

RESOLUTION NO. 307

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Employee Recognition For the Month of
November 2025

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature realizes how important it is to hire dedicated and qualified individuals to work for Franklin County and to serve the residents of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS: Along those lines the Franklin County Legislature would like to take this opportunity to thank these individuals for their efforts by handing out longevity awards for each five years of service completed in Franklin County Government; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby extends their congratulations and a special thank you for those employees that received their longevity awards for the month of November as follows:

<u>EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>
Christine Ashlaw	Social Services	25 Years
Lynn Humphries	County Clerk	25 Years
Thomas Soucia	Conflict Defender	25 Years
Lori Dumas	County Jail	10 Years
Courtney Reardon	County Clerk/DMV	10 Years
Wade Burr	Highway	5 Years
Eleanor Fallon	Social Services	5 Years

RESOLUTION NO. 308

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Establish a Franklin County Boat
Patrol, Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Sheriff has advised the Public Safety Committee that Franklin County's growing economic tourism presents an opportunity to enhance water safety services and demonstrate our commitment to protecting residents and visitors on our waterways; and

WHEREAS: The safety and security of residents and visitors utilizing Franklin County's water resources is of paramount importance to the County; and

WHEREAS: Increased boat traffic and water recreation activities have created a need for enhanced marine safety patrol services to protect lives and property; and

WHEREAS: A dedicated marine patrol unit would provide essential emergency response capabilities, safety inspections, and educational outreach to promote safe boating practices, while serving as assistance to Franklin County Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS: Establishing a boat patrol would demonstrate Franklin County's Commitment to public safety and responsible tourism development; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Legislature has deemed it necessary to supplement and aid local law enforcement agencies in navigation law enforcement by granting financial assistance, allowing every county to DEC reimbursement for navigation law enforcement efforts, with the program covering 50% of costs including uniforms, equipment, salaries, and fuel on calendar year basis; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Franklin County Sheriff to establish a Franklin County Boat Patrol unit under the Sheriff’s Office to enhance water safety and emergency response capabilities on County waterways.

RESOLUTION NO. 309

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Funds and Amend 2025 Budget, Office of Economic Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development Committee that the I Love NY Matching Funds for 2025 was higher than budgeted by \$2,586.00; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the Director, Office of Economic Development to accept additional funds of \$2,586.00 and to amend the 2025 budget as shown:

Increasing:		
01-57-3715.10	Revenue	\$2,586.00
01-57-6410-30-4000	Appropriation	\$2,586.00

RESOLUTION NO. 310

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Authorization to Amend Resolution No. 285, Election Apportionments For the Year 2024

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature duly adopted Resolution No. 285 on November 6, 2025 Election Apportionments For the Year 2024; and

WHEREAS: It has been brought to our attention that the election apportionments for the year 2024 to be applied to municipalities have been amended; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the following election apportionments for the year 2024 be applied to the following municipalities of Franklin County:

	GRAND TOTAL
TOWN	TOWN EXPENSES
Bangor	\$ 17,966.54
Bellmont	\$ 32,745.44
Bombay	\$ 21,066.51
Brandon	\$ 9,402.58
Brighton	\$ 42,132.30
Burke	\$ 13,510.98
Chateaugay	\$ 21,441.05
Constable	\$ 13,098.97

Dickinson	\$ 10,849.57
Duane	\$ 12,040.36
Fort Covington	\$ 14,381.49
Franklin	\$ 40,987.91
Harrietstown	\$132,076.95
Malone	\$ 94,529.16
Moir	\$ 19,304.86
Santa Clara	\$ 66,565.68
Tupper Lake	\$ 83,152.28
Waverly	\$ 14,756.01
Westville	\$ 15,435.16

VILLAGE	
Malone	\$ 0.00
Tupper Lake	\$ 1,339.34

GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENSES	\$676,783.16
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; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That in all other respects said Resolution No. 285 is hereby ratified and confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 311

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Authorizing the County of Franklin to Accept Real Property Obtained by the State of New York Relative to the County Route 23 (Burke Road) Over Alder Brook Culvert Replacement Project PIN 7754.22

WHEREAS: The County of Franklin has a project for the culvert replacement on County Route 23 in the Town of Burke, Franklin County; and

WHEREAS: This project requires acquisition of real property and Franklin County requests New York State Department of Transportation acquire the necessary lands as shown on attached Map 5, Parcel 5-FEE WOA; and

WHEREAS: This real property acquisition is in addition to the properties acquired by New York State Department of Transportation by authorization of Franklin County Resolution 2024-399; and

WHEREAS: The County of Franklin owns and maintains the affected portion of County Route 23; and

WHEREAS: The State of New York has requested that the County agree to accept the real property; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That upon completion of the County Route 23 (Burke Road) over Alder Brook Culvert Replacement project, the County of Franklin is hereby authorized to accept the real property acquired by the State of New York for the project, as described herein, and agrees to accept all responsibility, maintenance and jurisdiction of said property; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to enter into

agreements or any other documents to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 312

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Authorization for the County Manager to Enter Into Contract with NMS, CVPH, Glens Falls Hospital, Forensic Medical Services and Ellis Medicine

WHEREAS: The County Manager has advised the Administrative Committee that the contracts with NMS, CVPH, Glens Falls Hospital, Forensic Medical Services and Ellis Medicine will be expiring and would like to renew for pathology and morgue services for Franklin County; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into contracts with NMS, CVPH, Glens Falls Hospital, Forensic Medical Services and Ellis Medicine for pathology and morgue services effective January 1, 2026 with the terms to be outlined in said contracts.

