

**AGENDA  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026**

**Immediately following adjournment of the 9:00 a.m. Public Safety/Criminal Justice Committee**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:           Jaynes, Barnes, Gray, Walker  
STAFF ADVISOR/MINUTES:     Nicole Smith, Clerk

**I.       BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Ken Thurston**

- A. Resolution – Authorize 2026 seasonal rates for Marina (attached)
- B. Resolution – Authorize transfer of funds to upgrade the Jail Dormitory Bathroom (attached)
- C. Resolution – Authorize transfer of funds to relocate piping in the Emergency Management Server Room (attached)
- D. Motion – Authorize renewing the contract with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester dba Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers for leased space in the County Courthouse Complex, Room B101, at a cost to Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers of \$18,600.00 annually, no increase from 2025, for a term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
- E. Discussion – Report (attached)

**II.      HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Ken Thurston**

- A. Resolution – Authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 4 amending the existing agreements with Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architects, D.P.C. for construction inspection of bridge replacement (BIN 3332610) County Road 16 over Pine Creek, Town of Orange, Schuylers County, P.I.N. 6755.48 to increase the amount
- B. Resolution – Accept Material and Supplies Bid for 2026 (attached)
- C. Resolution – Accept Bid Extension for Guiderail and tree and stump removal (attached)
- D. Motion – Authorize renewing the intermunicipal agreement with Steuben and Yates Counties for use and maintenance of a paint striping truck and broom truck for a cost of \$1,244.90, an increase of \$622.45, term of April 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027
- E. Discussion – Report (attached)

**III.     WEIGHTS & MEASURES – Jeff Gascon**

- A. Nothing Submitted

RE: AUTHORIZE 2026 SEASONAL RATES FOR MARINA – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

WHEREAS, New York State Alienation and Conversion of Municipal Parkland regulations requires that any park fee should not be in excess of those charged for comparable facilities in the area, and

WHEREAS, the existing lease, Section 5. (C) requires the fees charged by the lessee, The Village Marina, LLC, to be approved by the Schuylter County Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby approves the following as The Village Marina's 2026 Seasonal Rate Schedule for its 145 available slips:

### **2026 SUMMER RATES**

<b><u>SLIP WIDTH</u></b>	<b><u>SLIP FEE</u></b>	<b><u>WATER &amp; ELECTRIC</u></b>
8'	\$2,125.00	\$100.00
10'	\$2,310.00	\$100.00
12'	\$2,425.00	\$100.00
14'	\$2,535.00	\$100.00
16'	\$2,546.00	\$100.00

**SEASONAL RATES:** The Village Marina, LLC Seasonal Rates for Summer 2026 apply to the period beginning April 15, 2026 (weather permitting) and continue through October 30, 2026. Any seasonal tenants who do not plan to haul out or store with us and are still in the water after these dates will be assessed a service charge of **\$15.00 per day**, for each day until the boat is removed.

### **2026 TRANSIENT DOCK June 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept 15<sup>th</sup> WITH 30 AMP ELECTRIC**

Per Hour: \$5.00

Per Day: 30' or less = \$50.00 / 30'- 44' = \$60.00 / 45'-50' = \$75.00 / 50'+ = \$85.00

Per Week: \$250.00

Per Month: \$1,000.00

50 AMP Electric add an additional \$10.00/day

### **LAUNCH RAMP FEES**

\$5.00 Per Launch (Tenants: No Charge)

\$50.00 Unlimited Off-Season Usage (October 31<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>)

### **WINTER STORAGE RATES**

At the dock: \$24.00 per foot. Use of bubbler system is allowed with electrical charges billed additionally.

On land: Slip Tenant \$15.00/foot ; NON Slip Tenant \$26.00/foot

Haul In/Out Charges: \$5.00 per foot EACH WAY.

### **SUMMER STORAGE RATES**

On land: \$26.00 per foot

### **MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND CHARGES**

#### **CRANE TRUCK:**

Tenants: \$150.00 per Usage (plus tax)

Non-Tenant: \$200.00 per Usage (plus tax)

**TRAILER / CRADLE FEE:** Minimum \$50.00 + tax. Charge includes handling and storage of cradles and trailers. Fee is billed annually with winter storage.

