklin	\$12,585.68	
Hamden	\$5,063.52	
Hancock	\$6,329.14	
Harpersfield	\$4,503.47	
Kortright	\$10,069.30	
Masonville	\$6,558.35	
Meredith	\$10,153.48	

Middletown	\$107,068.18
Roxbury	\$11,770.56
Sidney	\$23,045.03
Stamford	\$6,720.99
Tompkins	\$1,589.31
Walton	\$10,506.91

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 187, Noes 0, Absent 13 (Kelso).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 193**

**TITLE: APPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY SELF INSURANCE BUDGET**

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

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Full Value Assessment</u>	<u>Apportioned Amount to Raise</u>
County of Delaware	9,094,438,475	\$752,883.84
<u>Towns</u>		
Andes	704,372,017	\$58,311.50
Bovina	269,161,771	\$22,282.58
Colchester	1,173,728,935	\$97,167.25
Davenport	327,189,291	\$27,086.39
Delhi	573,401,683	\$47,469.11
Deposit	398,245,215	\$32,968.76
Franklin	331,915,701	\$27,477.67
Hamden	245,946,326	\$20,360.69
Hancock	672,846,539	\$55,701.66

Harpersfield	258,750,917	\$21,420.72
Kortright	270,301,207	\$22,376.91
Masonville	159,667,179	\$13,218.06
Meredith	241,540,800	\$19,995.97
Middletown	1,185,671,280	\$98,155.89
Roxbury	755,880,444	\$62,575.62
Sidney	405,632,031	\$33,580.28
Stamford	299,471,754	\$24,791.79
Tompkins	290,455,000	\$24,045.34
Walton	530,260,385	\$43,897.65

Villages

Delhi	168,584,563	\$13,956.29
Deposit	52,507,364	\$4,346.83
Franklin	29,058,281	\$2,405.59
Hancock	108,293,952	\$8,965.12
Stamford (Harpersfield)	52,888,613	\$4,378.39
Stamford (Stamford)	57,564,789	\$4,765.51
Fleischmanns	62,758,830	\$5,195.49
Sidney	222,919,119	\$18,454.38
Hobart	74,138,404	\$6,137.55
Walton	186,857,773	\$15,469.04

Fire Districts

Arena, Hardenburgh	19,926,090	\$1,649.56
Midd.-Hard., Hardenburgh	57,748,783	\$4,780.74
Deposit	45,030,156	\$3,727.83

TOTAL	19,327,153,667	\$1,600,000.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 187, Noes 0, Absent 13 (Kelso).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 194**

**TITLE: APPORTIONMENT OF MORTGAGE TAX**

**WHEREAS**, §261 of the Tax Law makes it mandatory to apportion the mortgage tax semi-annually and a report has been received from the recording officer and the County Treasurer for the period ending September 30, 2024.

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

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

Town	Amount Allocated to Tax District	Amount Apportioned to Town	Amount Apportioned to Village
Andes	\$22,533.74	\$22,533.74	
Bovina	\$1,649.60	\$1,649.60	
Colchester	\$10,906.83	\$10,906.83	
Davenport	\$21,191.24	\$21,191.24	
Delhi	\$36,711.01	\$31,314.35	\$5,396.66
Deposit	\$12,515.93	\$11,690.84	\$825.09
Franklin	\$18,600.44	\$17,786.23	\$814.21
Hamden	\$17,287.51	\$17,287.51	
Hancock	\$31,946.18	\$29,375.33	\$2,570.85
Harpersfield	\$11,322.23	\$10,165.10	\$1,157.13

Town	Amount Allocated to Tax District	Amount Apportioned to Town	Amount Apportioned to Village
Kortright	\$6,701.36	\$6,701.36	
Masonville	\$6,862.73	\$6,862.73	
Meredith	\$10,568.98	\$10,568.98	
Middletown	\$50,292.18	\$45,798.88 FL	\$1,331.01
		MV	\$3,162.29
Roxbury	\$56,074.77	\$56,074.77	
Sidney	\$29,866.44	\$21,659.74	\$8,206.70
Stamford	\$18,300.50	\$14,276.36 ST	\$1,758.87
		HO	\$2,265.27
Tompkins	\$2,584.60	\$2,584.60	
Walton	\$27,485.13	\$22,642.41	\$4,842.72
Totals ...	\$393,401.40	\$361,070.60	\$32,330.80

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 187, Noes 0, Absent 13 (Kelso).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 195**

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that subject to approval of the Public Works employees, four-day work schedules for 2025 are hereby approved in the Public Works Department as follows:

- 1.) January 1, 2025 to March 15, 2025: Bridge Crews only.