RESOLUTION NO. 313

Offered by Legislator Lockwood, Lauzon, Janisewski, Dumas, Martin, Sparks and Ellis

Relating to Franklin County Legislature Supports UpNCoding's Federal Budget Proposal

WHEREAS: UpNCoding is providing education and technology solutions in the Adirondacks and Northern New York Region in conjunction with North Country Community College; and

WHEREAS: With ongoing concerns over cyber-attacks UpNCoding has shown its commitment to meet the needs of these services in a region that is rural and under-served; and

WHEREAS: UpNCoding has demonstrated that they understand the importance of creating and providing additional opportunities for the betterment of the region, by providing an educational and economic boost; and

WHEREAS: UpNCoding has submitted a two million dollar Federal Budget proposal in conjunction with the Army Research Lab, to create a comprehensive and engaging educational experience that fosters hands-on learning, promotes job placement and supports student growth while contributing to cybersecurity technology; and

WHEREAS: UpNCoding aims to develop a cybersecurity test range in Tupper Lake in conjunction with the Army Research Lab to provide real world training in the field of cybersecurity; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby supports UpNCoding's submission of a Federal Budget proposal that will add to the educational and employment opportunities through cybersecurity training and the development of a test range in conjunction with the Army Research Lab; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature is hereby authorized to transmit an official copy of this Resolution bearing the Great Seal of Franklin County to State and Local Representatives and all others deemed necessary and proper.

RESOLUTION NO. 314

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Forfeiture Funds and
 Amend 2025 Budget, District Attorney

WHEREAS: The Franklin County District Attorney has advised the Public Safety Committee that she is in receipt of Forfeiture Funds in the amount of \$1,767.20; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the District Attorney to accept said funds and amend the 2025 budget as follows:

01-03-2626.10	Revenue	\$1,767.20
01-03-1165-110-4245	Telephone	\$1,767.20

RESOLUTION NO. 315

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Accept Surplus Funds and Amend
 2025 Budget, District Attorney

WHEREAS: The District Attorney has advised the Public Safety Committee that she is in receipt of Surplus Funds from a foreclosure property in the amount of \$3,210.00; and

WHEREAS: The District Attorney’s Office was named as a lien holder on this property due to unpaid court fees; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the District Attorney to accept said funds and the 2025 budget is hereby amended to increase accounts shown:

01-03-1289.10	Revenue	\$3,210.00
01-03-1165-22-4000	Appropriation	\$3,210.00

RESOLUTION NO. 316

Offered by Finance Committee

Relating to Adoption of Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy
 Limit for Franklin County For 2026 and
 Authorizing the Adoption by Franklin County of a
 Budget For 2026 that Requires a Tax Levy That is
 Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit For the 2026
 Fiscal Year

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature held a public hearing on a Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit For Franklin County For 2026 and Authorizing the Adoption by Franklin County of

a Budget for 2026 That Requires a Tax Levy That is Greater Than the Tax Levy Limit For the 2026 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS: Said Local Law sat on each Members’ desk for the required seven (7) day period; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby adopts said Local Law and directs the County Attorney and the Clerk of Franklin County Legislature to advertise said Local Law as required by provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

RESOLUTION NO. 317

Offered by Finance Committee

Relating to Amendments to the 2026 Tentative Budget

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature has found it necessary and in the best interest and welfare of the residents of Franklin County that certain appropriations and revenues be added, increased or decreased to the 2026 tentative budget making it now necessary to amend said budget at this time; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the tentative budget for 2026 is hereby amended for accounts as attached:

Amendments to the 2026 Tentative Budget		Revenue	Appropriation
Contingency	01-25-1990-10-4000		\$ 4,741.00
County Sheriff	01-27-3389.10	\$ 33,809.00	
	01-27-3110-30-1990		\$ 1,200.00
	01-27-3110-30-2000		\$ 65,000.00
	01-27-3110-30-4198		\$ 400.00
	01-27-3110-30-4253		\$ 500.00
	01-27-3110-30-4270		\$ 418.00
	01-27-3110-30-4451		\$ 100.00
County Jail	01-30-3150-10-1096		\$ (5,013.00)
	01-30-3150-10-4186		\$ (33,809.00)
Library			
	01-72-7410-10-4000		\$ 272.00
Capital Projects			
	07-99-5031.01	\$ 517,042.00	
	07-99-5031.108	\$ (125,250.00)	
	07-99-5031.139	\$ (279,161.00)	
	07-99-5031.146	\$ (225,262.00)	
	07-99-5031.148	\$ 112,631.00	
	07-99-5197-108-2000		\$ (125,250.00)
	07-99-5197-139-2000		\$ (279,161.00)
	07-99-5197-148-2000		\$ (112,631.00)
	07-99-5198-01-2000		\$ 517,042.00

