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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AGENDA
September 23, 2026

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services Grant
5. 2027 County Budget
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Good of the Order
9. Adjourn

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MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

For Authorization to Apply for Grant

INTRODUCTION NO: _____

(Clerk's use only)

Committee of Jurisdiction: **Public Safety** Date: **September 23, 2026**

Seeking authorization to apply for:

An increase in the our 3rd Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction funding through the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS), to be added to the Public Defender's and Conflict Defender's existing grant.

Explanation of grant application:

The Public Defender (J.R. Carter) and the Conflict Defender (Michael Regan) request authorization to apply to ILS for an increase in funding under the County's existing ILS grant, in an amount within the range announced by ILS. If awarded, the increase will be included in the new three-year contract beginning January 1, 2027.

ILS has announced that the counties may apply to increase their annual Family Defense or Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation grant funding by $200,000.00 to $500,000.00. Funding will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional funding for awarded counties will be added to their current contracts beginning January 1, 2027. Potential uses of the funding include, but are not limited to, caseload relief, timely access to counsel, interdisciplinary representation, training, and infrastructure costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total COUNTY SHARE of grant: None

Local county share: _____

State Grant? __X____ Revenue: ***A1172*** $ TBD ($200,000 to $500,000.00

This grant is __X___ renewal of existing grant funded program or a_____ new grant fund program.

Grant Fiscal Year: **Beginning January 1, 2927 (new three-year contract)**

Obligation of County after grant expires:

Major benefits of applying for this grant are: Additional funding to support caseload relief, timely access to counsel, interdisciplinary representation, training and infrastructure needs.

Department Head Signature: _____