

OFFICIAL RECORD

Lockport, New York  
September 04, 2019

A special meeting was called to order by Chairman McNall at 6:34 p.m.

All Legislators were present with the exception of Legislators Hill, Steed and Syracuse.

**Resolution No. CW-020-19**

From: Committee of the Whole.

Dated: September 4, 2019

**NIAGARA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
BUDGET MODIFICATION – GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

WHEREAS, the Niagara County Board of Elections Office has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$145,322 for the period of April 12, 2019 through December 31, 2020 from the New York State Board of Elections to implement early voting and the various accompanying services and/or accessories required, and

WHEREAS, the grant will allow the Niagara County Board of Elections Office to purchase electronic poll books, ballot on demand printers, and training for the staff, and

WHEREAS, the 2019 budget will need to be modified to allow for the spending of this grant, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney’s review, the Chairman of the Legislature be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2019 budget be modified as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

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| A.14.1450.000 43089.05 | State Aid, Early Voting | \$145,322 |
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

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| A.14.1450.000.72100.05 | Computer Equipment | \$145,322 |
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Virtuoso.

Adopted. 11 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Hill, Steed, Syracuse.

**Resolution No. IL-051-19**

From: Legislators Rebecca J. Wydysh, Wm. Keith McNall and Jesse P. Gooch

Dated: September 4, 2019

**RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO WAIVE STATE-AUTHORIZED FEE ASSOCIATED  
WITH LICENSE PLATE REPLACEMENT**

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo’s administration recently announced plans to redesign New York State license plates, and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo announced said plan due to his assertion that cashless tolling technology is incapable of scanning existing license plates—an assertion that has proven to be unfounded as current New York State license plates are scanned by said technology without error, and

WHEREAS, New York State motorists who have the blue and white Empire State plates will be required to replace them and pay a \$25 dollar fee to obtain new plates, or pay a \$20 dollar fee to keep their current plates, and

WHEREAS, due to its close proximity to Canada, numerous Canadian motorists frequently cross the international border into Niagara County, passing cashless tolling sites without a mechanism in place to collect tolls from said motorists, and

WHEREAS, these aforementioned occurrences are inherently unfair to New York State motorists who are expected and required to pay when passing cashless tolling sites, and

WHEREAS, New York State motorists should not carry the burden of refunding the state for its implementation of an inefficient cashless tolling system, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature calls on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to waive the state-authorized fee associated with the mandatory license plate replacement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York encouraging fellow counties to enact similar resolutions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Niagara shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins; Senate Minority Leader John Flanagan; Senator Robert G. Ortt; Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie; Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes; Assembly Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb; Member of the Assembly Michael J. Norris; Member of the Assembly Angelo Morinello; Member of the Assembly Karen McMahon; Member of the Assembly Robin Schimming; and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Moved by Wydysh, seconded by Gooch to amend resolution.

Amendment:

Addition in the first WHEREAS, "...Governor Cuomo's administration, New York State Senate and New York State Assembly recently..."

Deletion of the third WHEREAS and Replaced with "...WHEREAS, the proposed change will require New York State motorists who have license plates that are ten years or older to pay a \$25 fee in order to obtain the new plates, and an additional \$20 fee if they choose to keep the same plate number, and..."

Moved by Wydysh, seconded by Gooch.

Adopted. 11 Ayes, 0 Noes, 3 Absent – Hill, Steed, Syracuse.

Moved by Nemi, seconded by Virtuoso that the Board adjourn.

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned at 5:46 p.m., subject to the call of the Clerk.

1 citizen spoke at this time on the General Welfare of the County.

  
Mary Jo Tamburlin, Clerk