RESOLUTION NO. 318

Offered by Finance Committee

Relating to Appropriation Resolution

WHEREAS: Section 360 of the County Law requires that the Franklin County Legislature pass an appropriation resolution subsequent to the budget adoption; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the following appropriations shall be made:

Total Budget	\$142,211,063.00
General Fund	131,818,324.00
County Road Fund	5,056,459.00
Road Machinery Fund	1,450,767.00
Capital Project Fund	3,865,570.00
Debt Service Fund	19,943.00
Revenue	117,268,894.00
Special Reserve	1,280,000.00
Fund Balance Decrease	4,091,485.00
Board of Elections Charge Back	676,784.00
Allowance for Uncollected Taxes	286,100.00
Total Tax Levy	19,180,000.00
State Revenue	28,478,117.00
Federal Revenue	14,601,421.00

RESOLUTION NO. 319

Offered by Finance Committee

Relating to Adoption of 2026 Tentative Budget

WHEREAS: On September 26, 2025, the tentative budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026 was placed on file; and

WHEREAS: The Members of the Franklin County Legislature have carefully considered said proposed budget and made amendments by Resolution No. 317 adopted on November 20, 2025; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the tentative budget as presented to the Franklin County Legislature on September 18, 2025 and as amended by Resolution No. 317 adopted on November 20, 2025 is hereby adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 320

Offered by Finance Committee

Relating to Adoption of Equalization Table

RESOLVED: That the Equalization Table containing final rates as submitted by the New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment for the year 2026 is hereby adopted as attached.

RESOLUTION NO. 321

Offered by Public Safety Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract with Edward Narrow

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature would like to enter into a contract with Edward Narrow to provide indigent legal services for Conflict Defender defense; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Board of Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into a contract with Edward Narrow for indigent legal services for Conflict Defender defense with the terms and details outlined in the contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 322

Offered by Public Works & Services Committee

Relating to Appointment of the Franklin County Historian

WHEREAS: Kip Cassavaw, the Franklin County Historian's term will expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Cassavaw has expressed an interest of serving another term as the Franklin County Historian; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby appoints Kip Cassavaw as the Franklin County Historian for a two year term expiring December 31, 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 323

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization For Approval of the 2026 Marketing Plan & Budget

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development and the Tourism Advisory Committee had presented to the Franklin County Legislature their recommendation for the 2026 Marketing Plan and Budget; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby approved the 2026 Marketing Plan and Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 324

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Authorization to Enter Into a Contract With Hearst Communications/WPTZ, Office of Economic Development

WHEREAS: The Director, Office of Economic Development has advised the Economic Development Committee that he is desirous of entering into a contract with Hearst Communications/WPTZ for winter paid media promotion utilizing I Love NY Funding; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Manager and the Director, Office of Economic Development, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to enter into a contract with Hearst Communications/WPTZ for winter

paid media promotion with the terms and conditions outlined in the contract; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Auditor to process and the County Treasurer to pay per the contract an amount not to exceed \$5,600.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 325

Offered by Administrative Committee

Relating to Adoption Of Local Law Of The County Legislature Of The County Of Franklin Changing The Number Of Coroners To Be Elected In The County Of Franklin From Four (4) To Two (2)

WHEREAS: The Franklin County Legislature held a public hearing on a Local Law changing the number of Coroners to be elected in the County of Franklin from four (4) to two (2); and

WHEREAS: Said Local Law sat on each Members' desk for the required seven (7) day period; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature hereby adopts said Local Law and directs the Clerk of Franklin County Legislature to advertise said Local Law as required by provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

RESOLUTION NO. 326

Offered by Legislators Lockwood, Lauzon, Janisewski, Dumas, Martin, Sparks and Ellis

Relating to Proclamation Honoring Andrea Stewart For 37+ Years of Service to the Town of Malone

WHEREAS: Andrea Stewart has faithfully served the Town of Malone, which began in December 1985, demonstrating exceptional dedication, professionalism, and integrity; and

WHEREAS: Throughout her tenure, with a short-lived retirement, she has contributed significantly to the growth and success of the Town of Malone through many roles; and

WHEREAS: Andrea Stewart has been a mentor, a problem-solver, and a trusted friend to many, leaving a legacy of service that will be remembered for years to come; and

WHEREAS: The impact of her work extends beyond the workplace, touching the lives of community members and fostering goodwill wherever she has served; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature would like to take this opportunity to honor and thank Andrea Stewart for her 37 plus years of service to the Town of Malone; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature is hereby authorized to transmit an official copy of

this Resolution bearing the Great Seal of Franklin County to Ms. Stewart.