



# Sullivan County

## County Legislature

### Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman Nadia Rajsz  
Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello  
Legislator Matt McPhillips  
Legislator Brian McPhillips  
Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr.  
Legislator Catherine Scott  
Legislator Luis Alvarez  
Legislator Amanda Ward  
Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo

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**Thursday, May 16, 2024**

**10:30 AM**

**Government Center**

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#### **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Rajsz called the Full Board Meeting to order at 11:05AM.

#### **Roll Call of Legislators**

**Present:** Chairman Nadia Rajsz  
Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello  
District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips  
District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips  
District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr.  
District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott  
District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez  
District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward  
District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo

**Communications**

AnnMarie Martin read communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**May 16, 2024**

1. Records Destruction Notifications filed by the following departments:

OFA/RSVP dated February 29, 2024, April 2, 2024 and May 3, 2024  
DSS Travis Building CPS/APS and HEAP dated May 8, 2024  
DSS Children's Services dated May 8, 2024  
DSS Temporary Assistance and Medicare Units dated May 13, 2024  
DSS Accounting/Special Investigations Unit and Contracts dated April 2024  
DSS Accounting dated April 12, 2024  
Public Health Services dated May 8, 2024  
County Clerk dated April 25, 2024  
DMV dated April 29, 2024  
Human Resources dated March 22, 2024  
Risk Management dated March 22, 2024  
DSS Child Care Unit dated April 16, 2024  
Board of Elections dated April 18, 2024

**Public Comment**

- 1, Dayna Halprin made a public comment.
2. Ken Walter made a public comment.
3. Barbi Neumann made a public comment.
4. Gary Ott made a public comment
5. Martin Colavito made a public comment
6. Kathie Abrams made a public comment.
7. Lou Setren made a public comment
8. Chris Lesser made a public comment

**Resolutions**

Joseph Perrello moved Resolutions #1-36 in a block, seconded by Brian McPhillips, all in favor 9-0.

1. To Create an Additional Full-Time Public Health Physical Therapist and Full-Time Public Health Occupational Therapist for the Department of Public Health

**ID-6302**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 245-24

2. To apply for and accept the 2024-2025 New York Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation Snowmobile Trail Grant-in-Aid Program and enter into a contract with the Sullivan County Trail Association. [ID-6365](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 246-24

3. To authorize the pay rates for the Crew Leader position for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). [ID-6382](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 247-24

4. To authorize the hourly pay rates and a performance-based work incentive for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). [ID-6383](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 248-24

5. Resolution to authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement for Guide Rail Replacements on portions of various County Roads with the lowest responsible bidder (EMI Guide Rail, LLC) for the replacement of approximately 10,000 feet of guide rail. [ID-6389](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 249-24

6. Resolution to authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement for construction support and inspection services with Barton & Loguidice D.P.C. for the replacement of County Bridge 77 (BRIDGE NY funded). [ID-6390](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 250-24

7. Resolution to authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement for construction work to the lowest responsible bidder of bid B-24-01 as recommended by the Division of Public Works to replace Bridge 77. [ID-6391](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 251-24

8. Authorize settlement with Herbert [ID-6403](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 252-24

9. To authorize a contract modification agreement with Rural Law Center to provide legal services for the Sullivan County Office for the Aging. [ID-6405](#)

**Sponsors:** Office for the Aging and Deoul

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 253-24

10. To support the preparation and submission of an application to the Round 8 Restore NY program, by the County Division of Planning, Community Development & Environmental Management to request funding for the rehabilitation of buildings in Monticello's Broadway Corridor. [ID-6407](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 254-24

11. To authorize the County Manager, Chairman of the County Legislature, and/or their authorized representative to execute any and all necessary documents to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for an ATIP Program planning grant of up to \$1,680,000 with a required match of \$420,000 to fund necessary design and engineering of the trail road crossings [ID-6408](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 255-24

12. The County is in receipt of a scope and associated cost estimate for additional design and engineering services for the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail in Parksville (Town of Liberty). The cost estimate for additional services to be performed is \$75,000. Funds are available in the County's O&W Rail Trail Fund Balance. [ID-6409](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 256-24

13. To approve the proposed exempt actions so that the Department of Planning shall eliminate the need for review and comment on such local actions and to authorize the County Manager to execute all necessary municipal corporation agreements. [ID-6410](#)

**Attachments:** [GML239 Municipal Exemptions Schedule A](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 257-24

14. To authorize the execution of a Federal Section 5311 Formula Grant for Rural Area Program Agreement with the NYS Department of Transportation. [ID-6413](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 258-24

15. To Authorize the County Manager to execute Agreements between the Department of Public Health and various service providers [ID-6414](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 259-24

16. To create a permanent part time Sheriff's Department Accounts Payable Coordinator and abolish the temporary part time Accounts Payable Coordinator Position in the Sheriff's Office [ID-6415](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 260-24