**PUMP OUT:** \$5.00 Per Pump Out (Tokens available from Dock Master)

**POWER WASHING:** \$2.00 per boat foot

Power washing and pump outs not available after Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO UPGRADE THE JAIL DORM BATHROOM – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

WHEREAS, Resolution 2026-60 Authorized the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to utilize funds available in the Repair Reserve Fund to Upgrade the Jail Dorm Bathroom, and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held April 13, 2026, at 6:30pm in the Legislative Chambers, 105 Ninth Street, Watkins Glen, NY, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is authorized to transfer up to \$30,000.00 from the Repair Reserve Fund 001.0001.886 to 004.1620.0233 to Upgrade the Jail Dorm Bathroom.

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO RELOCATE PIPING IN THE EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT SERVER ROOM – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

WHEREAS, Resolution 2026-61 Authorized the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to utilize funds available in the Repair Reserve Fund to Relocate Piping in the Emergency Management Server Room, and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was held April 13, 2026, at 6:30pm in the Legislative Chambers, 105 Ninth Street, Watkins Glen, NY, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is authorized to transfer up to \$24,000.00 from the Repair Reserve Fund 001.0001.886 to 004.1620.0230 to Relocate Piping in the Emergency Management Server Room.

**SCHUYLER COUNTY**  
**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT**



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Deputy Building Maintenance Supervisor

**March 2026 - Monthly Activity Report**

- YTD Work Orders = 141
- On Going projects – Public Health at the SSB, Dispatch Center Renovation
- Snow Removal
- Capital Improvement Project – Court Room Renovation
- Misc. – Cleanup Vandalism on Pier House, Install Bus Shelter at Walmart for SCT.
- New Employee – Johnathan VanNorman – Cleaner

RE: AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 4 AMENDING THE EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH HUNT ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, D.P.C. FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION OF BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (BIN 3332610) COUNTY ROAD 16 OVER PINE CREEK, TOWN OF ORANGE, SCHUYLER COUNTY, P.I.N. 6755.48 TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 186-21 authorized an engineering consultant agreement with Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects, D.P.C. for professional services related to the design and construction inspection of bridge replacement BIN 3332610 County Road 16 over Pine Creek, Town of Orange, Schuyler County, P.I.N. 6755.48 as a Federal aid-eligible project with a term ending March 1, 2024 at the cost of \$181,000.00, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 173-24 authorized a Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to extend the term through June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 44-25 authorized a Supplemental Agreement No.3 to amend the existing agreement for an additional cost of \$145,000.00 and a new term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the duration of construction inspection expanded significantly longer than budgeted due to the operations of the contractor, and

WHEREAS, Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects, D.P.C. has submitted a Supplement Agreement No. 4 amending the existing agreement for an additional cost of \$34,032.05.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 4 to amend the existing engineering consultant agreement with Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architects, D.P.C. for the Highway Department for an additional \$34,032.05, funding available in account no. 002.5020.0401, for engineering services for bridge replacement BIN 3332610 County Road 16 over Pine Creek, Town of Orange, Schuyler County, P.I.N. 6755.48, agreement approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

RE: ACCEPT MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES BIDS FOR 2026 – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 18-26 authorized advertising solicitation of bids for furnishing Material and Supplies for the Schuyler County Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, said advertisement was made, bids were received and opened on March 12, 2026.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Best Value Competitive Offer/Award (per Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2014 and Section 103 of the General Municipal Law and as defined in State Finance Law Section 163) the County of Schuyler has reserved in the bid specifications the right herein to award this contract on the basis of best value, as determined by the County, rather than low bid, and

WHEREAS, the funds are available in the 2026 budgeted line items.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Superintendent and the Public Works Committee, and pursuant to the above recitals, the Schuyler County Legislature accepts the following bids:

CRUSHED LIMESTONE

Seneca Stone Corp.  
Heidelberg Materials Northeast NY LLC  
Dolomite Products Co., Inc.

