



# Sullivan County

## Executive Committee

### Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman Nadia Rajszt  
Vice Chairman Joesph Perrello  
Committee Member Matt McPhillips  
Committee Member Brian McPhillips  
Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr.  
Committee Member Catherine Scott  
Committee Member Luis Alvarez  
Committee Member Amanda Ward  
Committee Member Terry Blosser-Bernardo

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Thursday, May 16, 2024

9:00 AM

Government Center

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#### Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Rajszt called the Executive Committee Meeting to order at 9:08AM.

#### Roll Call

Joshua Potosek, Michelle Huck, Robert Freehill, Heather Brown, Thomas Cawley, Dan Hust, Anna Novello

Julie Diescher, Giselle Seketee

Ken Walter, Martha Scoppa, Lou Setren, Ruby R

**Present:** Nadia Rajszt, Joseph Perrello, Matt McPhillips, Brian McPhillips, Nicholas Salomone Jr., Catherine Scott, Luis Alvarez, Amanda Ward and Terry Blosser-Bernardo

#### Discussion:

Chair Rajszt read a Proclamation for Foster Care Awareness Month and presented same to Giselle Seketee, Deputy Commissioner of Health & Human Services.

#### Resolutions:

1. Set salary for the Deputy County Attorney

[ID-6329](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajszt, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 266-24

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

A motion was made by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo  
Enactment No: 267-24

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

A motion was made by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

4. 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 District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

5. 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 District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

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

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

7. TO MODIFY RESOLUTION NO. 398-23 IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN [ID-6435](#)  
AUTHORIZED SERVICES USING OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Catherine Scott made a motion to amend by changing the name of Lamar of Scranton to "Lamar Texas Partnership DBA the Larmar companies a/k/a Lamar Advertising Company, seconded by Joseph Perrello, all in favor 9-0 of the amendment and the resolution as amended 9-0.

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee as Amended to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

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

A motion was made by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

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

Catherine Scott made a motion to amend by adding the ROA # for Brian Conaty, Amanda Ward and Nadia Rajs, seconded by Joseph Perrello, all in favor of the amendment. All in favor of the resolution as amended.

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee as Amended to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

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10. 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 District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

11. 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 District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

12. Correct the salary schedule for seasonal part-time and per-diem positions in the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department. [ID-6445](#)

**Attachments:** [2024 Seasonal Salaries Schedule A with Increase](#)

13. 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 District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

- 14. 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 District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr., that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

- 15. Abolish and Create positions in the Department of Public Health and Department of Community Services**

[ID-6454](#)

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

- 16. Cancel Outstanding property taxes**

[ID-6455](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

17. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO  
AUTHORIZE CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL

[ID-6456](#)

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer is the Real Property Tax Enforcement Officer for the County of Sullivan pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer filed a List of Delinquent Taxes on or about November 1, 2022 which included the parcels known as Town of Liberty tax map #29.-2-2.1 and 31.-1-38; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer commenced the tax foreclosure proceeding for unpaid 2022 taxes on November 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Town of Liberty tax map #29.-2-2.1 and 31.-1-38, meet one or more of the criteria so that it should be withdrawn from the foreclosure proceeding pursuant to §1138 of the Real Property Tax Law, in that if the County were to acquire the parcel, there is a significant risk that it might be exposed to a liability substantially in excess of the amount that could be recovered by enforcing the tax lien; and

WHEREAS, Town of Liberty tax map #29.-2-2.1 is a 97' x 119.2' strip of land which was the site of a former gas station. Town of Liberty tax map #31.-1-38 is a 0.18 acre of land with improvements including a former gas station; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the County Treasurer and Real Property Advisory Board have determined that it would be in the best interest of the County to execute and file a Certificate of Withdrawal of this parcel from the foreclosure proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer and Real Property Advisory Board have determined that the commencement of supplementary proceedings against said parcel pursuant to §1138(5) of the Real Property Tax Law in the manner provided by §990 of the Real Property Tax Law would not be an effective means to enforce collection of the delinquent tax liens at the present time because the property is a 4.68 acre parcel of land which is a private road in disrepair. All adjacent property owners were previously afforded an opportunity to purchase said parcel from the County and none of the owners were interested in doing so. In addition, the Town of Liberty previously offered to adopt said road as a Town Road, but required that substantial improvements be done to make it a legal road prior to adoption, which the adjacent property owners were not willing to do; and

WHEREAS, there is no practical method to enforce the collection of the delinquent tax liens regarding said parcel and that a supplementary proceeding to enforce collection of the taxes would not be effective; and



WHEREAS, considering all of the circumstances set forth above, it would be in the best interest of the County to have the County Treasurer execute and file a Certificate of Cancellation and a Certificate of Prospective Cancellation affecting said parcel; and

WHEREAS, the County has made the other tax districts whole regarding the delinquent tax liens affecting said parcels; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the County to charge back to the various municipal corporations the amount so credited or guaranteed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after the filing of said Certificate of Withdrawal, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a Certificate of Cancellation pursuant to §1138(6)(b) and to charge back to the affected municipal corporations the amounts so credited or guaranteed pursuant to §1138(6)(c), and to issue a Certificate of Prospective Cancellation pursuant to §1138(6)(d) and to file a copy of same with the Assessor of the assessing unit in which said parcel is located, and with the County Director of Real Property Tax Services pursuant to §1138(6)(d) of the Real Property Tax Law, thereby making said parcel exempt until this governing body shall determine that said parcel should be restored to the taxable portion of the assessment roll.

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**18. To Modify the 2024 Budget**

**[ID-6374](#)**

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

Catherine Scott moved to untable, seconded by Nicholas Salomone, all in favor. Resolution successfully untabled.

Brian McPhillips moved to approve, seconded by Joseph Perrello, resolution carried 7-2 with Catherine Scott and Luis Alvarez opposed.

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajs, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

**Nay:** District 5 Legislator Scott and District 6 Legislator Alvarez

**Untable:**

19. To create a Deputy County Administrator of the Adult Care Center.

[ID-6465](#)

Chair Rajszyk called for public comment:

1. Ken Walter made a public comment.
2. Martha Scoppa made a public comment.
3. Lou Setren made a public comment.

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 5/16/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chairman Rajszyk, Vice Chairman Perrello, District 1 Legislator McPhillips, District 3 Legislator McPhillips, District 4 Legislator Salomone, District 5 Legislator Scott, District 6 Legislator Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Ward and District 9 Legislator Blosser-Bernardo

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Joseph Perrello moved to adjourn, seconded by Catherine Scott. The Executive Committee was adjourned at 9:51PM.