

LEGISLATIVE, RULES & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

County Clerk/DMV AGENDA

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

***Committee Members: Supervisors Strough, Conover, Wild, Driscoll, Maday, Geraci and Thoms
Chair of the Board shall serve as an Ex-Officio member when needed in accordance
with Section C(4) of the Rules of the Board***

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Committee Chair
- II. Approval of minutes of prior Committee meeting - *November 29, 2023*
- III. Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment
- IV. Action Agenda/New Business Items:
 - 1) Request to appropriate \$16,316.00 from Budget Code A.909.00, *General Fund Unappropriated Surplus*, to Budget Code A.1410 440, *County Clerk, Legal/Transcript Fees, (\$8,158.00)*, and Budget Code A.4010 440, *Health Services, Legal/Transcript Fees, (\$8,158.00)*, to cover a portion of the County's insurance deductible in the matter of *John Joseph Forjone v. The Town of Lake Luzerne, et. al.*
- V. Discussion Items:
- VI. Referrals/Pending Items: None.
- VII. Privilege of the Floor to discuss any additional items to come before the Committee
- VIII. Motion to adjourn

Attachments:

- 1) *Miscellaneous 20 Resolution Request Form (Action Agenda/New Business Item 1).*

RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 20

MISCELLANEOUS

****Please List All Other Requests Not Covered by Previous Resolution Request Forms Here.
Please attach any backup information available and be as detailed as possible.***

DEPARTMENT NAME: County Clerk (with Health Services)

DATE: 2/1/24

(a) Purpose of Request: **Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$16,316 to pay a portion of the County's insurance deductible in the matter of *John Joseph Forjone v. The Town of Lake Luzerne, et. al.***

(b) Details: **The Forjone lawsuit was filed on May 12, 2023 against various New York State agencies and municipalities, to include Pamela Vogel, as County Clerk and Ginelle Jones, as Director of Public Health. Plaintiff claims he is a "National Private Citizen" and seeks damages arising from "mis-administration/enforcement of process under color of New York law," to include loss of commercial driver's license privileges and failure to advise of poisoned water, along with other grievances.**

The Public Entity Management Liability policy requires the County to reimburse "defense expenses" from the County's self-insured retention amount (i.e.-deductible) of \$50,000, which includes attorney's fees as well as certain litigation expenses (expert witnesses, court fees, witness fees, etc.).

During 2023, the County paid \$3,684 for reimbursement of defense expenses. The \$16,316 appropriation is requested to reimburse pending and future defense expenses up to \$20,000, with each payment being split equally between the County Clerk and Health Services.

(c) Previous Resolution Number: **N/A**

(d) Where are the Funds (if required)? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title* and Amount: **\$8,158 to go into Budget Code 1410 440 County Clerk, Legal/Transcript Fees and \$8,158 to go into Budget Code 4010 440 Health Services, Legal/Transcript Fees**

Sample: A.8021 470 Planning & Community Development – Contract

* as listed in budget and LOGOS