ICE CONTROL SAND AND GRAVEL

It's Greener Now Sand Inc  
Machuga Pit  
Edger Sand & Gravel – Odessa & Spencer locations  
Dalrymple Gravel & Construction  
Morgan Logging  
Gridley Excavating LLC

ASPHALT EMULSIONS

Vestal Asphalt, Inc.  
Suit-Kote Corp

HOT MIX ASPHALT AND ASPHALT SPECIFIED IN-PLACE PROJECTS

PART A: Hot Mix Asphalt Concrete (FOB Plant) & equipment rental

Seneca Stone Corp.  
Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting Co. Inc.  
Dolomite Products Co., Inc.  
Heidelberg Materials Northeast NY LLC  
Elmira Road Materials, LLC

PART B: Unspecified and Specified in-place projects

(1) Specified projects:

Project #1: Accept - Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting Co. Inc.

Project #2: Reject

Projects #3 - #9 & #1: Accept - Seneca Stone Corp.

Projects #2, #10 & #12: Accept - Elmira Road Materials, LLC

(2) Unspecified projects – Accept:

Seneca Stone Corp.  
Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting Co. Inc.  
Elmira Road Materials, LLC

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds are available in the 2026 budgeted line items.

RE: ACCEPT BID EXTENSION FOR GUIDERAIL AND TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent has recommended that the County exercise the first of a two-year contract renewal option for Guiderail and Tree and Stump Removal as set forth in the contract(s) below, and

WHEREAS, the following bidders have agreed in writing to extend the original agreement under the same terms and conditions. The contract period shall be April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature accept the following bid extensions:

GUIDERAIL

Chemung Supply Corp.

TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL

Jerry's Tree Service

Angry Lorax – accept Class D only



**Ken Thurston**  
Superintendent

## ***SCHUYLER COUNTY*** ***HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT***

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### **Monthly Activity Report**

- YTD Snow Removal Runs – 37
- Call out (after normal working hours) – 21
- Tons of Material Used = 5,176 tons

Maintenance: Patching potholes, ROW tree removal and trimming, surveying pipe & bridge conditions, install new driveway culverts

Upcoming Projects: Begin Permanent Improvement projects for 2027, CR 19 & CR 16, cleaning ditches, replacing culverts, update signage

2026 Permanent Improvement Project: CR 16 (From Steuben County Line to Bus Turn) 7 Miles – Repave will consist of CIPR with 1.5” Hot Mix Overlay to begin mid to late May.

Bridges : Croton Road Bridge Rehab – Is out for bids with work to begin July 1, Estimated cost \$900,000 – County Road Reserve Fund

- Attended Advocacy Day in Albany to meet with Legislators to increase funding in CHIPS (See attached)



**2026 NYSCHSA & NYSAOTSOH TALKING POINTS  
GOVERNOR’S PROPOSED 2026-27 EXECUTIVE BUDGET**

- Local highway departments maintain 87% of New York’s 97,000 miles of highways and more than half of the state’s 17,200 highway bridges. Only 14% of the massive local road system is eligible for federal aid. NYSDOT maintains just 13% of the state’s highways yet 97% of its system is eligible to receive federal aid.
- Our local highway system faces enormous needs—estimated at over \$100 billion. This decline did not happen overnight, and rebuilding the system will require sustained, long-term commitment. Our FY 2026-27 budget request is that an additional \$250 million be added to the CHIPS program. This will allow us to recoup some of the real funding value lost to inflation since the five-year program was initially adopted in 2022.
- Last year’s Enacted Budget included an additional \$800 million for the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) CORE Road and Bridge Program and only \$50 million was added to the local highways CHIPS program. This year’s Executive Budget keeps CHIPS funding flat – at last year’s level.
- Governor Kathy Hochul’s Executive Budget proposal continues the fifth year of the five-year investment plan for the NYSDOT and the local road system. Record high inflation rates on highway construction materials have severely increased costs and, as a result, local governments are seeing a significant reduction in real dollars from local highway maintenance programs. Regardless, the Executive Budget keeps funding for all local highway programs flat, consistent with last year.