- 2.) March 16, 2025 to October 11, 2025: All Public Works employees, except those employees specifically excluded from the four-day work week by agreement with the union, ie. landfill employees, certain engineering staff, etc.
- 3.) November 9, 2025 to December 31, 2025: Bridge Crews only.

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

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 196**

#### **TITLE: DEDICATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES VISITATION CENTER DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Social Services has constructed and commenced operation of a family/child(ren) visitation center in Delhi, NY; and

**WHEREAS**, Sylvia Armanno began her 33-year journey at Social Services in 1991 as a Community Services Worker; and

**WHEREAS**, Sylvia Armanno then became a Social Welfare Examiner, Caseworker and Senior Caseworker; and

**WHEREAS**, in May of 1998, Sylvia Armanno left the Delaware County Department of Social Services and moved to Florida, where she continued to work as a Caseworker; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure as a caseworker in Florida, Sylvia Armanno was introduced to an emerging philosophy focused on improving the quality of visitation between children in foster care and their parents; and

**WHEREAS**, Sylvia Armanno returned to the Delaware County Department of Social Services in October 1998, and continued her upward trajectory in the hierarchy of Social Services: Grade B Supervisor, Staff Development Coordinator, Director of Programs, Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, almost immediately after being appointed Commissioner of Social Services in January 2020, Sylvia Armanno began facilitating the plans and construction of a family/child visitation center for Delaware County Department of Social Services, and

**WHEREAS**, construction of the visitation center was completed in April 2024 and became operational in September 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Delaware County Board of Supervisors recognizes Sylvia Armanno's 33-year contribution to the Department of Social Services, and

supports her vision for providing a safe, clean, and stable environment for Social Services involved families to have visitation, and hereby dedicates the visitation center in her name; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Delaware County Department of Social Services visitation center will be formally referred to as the “ARMANNO CENTER”.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold

Mr. Marshfield stated that the Committee agreed enthusiastically to name the new visitation center Armanno Center after Sylvia Armanno. She brought the idea to Delaware County although she did not see it finished, she was instrumental in getting the project started. Mr. Marshfield announced that at this point the center is being successfully used and can accommodate two families at one time.

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 197**

**TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT**

**WHEREAS**, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board’s office in the amount of \$2,173,444.19 are hereby presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval of payment;

**THEREFORE**, the County Treasurer was directed to pay said expenditures as listed below and this Board now approves of said payment as follows:

General Fund	\$1,322,397.68
OET	\$64,988.37
CAP DSS	\$3,925.72
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights & Measures	\$137.86
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$62,434.33
Road	\$58,106.26
Machinery	\$398,114.62
Capital Solid Waste	\$2,897.66
Capital Road & Bridge	\$163,739.40
CAP DPW Complex	\$96,702.29

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 187, Noes 0, Absent 13 (Kelso).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 198**

**TITLE: ADOPTION OF 2025 DELAWARE COUNTY BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Tentative Budget for the year 2025 has been presented to the Board by the Budget Officer and duly discussed and a public hearing having been held thereon as required by law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to §360 of the County Law, the Tentative Budget for 2025, as revised, be adopted.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold.

Mr. Merrill thanked the Finance Committee for a lot of long hours and hard work. The subject of sharing sales tax is not being entertained in this budget but would be discussed further after the new year. A lot of information has yet to be gathered which needs to be disseminated to everyone involved.

Mr. Marshfield explained this budget increased \$640,00 over last year and that was after reductions in other areas. Such examples of changes in this budget are 20% increase on the committee for preschool, special education, three- to five-year-old transportation program went from a million to \$1.2 million. Foster care and CSE appropriation increased more than \$400,000 for special needs children. Retirement premiums increased to \$1.1 million and medical premiums increased \$442,000. The aim was to keep it under 2% to keep the Raise the Age program which benefits both the Department of Social Services and the Probation Department at about \$2 million. The County makes the schools whole by covering \$6.6 million in unpaid school taxes. Likewise, the County makes the towns whole. Many have delinquent water and sewer as well as unpaid town taxes of \$2.5 million. There were many reasons to go beyond the \$640,000 increase but we kept cutting back to bring the budget down to 1.83%. It may not be a perfect budget but it's a good budget.

Mr. Merrill said that's why he thanks his team because of people like Mr. Marshfield who crunch the numbers. It's a good group and they study the budget very hard.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes 187, Noes 0, Absent 13 (Kelso).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 199**

**TITLE: APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, this Board by Resolution No. 198, dated November 26, 2024 adopted a

budget for the fiscal year 2025;

**RESOLVED** that the several amounts specified in the column, "Adopted" be and hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, effective January 1, 2025.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vernold and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 187, Noes 0, Absent 13 (Kelso).

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.