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FINANCE, LEGAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 15, 2026

10:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Legislators: Chair Monell, Ciotoli, Standinger, Aronstam, Rose, Cantella, Bunce, Brown

Staff: Legislative Clerk Haskell, County Attorney DeWind, Chief Accountant Schurter, Safety Officer Holbrook, Personnel Officer Parke, County Administrator Bailey, Treasurer Roberts, Deputy Treasurer Stagg, District Attorney Martin, Public Defender Arcesi

Guest(s): N/A

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Legislator Bunce asked for a motion to approve the August 11, 2026, minutes. Legislator Ciotoli made the motion seconded by Chair Monell and was unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL: Safety and Legal's budget are tracking well.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Litigation and Claims:** The County Attorney's Office is exploring retaining outside counsel for a possible new litigation matter

NEW BUSINESS:

- **NYMIR Risk Management Review:** The review is taking place on October 7, 2026, and Ms. Holbrook is currently preparing for the upcoming visit.
- **PESH Voluntary Compliance Inspection:** Representatives from the Public Employee Safety and Health (PESH) Bureau conducted an on-site voluntary inspection yesterday. Two deficiencies were noted during the visit, with a 60-day corrective action period established for remediation. Participating in this voluntary compliance program prevents the scheduling of a formal inspection, protecting the County from potential citations. Additionally, the County's Silica Control Program was reviewed and approved. Upon receipt of the final written report, copies will be distributed to county legislators upon request.

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- 3rd Assistant County Attorney Vacancy: This position remains open due to a lack of candidate interest. It was noted that this vacancy reflects a broader, systemic challenge as numerous counties report similar difficulties in recruiting and retaining municipal attorneys.

RESOLUTIONS: AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF 3RD ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY; EXECUTE LEASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 20 COURT STREET, OWEGO, NY TO HOUSE ASSIGNED COUNSEL RESOURCE CENTER; AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 212-26; AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM were moved into full Legislative session without further questions.

PROCLAMATIONS: N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

ADJOURNMENT: Legislator Bunce adjourned the Finance, Legal and Safety Committee meeting at 11:38 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Freyvogel

Paralegal to the County Attorney