NYSDOT Local Transportation Funding (in Million \$s)	Enacted 2024-25	Enacted 2025-26	Executive Budget 2026-27	Request 2026-27
CHIPS	\$598.1	\$648.1	\$648.1	Combined CHIPS \$1,138.1 <b>(+\$250M)</b>
Extreme Winter Recovery	\$100	\$100	\$100	
State Touring Routes	\$140	\$140	\$140	
Local PAVENY	\$150	\$150	\$150	Combined POP \$250
Local Pave our Potholes	\$100	\$100	\$100	
Local BRIDGE-NY	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Marchiselli	\$39.7	\$39.7	\$39.7	\$39.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,327.8</b>	<b>\$1,377.8</b>	<b>\$1,377.8</b>	<b>\$1,627.8 (+\$250M)</b>

## NYSCHSA & NYSAOTSOH 2026-27 BUDGET REQUESTS:

- ✓ Support combining the following three programs into “Combined CHIPS” with an increase of \$250 million; totaling \$1,138.1 million.
  - Increase CHIPS by \$250 million to \$898.1 million.
  - Maintain Extreme Winter Recovery funding at \$100 million.
  - Maintain State Touring Route funding at \$140 million.
- ✓ Support combining the following two programs into “Combined POP”; totaling \$250 million.
  - Maintain local PAVE-NY funding program at \$150 million.
  - Maintain POP funding program at \$100 million.
- ✓ Support maintaining the Marchiselli program at \$39.7 million.
- ✓ Support maintaining the local BRIDGE-NY program at \$200 million.

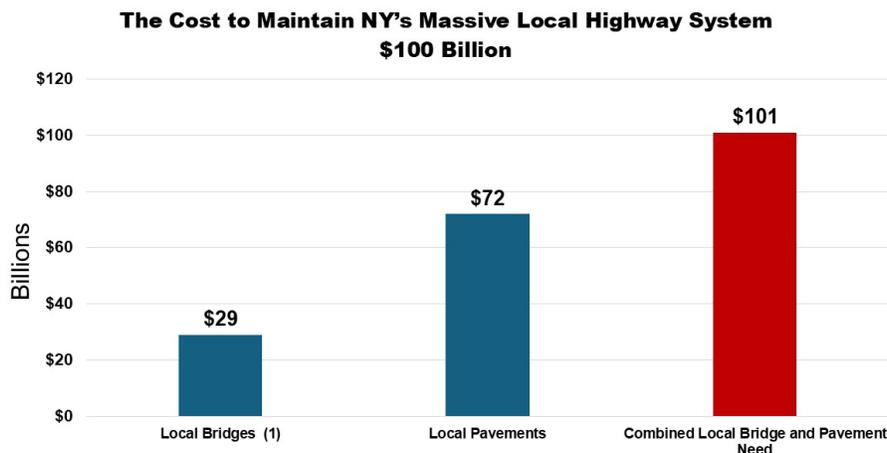
## NYS INFRASTRUCTURE IS LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Local roads and bridges account for eighty-seven percent (87%) of NYS roads, and more than half of its bridges.

Forty-eight percent (48%) of the vehicle miles traveled in New York are on local roads, yet less than 12 percent (12%) of the taxes and fees paid to the state by these drivers go back to maintaining local roads; and this differential is increasing as more EV drivers are not subjected to gasoline taxes.

It costs five times more to rebuild a bridge and sixteen times more to replace pavements that have become deficient than those kept in a state of good repair.

The projected costs to properly maintain New York’s massive local road and bridge system are staggering. According to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the estimated cost for work needed on locally owned bridges in 2023 was approximately \$29 billion. To put this unfunded need in perspective, from 2016 through 2024, the total combined federal and state investment in New York’s local bridges was just \$1.7 billion. In the New York State Department of Transportation’s (NYSDOT) last 20-year capital assessment the agency’s engineers projected its pavement needs at 2.5 times those of its bridge needs. Using this same rationale the combined pavement and bridge needs of New York’s local governments is more than \$100 billion.



\*Source: 1. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
2. NYS Comptroller

## **NEARLY 90 PERCENT OF LOCAL ROADS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE MONEY**

Thanks to the Federal Infrastructure and Jobs Act, New York State will receive an additional \$4.6 billion from 2022-2027. Unfortunately, most local roads -- 87% -- aren't eligible to receive these funds. At a time of declining local pavement conditions and increased federal aid, the state should be more supportive of our local transportation system which is so critical to our economy.

## **JOBS, ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF INCREASES IN LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

CHIPS, PAVE-NY, POP and EWR funding is distributed to every municipality; and BRIDGE-NY project awards are distributed equitably throughout the state.

Each \$150 million increase in funding for local roads, bridges and culverts results in up to 4,200 highway construction-related jobs.