17. To enter into agreement with Adelphi University [ID-6418](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 261-24

18. Apportion the 2024 1st Quarter Mortgage Tax [ID-6424](#)

**Attachments:** [AU202 1st page](#)  
[AU202 2nd page](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 262-24

19. To Modify the 2024 Budget [ID-6431](#)

**Attachments:** [April 30 2024 Resolution Needed.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 263-24

**20. Authorize a NYSDOH Grant EMS Support Grant** [ID-5826](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 264-24

**21. Acknowledge the Sullivan County Correctional Officers and Correctional Employees** [ID-6433](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 265-24

**22. Set salary for the Deputy County Attorney** [ID-6329](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 266-24

**23. Set Salary for the Confidential Secretary in the County Attorney's Office** [ID-6331](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 267-24

**24. To Appoint Dr. Ellsweig to the Health Services Advisory Board for the Department of Public Health** [ID-6396](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 268-24

25. The Legislative Discretionary Funding program is designed to assist Sullivan County and County-oriented entities with achieving such goals as public safety, public health, youth services, community development, and economic development [ID-6402](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 269-24

26. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AMEND RESOLUTION 117-24 TO INCLUDE \$.50 INCREASE LANGUAGE FOR SEASONAL PART-TIME, AND PER-DIEM POSITIONS IN THE PARKS, RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION DEPARTMENT AS REFLECTED IN "REVISED SCHEDULE A." [ID-6432](#)

**Attachments:** [Parks and Rec - Revised Schedule A - Return Employee Increase 4-2024](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 270-24

27. Authorize the renewal of the Retainer Agreement with Bryan Kaplan. [ID-6434](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 271-24

28. To Modify Resolution No. 398-23 in order to Sustain Authorized Services using Opioid Settlement Funds [ID-6435](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 272-24



- 29.** Approve the three (3) 2025 Police Traffic Safety Grants and one (1) 2025 Child Passenger Safety Grant [ID-6437](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 273-24

- 30.** Establish a Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials [ID-6438](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 274-24

- 31.** To authorize the County Manager to apply for and accept the FY2024 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Operations Grant Program award administered by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES) [ID-6439](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 275-24

- 32.** To authorize the County Manager to apply for and accept the FY2024 Statewide Interoperable Communications (SICG) Formula-Based Grant Program administered by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES) [ID-6442](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 276-24

- 33.** Authorizes award and execution of an agreement with Delaware Engineering, D.P.C., to develop a Countywide assessment of potable water and wastewater infrastructure. The County is focused on safeguarding its local and regional water supply, balancing land use needs with available water resources and supporting smart development and water sustainability, for both current and future residents. The resulting assessment will support the County's commitment to maintaining water quality and quantity to meet the needs of the population and the environment, by identifying important infrastructure such as water and sewer lines, potable water facilities and wastewater treatment facilities. It will foster improvements to current infrastructure related to safe drinking water and wastewater treatment and guide development throughout the County by supplying a detailed understanding of existing conditions. [ID-6446](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 277-24

- 34.** TO AUTHORIZE A NEW 3-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH CATALIS COURTS & LAND RECORDS, LLC FOR THEIR CASELOAD EXPLORER SOFTWARE SOLUTION [ID-6447](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 278-24

- 35.** Abolish and Create positions in the Department of Public Health and Department of Community Services [ID-6454](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 279-24

- 36.** Cancel Outstanding Property Taxes [ID-6455](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 280-24

**37. Authorize Certificate of Withdrawal**[ID-6456](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 281-24

**38. To Modify the 2024 Budget**[ID-6374](#)

**Attachments:** [March 31 2024 Resolution Needed - B.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo

**Nay:** Scott, and Alvarez

Enactment No: 282-24

**39. Create a Deputy Administrator of the Adult Care Center (Administrative Services)**[ID-6465](#)

A motion was made by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 283-24

**Waive the Rules**

Brian McPhillips moved to Waive the Rules, seconded by Matt McPhillips, all in favor 9-0.

**40. Submit Application and Accept Funding for Police Traffic Safety Services**[ID-6463](#)

A motion was made by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 284-24

**41. Authorize application and acceptance of Bullet Proof Vests**[ID-6462](#)

A motion was made by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, McPhillips, Salomone, Scott, Alvarez, Ward, and Blosser-Bernardo

Enactment No: 285-24

**Recognition of Legislators**

Catherine Scott made a comment at this time.

Nicholas Salomone made a comment at this time.

**Executive Session**

At this time, Joseph Perrello moved to go into Executive Session at 11:45AM to discuss the employment of a particular person, seconded by Brian McPhillips all in favor.

Matt McPhillips moved to come out of Executive Session at 12:23PM, seconded by Catherine Scott, all in favor.

**Adjournment or Close**

Due to a lack of quorum, the Full Board closed at 12:24PM.