Efficient transportation systems provide economic and social benefits that result in better accessibility to markets, additional employment and increases in private sector investments.

## **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IS UNDERFUNDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET**

The inability to stabilize pavement conditions in our state is a huge concern for the future viability of the economy. Funding shortages mean many local governments' preventive pavement preservation strategies—to apply well-timed and targeted maintenance treatments—fall short of what is necessary to avoid more costly major rehabilitation or reconstruction down the road.

Every highway department relies heavily on these flexible funding sources which distribute vital and reoccurring funding through a formula to every local government in the state. We request that CHIPS, EWR and STR be combined and increased by \$250 million to \$1,138.1 million annually to meet the well-documented needs of the local transportation system. We also request that PAVE-NY and POP be combined to \$250 million annually. Combining these programs will significantly reduce the amount of time staff spend on recordkeeping at both NYSDOT and our municipalities. The grouped program's uses are almost identical for CHIPS, EWR and STR as are the guidelines for POP and PAVE-NY.

## **EXTREME WEATHER IMPACTS**

The winter season is extraordinarily challenging for local highway departments in terms of high wind events and the amount of freeze/thaw cycles.

Overtime hours for snow/debris removal and the resulting labor costs strain operating budgets and, due to extreme events, equipment breakdowns and malfunctions are more frequent and road salt prices continue to escalate.

Local highway departments plow not only the huge local road system, but also over a quarter of the NYSDOT's roads.

New York's freezing and thawing conditions lead to severe damage from flooding and will certainly create more potholes in roads that will need to be repaired in the spring.

## **BRIDGE-NY**

BRIDGE-NY is a signature program to direct federal and state funding to local bridge and culvert projects throughout the state. In all rounds of BRIDGE-NY, the number and value of project applications far exceeded the funding available for each region of the state. The chart below clearly indicates this gap. Review and modifications to the program's administration have helped to improve

its efficiency and regional balance. As a result of this periodic review process, NYSDOT implemented the BRIDGE-NY Program in 2023 through the existing capital program planning process instead of the statewide solicitation used prior. This new approach was successful with its intent to provide greater local input on project scoring and selection.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount \$ Available</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>Funded</b>
2016	\$200M (\$20M dedicated to culverts)	Round I: 229 bridges, 366 culverts	93 bridges, 39 culverts
2018	\$262M (\$50M dedicated to culverts)	Round II: 259 bridges, 514 culverts	86 bridges, 79 culverts
2021	\$216M (\$50M dedicated to culverts)	Round III: 240 bridges, 421 culverts	52 bridges, 57 culverts
2022	\$516M (\$124M dedicated to culverts)	Round IV: 213 bridges, 328 culverts	115 bridges, 101 culverts
2024	\$483M (\$126M dedicated to culverts)	Round V: 202 bridges, 274 culverts	122 bridges, 94 culverts

### **ALTERNATIVE PROJECT DELIVERY METHODS AND ELECTRONIC BIDDING**

Depending on a project’s size, nature, and timeline, alternative project delivery approaches such as progressive design build, construction manager build, and construction manager as constructor may be more suitable and can deliver projects more quickly and cost-effectively. The Governor has been aggressive in extending these options to more state agencies and to New York City. Other municipalities should have more project delivery options for the same reasons. An option for electronic bidding for public works projects like that available to many state agencies and recently granted to New York City, should also be authorized for municipalities as part of the final budget.

### **INCREASE THE CHIPS BIDDING THRESHOLD**

We support adding to the Budget language to amend the Highway Law to increase the CHIPS competitive bid threshold from \$350,000 to \$1,000,000. Increasing the CHIPS bidding threshold, or eliminating the threshold altogether, will give municipalities more flexibility to pursue the most cost-effective option on behalf of taxpayers – bid projects or perform them in-house – while still being eligible for state reimbursement, regardless of project size. Considering the significant increases in construction inflation over the past three years, the current \$350,000 threshold is functionally obsolete.

### **PENSION SYSTEM REFORM**

NYSCHSA and NYSAOTSOH members are facing significant workforce challenges with regards to recruitment and retention, specifically as employees compare benefits with the private sector. We urge reforms to be considered to reverse the trend of losing quality employees.